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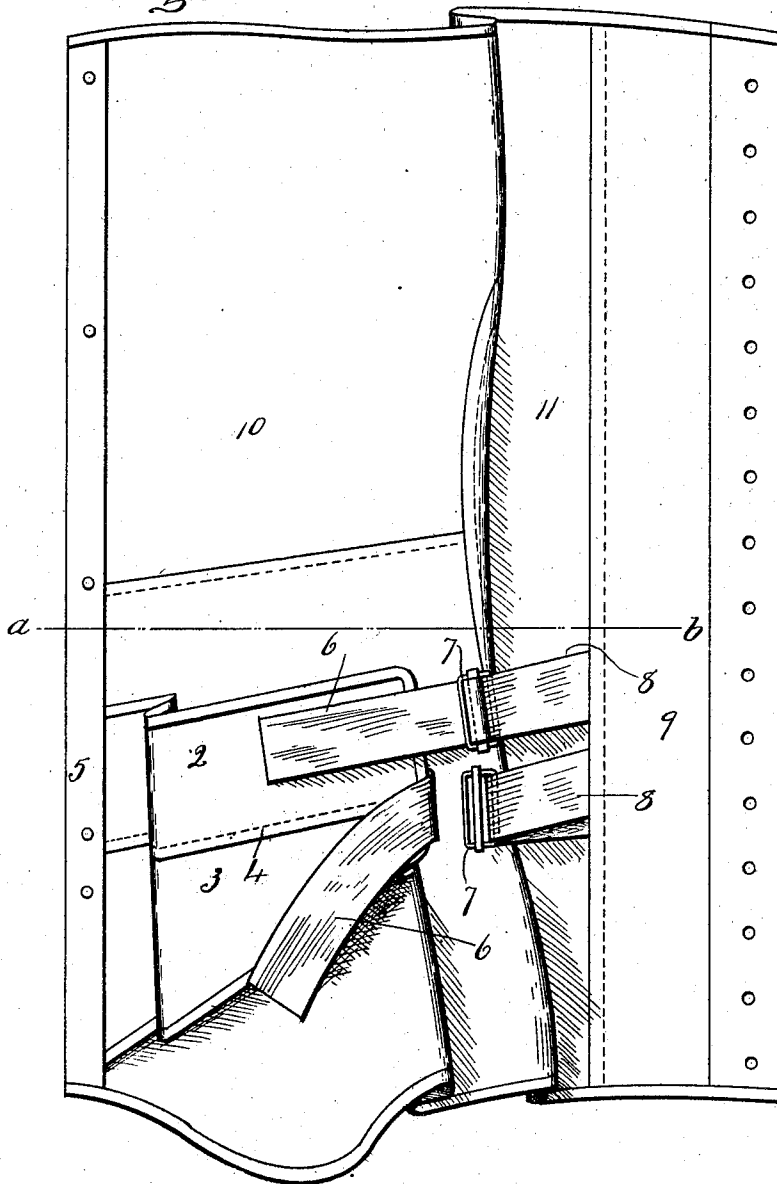
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Fig. 2.

