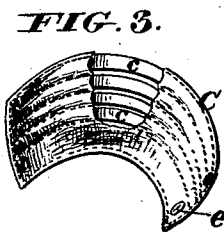
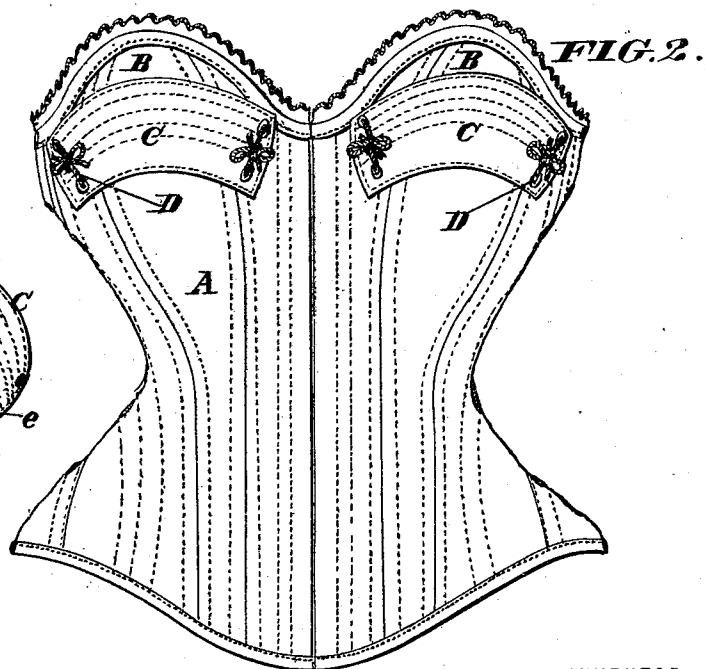
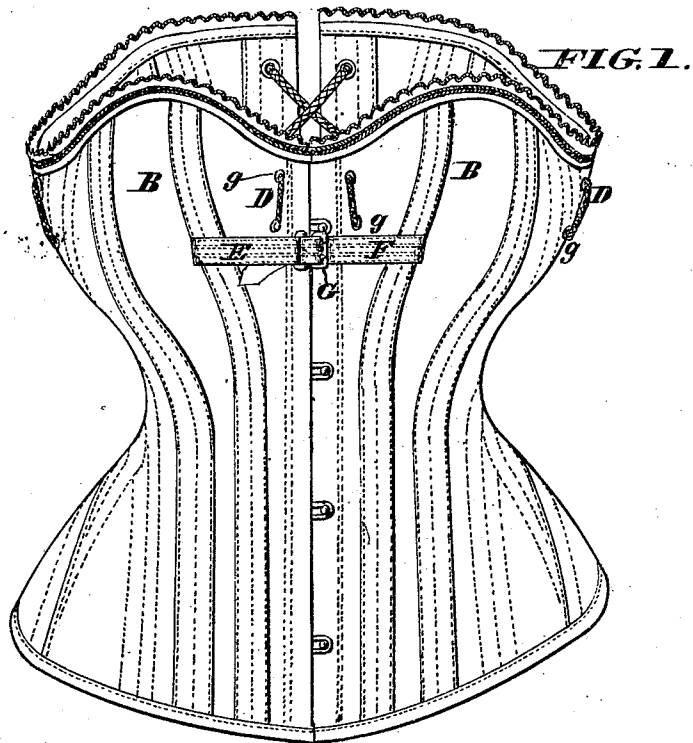


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET H. MAY, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists, first, in connecting the breast portions of a corset by means of adjustable straps, so as to keep them in position and bridge the space between them to prevent the clothes of the wearer from sinking in the hollow between the breasts; second, in the combination, with the adjustable straps, of spring-pads, removably secured to the corset, serving to distend the front, to form breast protuberances, and kept in place by said straps.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is front elevation of the corset. Fig. 2 is an interior view of the front half of the corset. Fig. 3 is a detached view of one of the spring-pads used in connection with the adjustable straps to distend the busts and keep them in place.

A may represent the corset, and B B the busts, which are distended and kept in shape by pads C C, composed of springs *c c*, covered with fabric, as shown in Fig. 3. The pads are secured in position by means of laces D passing through eyelet-holes *e* in the pads, and corresponding holes *g* in the corset, or they may be secured in any other convenient way. E F are straps, connecting the busts of the

corset in front, and by the buckle G attached to the strap E, said busts can be adjusted, as required.

By the use of the straps E F, secured to the busts, and adjustably connected, said busts are adapted to be kept in position for different persons, and the space between them is bridged over to keep the clothes from sinking in the hollow between the breasts. The combination of the adjustable straps and the removable spring-pads gives to the front of a corset the protuberances of a natural breast, which is strong enough to support the clothes without touching the person, and can be kept in shape and in different positions for persons of different sizes without trouble.

The following is what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The straps E F, attached to the bust, and connected by a buckle, G, or other adjustable fastenings, as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, to form a bust on a corset, and keep it in position, of removable pads C and straps E F, adjustably connected together, all as set forth.

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