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Fig. 1.

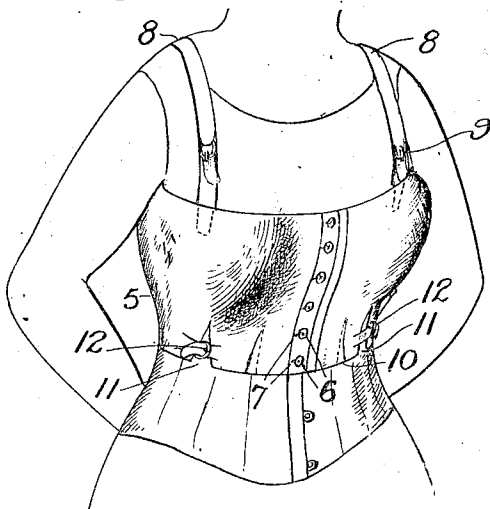


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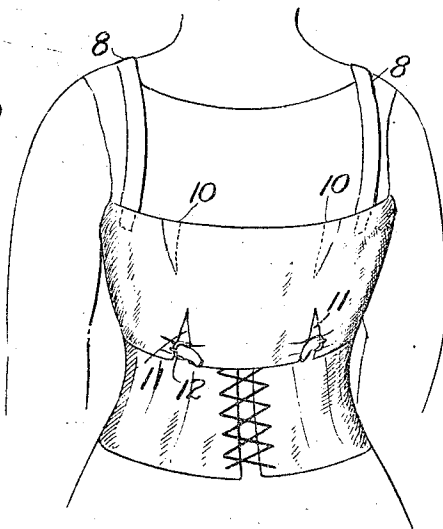


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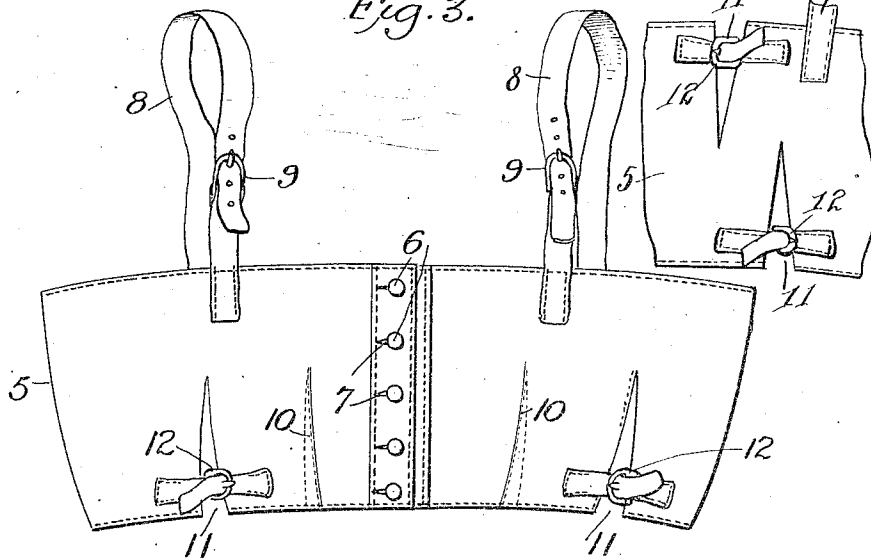
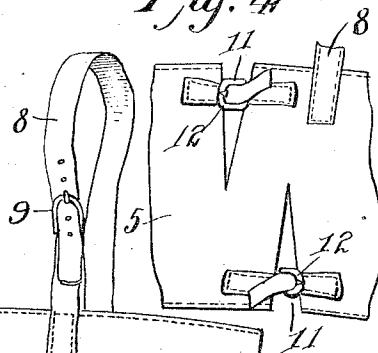


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALMEDA DRAKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bust-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bust supporters or more particularly to wearing apparel which is adapted to be used in conjunction with corsets and assist the same in shaping the form of the wearer as will be more fully described in the following specification, set forth in the claims and illustrated in the drawings accompanying this application and forming a part thereof and wherein the same reference characters are used to designate the same parts in the various figures.

Figure 1 represents the figure of a woman wearing my improved supporter. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation removed from the wearer. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view of a modified form of the invention.

This device is particularly useful to corpulent women who find the ordinary corset of little use or an undesirable adjunct on account of its liability to break under the strain of their size and weight, and in consequence of which to produce a corset which would be of service to a person of more than the average size, the corset of sufficient strength would require such bracing and thickness of material as to be exceedingly uncomfortable. In order to overcome this undesirable feature of the average corset I provide this supplemental bracing to be worn about the corset at the points where the strain is greatest so as to preserve the form of the wearer and relieve the corset of the excessive strain put upon it.

The device consists of a band 5 of fabric of any desired material and whose ends are provided with buttons 6 which engage the button holes 7 of the adjacent end in order to fasten the device around the bust of the wearer. The band 5 is provided with loops or straps 8, having adjusting buckles 9, to fit over the shoulders of the wearer in order to throw the strain of the weight upon the shoulders. It is evident that an adjustment of the device is very necessary and for this reason the buckles 9 will be found very serviceable in lifting or lowering the device around the form of the wearer.

In order to adapt the device to the use of

the wearer and fit it about the body so as to take up any undue strain upon the corsets, I provide the lower edge of the band with certain means of adjustment which may be overlapped formed by taking up the material in wedge shaped sections such as shown at 10, and sewing the section down making it permanent, or I may cut out darts or gores 11 and attach straps on each side securing a buckle 12 to one so that the space formed by the dart may be adjusted to decrease or increase the extent of the lower line of the band as may be necessary or desired, preferably the diameter of the lower edge of the band when adjusted should be equal to the waist of the wearer or fit the same comfortably. The upper line of the band is equal to the dimensions of the corset along their upper edge but may be provided with adjustments such as along the lower edge if found desirable so that the device may be adjusted to a nicety.

I am aware that it has been a common practice to employ what is commonly known as a corset cover for the purpose of concealing the corset and at the same time for the sake of cleanliness but this device affords assistance in strengthening the corset when the wearer is of such proportions as to seriously endanger the corset and not only break out the steels but also break the lacings. This device while materially aiding the corset also possesses the advantages of the corset cover and may be used as such and provided with such decorations and ornaments as the said corset cover is usually provided with.

It is obvious that other modifications may be resorted to in the practical use of the same.

In practice the band is worn slightly above the upper edge of the corsets so that this edge is relieved of the strain of the form of fleshy persons and the excessive weight is carried entirely by my improved supporter.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A cover for a corset comprising a single piece garment made of flexible, inelastic fabric in the form of a band of such length as to entirely encircle the corset and of such height as to extend from the waist-line to the top of the corset and provided with vertically-disposed open darts spaced around the cover and extending inwardly from the top and bottom edges to points approxi-

mate a longitudinal medial line of the cover, vertically-disposed closed darts spaced along the longitudinal edges of the band, adjusting devices secured to the band adjacent the top and edges thereof and on the outer surface and consisting of straps and buckles for varying the gaps of the open darts, said straps extending across the open darts and longitudinally of the cover, means on the ends of the band for securing the latter in position on the body of the person, shoulder straps each consisting of two parts of differ-

ent length and secured to the band at the top edge thereof, the shorter parts being arranged in front, and buckles on the shorter parts of the straps for permitting of vertical adjustment of the cover. 15

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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