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Corsets.

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FIG. 1.

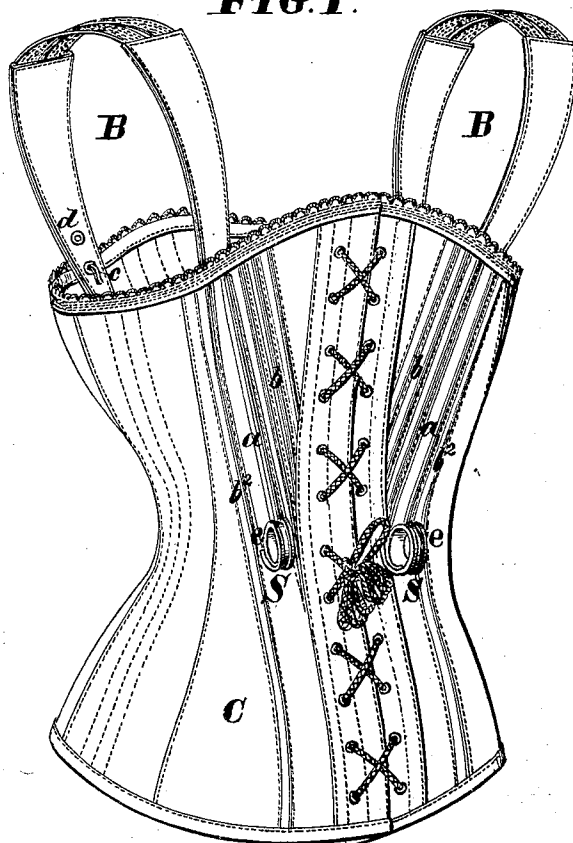


FIG. 4.

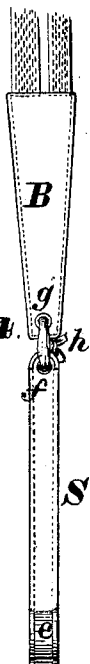
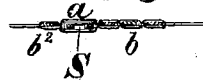


FIG. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, of the town of Birmingham, and county of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, have invented a certain Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to clothing-supporters; and consists in a superior mode of applying the same to corsets, with or without means for adjusting them, as hereinafter set forth.

Figure 1 is a rear perspective view of a corset provided with clothing-supporters according to this invention. Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal section of the corset in the plane of one of the supporters. Fig. 3 represents a transverse section through the same. Fig. 4 is an elevation of one of the supporters removed from its skin or pocket.

The basis of this device is an ordinary corset, C, for ladies' wear. This may be of the form laced in the back, as in the illustration, or of that form which is laced at the side, and it may be of any approved make as regards its general features. For the purposes of this invention, the corset is furnished with two or more pockets, *a*, formed in the ordinary way by parallel longitudinal seams and transverse slits or openings at the ends, but preferably between courses *b b'* of whalebones, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3. The number and arrangement of these pockets will be determined by the number of supporters required or preferred, and by the pattern of corset to which these are applied, and the supporters may be fixed or adjustable in their pockets. In the illustration a pair of pockets extends obliquely from the middle of the back to the shoulders. A pair of supporters, S, is applied within these, and the upper ends of the supporters are connected to the rear ends of suspenders B, the front ends of which are adjustably fastened to the corset by hooks *c* and eyelets *d*. The supporters S are flexible strips or ribbons of sufficient suspensory strength and rigidity. A preferred material for the purpose is what is known as "twin-wire," consisting of parallel annealed wires inclosed in fabric, and kept

apart by gluing the fabric between them. The supporters are illustrated as constructed of this material by bending the lower ends of strips of proper length into coils or loops *e* secured by sewing, and furnishing their upper ends with eyelets *f*. The rings *e*, or the lower ends of the supporters, or attachments thereto, project beneath the waistbands of the wearer and sustain the weight of the clothing. The upper ends of the supporters being attached to the suspenders, they are sustained independently thereby in the direction of their length, so as not to displace the corset, and they are readily adjusted to the fancy or style of a long waist or a short one by means of the hooks *c* and eyelets *d* at the front ends of the suspenders. The latter may be of any preferred form and material, and are adapted for attachment to the supporters by eyelets *g*, which, with those at the upper ends of the supporters, receive simple strings or tapes *h*. Supporters thus applied to a corset may readily be removed when the corset is to be laundered, and with equal facility they are replaced or renewed.

Having described this my invention, I claim—

1. A corset, C, provided with pockets *a*, for the reception of skirt-supporters S, substantially as herein described and shown, for the purpose set forth.

2. A skirt-supporter, S, consisting of a flexible strip of twin-wire, or its equivalent, adapted to occupy a pocket in a corset, and provided with a suspending-eyelet, *f*, and a supporting coil or projection *e*, substantially as herein specified.

3. The combination of a corset, C, having longitudinal pockets *a*, skirt-supporters S occupying these pockets, and adjustable suspenders B for sustaining the same independently of the corset in the direction of their length, as herein set forth.

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