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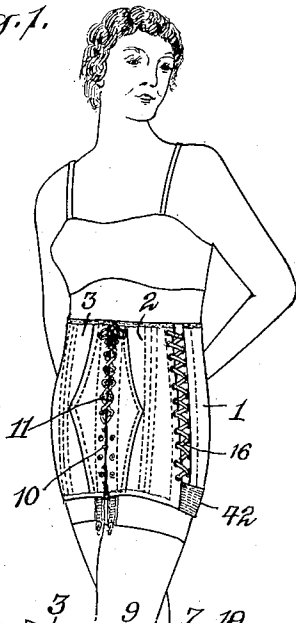


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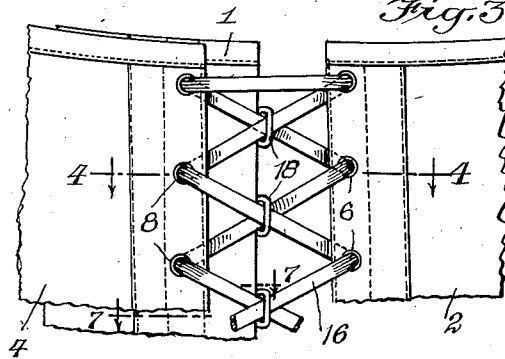


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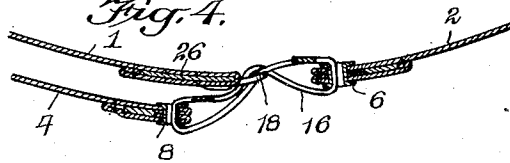


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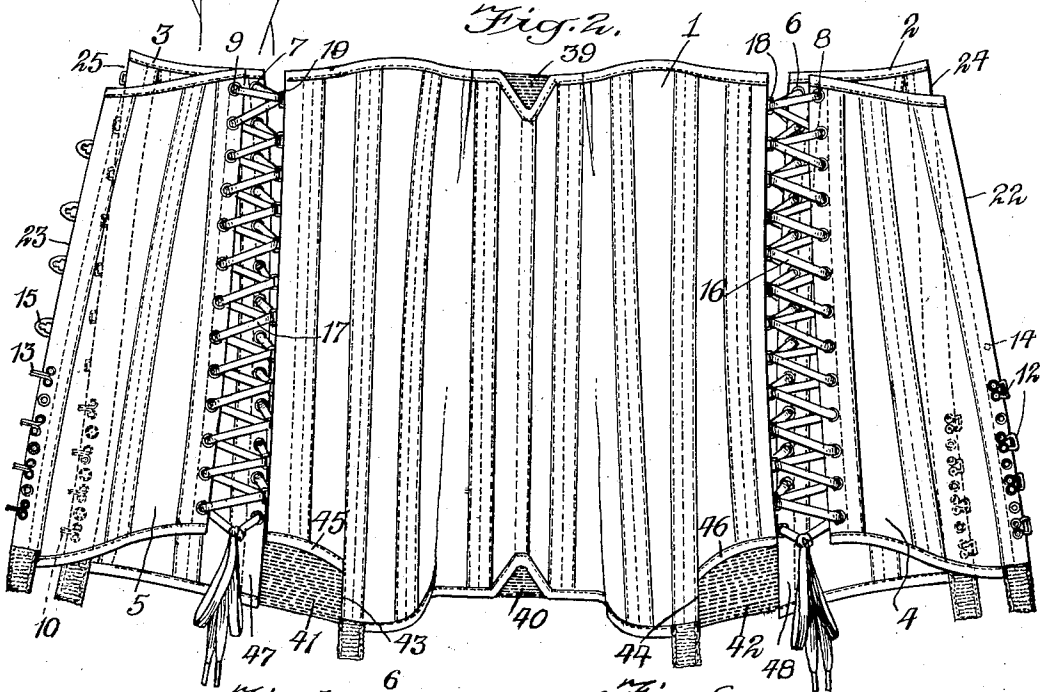


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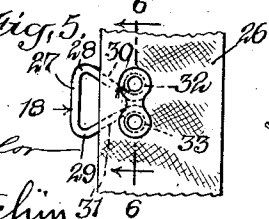


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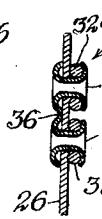
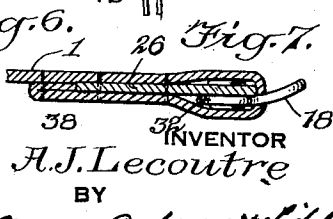


Fig. 7.



