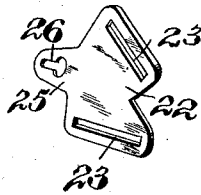
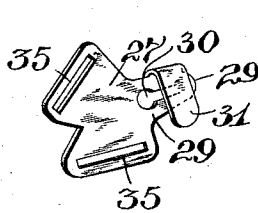
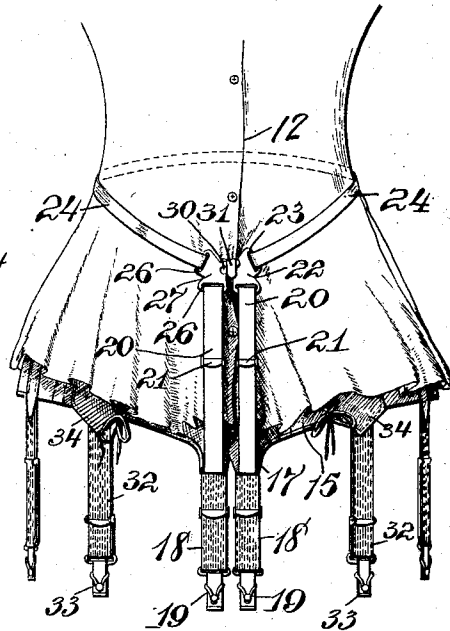
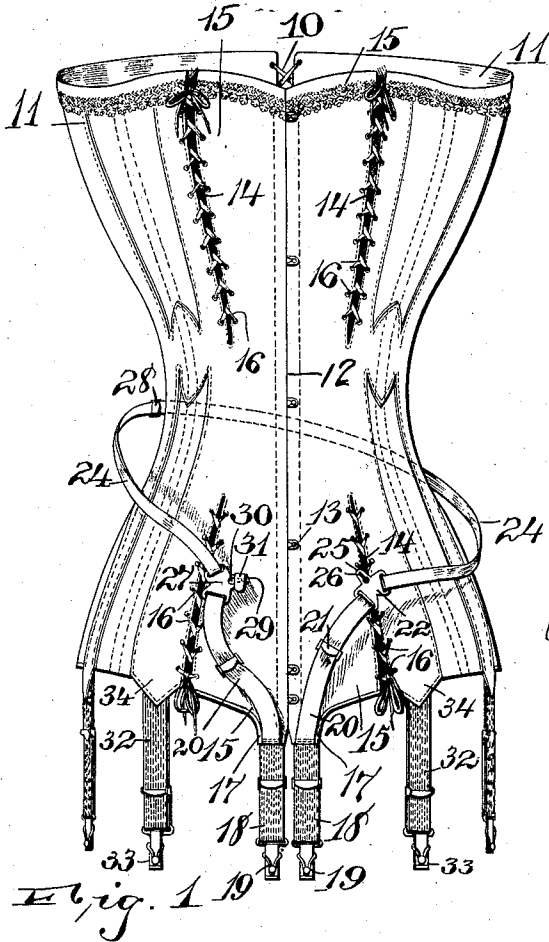


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSE S. MELNIK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Upper Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improved garment and particularly to corsets and corset waists having a belt portion which is attached to the bottom of the front of the garment by connecting strips. The belt and the connecting strips are secured at their meeting ends with devices for securing them together and also for attaching the devices securing them to the garment itself to cause the belt to fit tightly around the garment. The belt, when in this position, holds the waist, or similar piece of apparel, of the wearer down and gives the waist a good appearance. The lower ends of the connecting strips are also joined, at the point where they are attached to the corset, to hose supporters which also assist in keeping tension on the strips and belt when they are in position.

The devices for securing the ends of the strips and the belt to the corset also have means for receiving the waist band of a skirt and hold it against any tendency to ride upward and thus maintain the waist line of the skirt at its proper place. The corset itself is also constructed to provide an easy, convenient, and comfortable adjustment, as will be described hereinafter.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a corset made according to this invention, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the bottom portion of the corset and a waist thereon, the belt being illustrated in its operative position. Figs. 3 and 4 are perspective views of the devices for holding the ends of the belt and strips in place.

The corset is made up with the usual laced portion 10 in the back, the lace joining the side pieces 11 which have the front meeting edges 12 which are joined by any

of the usual forms of clasp, the most common being that formed by a stud 13 which is adapted to enter a key-hole slot in a plate, the stud projecting slightly from the plate. Substantially parallel with the front meeting edges, each side piece is slitted from its top edge and from its bottom edge as at 14. The slits on the same side extend part way toward each other forming front panels 15 at the top and bottom of the front of each side piece. The slits have their edges provided with eyelets and have the laces 16 laced through the eyelets to adjust the width of the slits according to the wishes of the wearer. The laces are convenient of access when the garment is being worn and as a supplemental adjustment to the back lace 10 makes the easy and quick fitting and consequent comfort of the wearer possible. Of course other adjusting means besides laces can be employed, but laces are preferred.

