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SKIRT-SUPPORTING CORSET.

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Fig. 1.

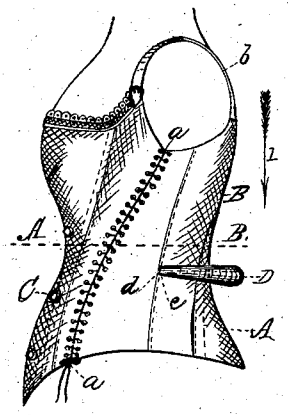


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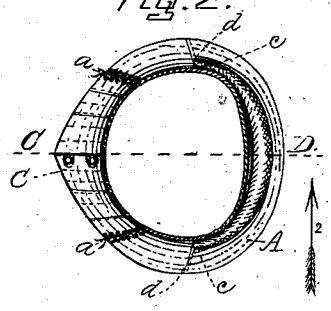
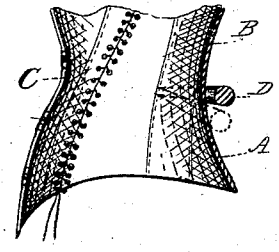


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-SUPPORTING CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID H. FANNING, of the city and county of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Supporting Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved skirt-supporting corset. Fig. 2 represents a section on line A B, Fig. 1, looking in the direction of arrow 1; and Fig. 3 represents a vertical section on line C D, Fig. 2, looking in the direction of arrow 2.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to give a more detailed description thereof.

In the drawings, the part marked A represents the improved corset, made with a closed back, B, having side-laced openings *a a*, and clasped in front as seen at C, and provided with shoulder-straps, one of which is shown at *b*.

D is a self-adjusting back and skirt supporter, the ends *c c* of which are permanently secured to the respective sides of the corset, as shown at *d d*.

The length of the self-adjusting part D is such, however, that when the corset is applied to and laced about the person of the wearer, no longitudinal strain will be brought upon the part D, the same being left free to drop down upon the small of the back, as indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 3.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that the part D is left free to adjust itself to the back of the wearer, and that, too, in such a manner that when the skirts are secured to the waist above the part D the wearer, in walking, experiences but little restraint consequent upon the weight of the skirts, since the self-adjusting part D can rise and fall independently of the corset, as indicated by full and dotted lines, Fig. 3, thus conforming freely to the motion of the hips of the wearer. The part D, when combined as shown, affords an easy bracing-support to the back, which is one of the advantages of my said invention.

Then, again, by combining the part D with a closed-back corset so that no longitudinal strain will be brought to bear upon the part D when the corset is clasped about the person, I am enabled to use wool or similar light fibrous material for a filling to the former, which remains expanded in consequence of the elastic nature of the filling, whereby its pressure upon the back of the wearer is very easy and comfortable, a result which could not be obtained if the part D was elongated and stretched longitudinally when the corset was applied to the person for use.

Having described my improved corset, what I claim therein as new and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, with a closed-back corset, of a self-adjusting skirt-supporter, D, arranged to fall or incline down from the points at which it is permanently secured to the corset, for giving support to the back of the wearer, substantially as shown and described.

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