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This invention relates to corsets and has for an object to provide a construction which is an improvement over Patent No. 1,868,391, issued July 19, 1932.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved corset which is provided with a self-adjusting and reducing feature, while, at the same time, presenting a corset which will mold the body at the hips and also more or less from the waist-line downwardly.

A further object of the invention is to provide a corset having a body and an interior vest structure with slidable lacing connecting the vest structure and certain parts of the body together.

An additional object, more specifically, is to provide a corset having a body formed with a back portion and two front portions, together with a pair of vest sections and lacing for connecting the respective vest sections to the front sections and anchoring the vest sections and the front sections to the side edges of the back section in such a manner that there will be an automatic adjustment of the vest sections and the front sections with a limited amount of leverage produced by the crossing of the lacings.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the corset embodying the invention, the same being illustrated on a figure;

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the corset shown in Fig. 1, the same being spread out and illustrated on an enlarged scale;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view of adjacent edges of one of the vest sections and two of the body sections with the lacings correctly positioned, the vest section being superimposed on one of the body sections;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view through Fig. 3 on the line 4—4;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view of a strip carrying a number of eyes;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view through Fig. 5 on the line 6—6;

Fig. 7 is an enlarged sectional view through Fig. 3 on the line 7—7.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates the back section of the corset, and 2 and 3 the front sections. Associated with the respective sections of the corset body is a vest consisting of sections 4 and 5. Rows of eyelets 6, 7, 8 and 9 are provided on the respective front sections 2 and 3 and on the respective vest sections 4 and 5. The sections 2 and 3 are provided with the usual arrangement

of hooks and eyes 10 for connecting the lower part of the front sections 2 and 3 together, while the upper part is connected by a lacing 11 passing through the various hooks similar to Patent No. 1,869,391. The section 4 is provided with eyes 12 of any well-known kind, the same being adapted to accommodate hooks 13 when the garment is in use. Above the eyes 12 are arranged studs 14 adapted to interlock with fittings 15, the studs 14 and fittings 15 being of any well-known kind.

When the corset is first put on it is passed around the back of the person and then the hooks and eyes 13 and 12 are engaged, after which the studs 14 and fittings 15 are engaged. When this has been done, the front sections of the body of the corset are brought around to the front and the hooks and eyes 10 are interlocked, such hooks and eyes being the same as the hooks and eyes 13 and 12. The lacing 11 is then manipulated and the edges of the front sections are brought toward each other until the edges contact or come as close together as the size of the person wearing the garment will permit. While these parts are being brought to their functioning positions as just described, the various lacings 16 and 17 are sliding back and forth and adjusting themselves to the conditions. As illustrated more clearly in Fig. 4, the lacings 16 and 17 pass through suitable eyes in the respective front sections of the corset body and the vest sections and then through eyes 18 and 19, said eyes being carried by the back or rear sections 1 of the corset body. When inserting the lacings, as, for instance, the lacing 16, the section 4 is laid over against the back section 1 and then the lacing is placed in position. It will be noted from the right-hand side of Fig. 2, that the lacing is positioned in the ordinary manner of cross-lacing, but that the crossed portions pass each other within the various eyes 18. In this way each of the lacings 16 and 17 is positioned to pass through the eyes at the point of crossing. By reason of this structure, when the corset is first put on and the forward edges 22 and 23 are drawn toward each other in order to interlock the various fastening means, the lacings will slide through the eyes 18 and 19 and permit an easy engagement of the various fastening means on the vest.

When the sections 2 and 3 are folded over on top of the vest, they are pulled into position to interlock the hooks and eyes 10 and to cause the lacing 11 to be positioned as shown in Fig. 1. As the front edges 24 and 25 of the sections 2 and 3 are pulled toward each other, the lacings

16 and 17 will be pulled in a reverse direction through the eyes 18 and 19.

