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Corsets.

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Fig. 1.

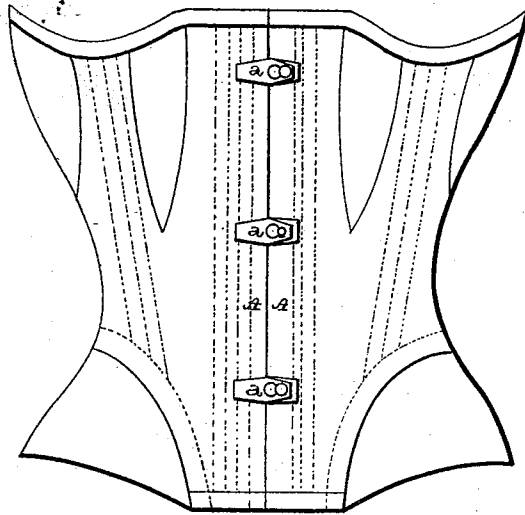
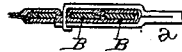


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES BOWERS, of the city of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in open-front corsets; and has for its object an improved mode of fastening the same in front, whereby the spring-braces may be removed at pleasure without interfering with the fastenings.

The invention consists in securing the front fastening devices *a* on the side pieces *A A* behind the spring-braces *B B*, either by eyelets, riveting, or any other convenient mode, whereby said spring-braces may be removed and inserted at pleasure without removing or interfering with the fastening in any way whatever.

Heretofore it has been customary to secure the fastening devices to the spring-braces; but this mode is found to be very objectionable for several reasons, viz: It weakens the braces, rendering them very liable to break and get out of shape; it is also very inconvenient to remove the braces when necessary to wash the corset; and the fastenings are more liable to break, and, when broken, it is difficult to replace them.

The fastenings in this case are constructed

so as to clasp upon either or both sides of the braces and fastened behind them, not to them, and so as to hook or button, and when so hooked or buttoned the edges of the corset meet, all substantially as shown. Another advantage in this mode of securing the fastenings is that it will admit of two or more narrow braces being used, instead of one wide one, on each or either side. In this way a great deal of stock can be utilized which has heretofore been wasted or thrown away, namely, the springs used in hoop-skirts; whereas, the wide spring-braces now used have to be made on purpose, and are quite expensive.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A fastening for corsets formed from a single piece of metal, *a*, having one of its ends passed through the corset, and an eye on the other end, and then clinched, substantially as set forth.

2. A corset having spring-braces *B* and fastenings *a*, constructed and arranged as described and shown, whereby they may be disconnected from the corset independently of each other, and without ripping the seams of the pockets.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I hereto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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