At the bottom of each front meeting edge 12 of the corset is a tab 17 which is preferably integral with its front panel 15. To each tab is secured a hose supporter 18 with the usual clasp 19 thereon, which supporter, when in use, tends to hold down the front of the corset, at the same time supporting the hose. To each tab 17 is also secured a connecting strip 20, each of which strips is adjustable in length by means of the buckle 21. On the end of one strip is a member 22 having slots 23 at its ends, these slots being arranged obliquely to each other, one being adapted to receive the end of one strip 20 and the other slot holding the end of a belt 24, as will be evident. The member 22 has a tongue 25 thereon which has a key-hole slot 26 so that it will fit over and be held by a stud 13 of a corset clasp. The strip on the opposite meeting edge to the one just described is secured through one of two slots 35, which slots are arranged obliquely to each other in a member 27, and the other slot receives the end of the belt 24 opposite the end secured by the member 22. The buckle 28 provides for the adjustment of the length of the belt 24. The member 27 has a tongue 29 which is supplied with a key-hole slot 30 to fit over the stud passing through the slot 26 of the member 22. The member 27 has a lip 31 projecting downwardly from the top edge of the tongue 29, forming a space for the reception of the waist band of a skirt.

The device is used as follows: The corset when put on has the belt 24 loose as in Fig.

1. When the waist is put on over the corset the strips 20 are brought up on the outside of the waist and the member 22 is snapped over a stud 13, as in Fig. 2, by means of the slot 26. The member 27 is then snapped over the same stud 13 by its slot 30, these members, when so affixed, drawing the belt 24 taut as in Fig. 2, and holding the waist tightly against the corset, and also holding the front of the waist down in its proper place. The strips 20 and the belt 24 are preferably made elastic, but this is not essential. The parts when arranged as shown in Fig. 2 cooperate to form a snug fitting costume, since the hose supporters when fastened, being in continuation of the strips 20, assist them in holding down both the waist and the corset. It will be understood that other means of fastening the members 22 and 27 to each other or to the corset can be used, other than the key-hole slots fitting over the stud 13.

When the member 27 is in the position shown in Fig. 2, the lip 31 forms a hook under which the front of the waist band of a skirt can be slid and held down to its proper place, thus being prevented from riding up. This insures a neat fit and the constant proper positioning of the skirt.

In continuation of the strip of material that flanks the outer edge of the lower slit 14 on each side of the front meeting edges, are the tabs 34. These tabs are used for supporting the strips 32 which are suspended therefrom and on the ends of which are arranged the clasps 33, as will be evident from Figs. 1 and 2. These supporters, with the supporters 18, tend to relieve a great deal of the strain from the laces 16 in the lower part of the garment. The studs, when the clasping members or devices are adapted to be placed over, can be limited to the studs of the clasp of the garment, but in order to permit different waist lines it is desirable to have studs arranged on either side of the stud which passes through the slotted plate of the clasp of the garment, and to these studs can be shifted the slotted members at the ends of the belt when the waist line is to be raised or lowered above the stud of the clasp.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A corset having front meeting edges, a

belt adapted to pass around the waist of the corset, means for securing the ends of the belt together, and extensions, each extension extending downward from the ends of the belt and connecting them with the bottom of the meeting edges of the corset.

2. A corset having front meeting edges, clasps consisting of studs and slotted plates for securing the front edges together, a belt adapted to pass around the waist of the corset, a member on each end of the belt, each member having a slot to receive the stud of a clasp whereby the members are fastened to a clasp, and connecting strips secured to the members and to the bottom edge of the corset.

3. A corset having front meeting edges, clasps consisting of studs and slotted plates for securing the front edges together, a belt adapted to pass around the waist of the corset, a member on each end of the belt, each member having a slot to receive the stud of a clasp whereby the members are fastened to a clasp, connecting strips secured to the members and to the bottom edge of the corset, and hose supporters secured to the connecting strips and adapted to normally operate in extension of the strips.

4. A corset having front meeting edges, clasps consisting of studs and slotted plates for securing the front edges together, a belt adapted to pass around the waist of the corset, members secured to the ends of the belt and provided with slots to receive a stud of a clasp, means on one member to receive and hold down the waist band of a skirt, and connecting strips secured to the members and the bottom of the corset adjacent to the meeting edges.

5. A garment having front meeting edges, a belt adapted to pass around the waist of the garment, means for securing the ends of the belt together, and a depending extension on each end of the belt, each extension being permanently secured to the bottom of the meeting edges of the garment, these extensions being adapted to be held taut when the securing means are fastened together.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of June 1910.

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