After the corset has been properly positioned on the body of the wearer, as illustrated in Fig. 1, the lacings 16 and 17 will still function to produce an adjusting of the parts and also a reducing action as the pressure is distributed throughout the garment. It will be noted that there is a single lacing connecting the inside portion or section 4 with the outside portion or section 2 for the full length of these sections, and this connection also connects these two sections with the rear or back section 1 of the corset body. The reducing adjustment comes principally when the wearer hooks the outside front portions of the garment after it is on; also the arrangement of the lacings 16 and 17 passing twice through each eye, or having the center passing through the eye, acts, in a certain sense, as a lever for the adjustment.

As shown in Figs. 5 and 6, there is provided a strip 26 which is of comparatively heavy fabric, and to this strip the various eyes 18 are secured. Each of these eyes has a straight section 27, rounded at 28 and 29, with a comparatively large bend, said rounded portions merging into legs 30 and 31, which in turn have loops 32 and 33 for accommodating the eyelet members 34 and 35, which members are preferably connected together by a connecting section 36, whereby the eyelet members with the connecting section form one integral structure. It will be evident that the eyes 18 are identical with the eyes 19 and that a description thereof will apply equally to eyes 19 and associated parts. The strip 26 with the various eyes is placed in the loop or hem 37 of the back 1, and is secured in place by the various lines of stitching 38, as shown in Fig. 7. This provides a very desirable anchorage for the strip, and the eyes so that a continuous or intermittent pull thereon by the lacings will not injure the back section 1 but will permit a distribution of the strain.

In forming the back section 1, it will be observed that there are provided elastic inserts 39 and 40 at the top and bottom, and elastic panels 41 and 42 at the bottom, the panels 41 and 42 being connected to the respective edges 43 and 44, but not to the edges 45 and 46. The end of panel 41 opposite edge 43 is connected to the edge portion 47 of the front panel 3, while the edge of panel 42 opposite the edge 44 is connected to the edge portion 48 of panel 2. This will allow a stretch at the bottom, and, at the same time, permit the parts to snugly fit at a point slightly below the hip-line.

It will also be observed that the vest structure extends from substantially the top to the bottom of the body of the corset, and that the lacings 16 and 17 extend from the top of the corset down to a point parallel with the upper edge of the elastic inserts 41 and 42.

I claim:

1. A corset of the character described, including a rear section adapted to extend approx-

imately half way around the body of the person wearing the garment so that the edges of the rear section will be adjacent the sides of the person, substantially U-shaped eye members connected to said rear section at its respective edges and extending in the same plane as the rear section, a pair of front sections, a vest structure extending substantially from the top to the bottom of the front sections, said vest structure and said front sections having eye members set back a short distance from the respective sections, a single lacing extending through the eye members on the respective edges of the rear section of the corset body and through the adjacent eye members of said front sections and said vest structure, and means for connecting the front edge of the front sections together.

2. A corset of the character described, including a vest having a pair of sections, each section having a row of eye members along one edge, a pair of front sections forming part of the corset body and having a row of eye members along an edge thereof, a single crossed lacing for connecting one edge of the respective front sections of the corset body to one edge of the respective sections of the vest, a rear section forming part of the corset body, eye members carried by the respective edges of the rear section of the corset body, said lacing at the crossing extending through the respective eye members carried by the rear corset section, means for connecting the front edges of the vest together, and means for connecting the front edges of the front corset sections together, the arrangement of said lacing permitting a sliding action of the lacing when the respective vest sections and front corset sections are being moved into functioning position.

3. A corset of the character described, including a corset body having a rear panel and two front panels, a vest structure formed into two panels, and lacings for connecting the front panels of the corset body with the respective panels of the vest structure and with the respective edges of the rear panel, said connections permitting a sliding movement of the various panels in respect to the lacings, said rear panel being provided with a pair of elastic panel members at the bottom, said elastic panel members being unconnected at their top edges to said rear panel and at one of their respective vertical edges to one of the vertical edges of the respective front panels, and presenting an elastic connection between the lower part of the rear panel of the corset body and the lower part of the respective front panels of the corset body, said corset body being so proportioned that the upper edge will be approximately at the waist-line of the person wearing the garment and the lower edge will be below the hip-line, said elastic panels acting to constrict the lower edge of the corset body when the garment is in use.

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