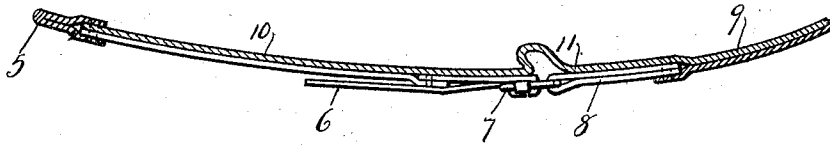


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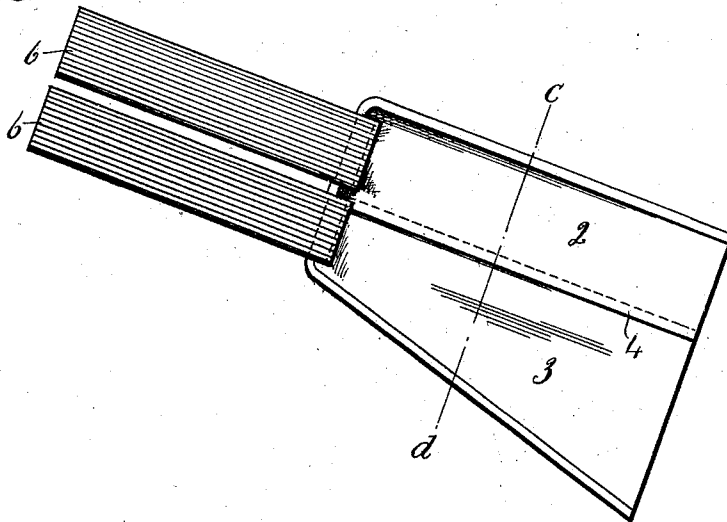
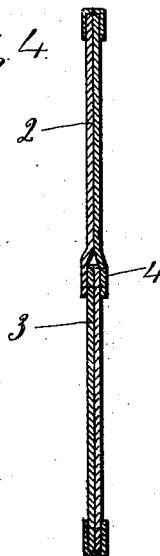


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB EDWARD STROUSE, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1 a view in elevation of one of the two halves of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 a broken view in horizontal section on the line *a-b* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 a detached view in inside elevation of the reducing-belt and its straps. Fig. 4 a view of the reducing-belt in vertical section on the line *c-d* of Fig. 3, the belt being drawn to the full scale.

My invention relates to an improvement in corsets, the object being to produce a simple, durable and comfortable article constructed with particular reference to reducing the abdomen.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a corset having certain details of construction as will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In carrying out my invention as herein shown, I employ a relatively wide tapering reducing-belt consisting of an upper section 2 of two thicknesses of fabric, and a lower section 3 also of two thicknesses of fabric, and the said sections having their edges overlapped and joined to form a longitudinal seam 4 which strengthens the belt and prevents it from undue stretching. This belt which tapers from its front to its rear end, is permanently attached by its forward edge to the clasp 5 of the corset, and positioned so as to incline upwardly from its front to its rear end. At its extreme rear end the said belt is provided with two parallel adjusting straps 6 respectively adapted to be passed through and gripped by slide buckles 7 mounted in the outer ends of two parallel double non-elastic downwardly inclined buckle-carrying straps 8 fastened to the forward edge of the back section 9 of the corset.

It is to be noted in particular that the two-part abdominal reducing-belt, the two adjusting straps 6, the two buckles 7 and the two double buckle-carrying straps 8 are entirely superimposed upon the outside of the lower portions of the bust and hip sections 10 and 11 of the corset. As the wide forward end of the belt is fastened to the lower portion of the clasp 5, and as the belt is upwardly inclined, the belt operates when drawn taut by its adjusting straps 6, to force the abdomen inward and hold it in place and effect what is known as the "reduction of the abdomen."

I claim:—

In a corset, the combination with the bust and hip sections thereof, of a clasp applied to the outer edge of the said bust-section, an abdominal reduction-belt having an upper and a lower horizontal section each consisting of two thicknesses of fabric the meeting edges of which are overlapped and seamed together, and the said belt being tapered from its front to its rear end and having its wider front end attached to the said bust-section of the corset along the inner edge of the lower end of the said clasp, and the said belt being inclined upwardly from front to rear; two parallel adjusting straps attached to the extreme rear end of the said belt, two slide-buckles respectively receiving the said adjusting straps, and parallel downwardly inclined buckle-carrying straps respectively carrying the said slide-buckles and extending from rear to front from the said hip section to the forward edge of which their rear ends are attached, and the said abdominal belt, straps and buckles being superimposed upon the lower portions of the bust and hip sections of the corset, whereby tension may be applied to the said belt by forward draft upon the said straps.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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