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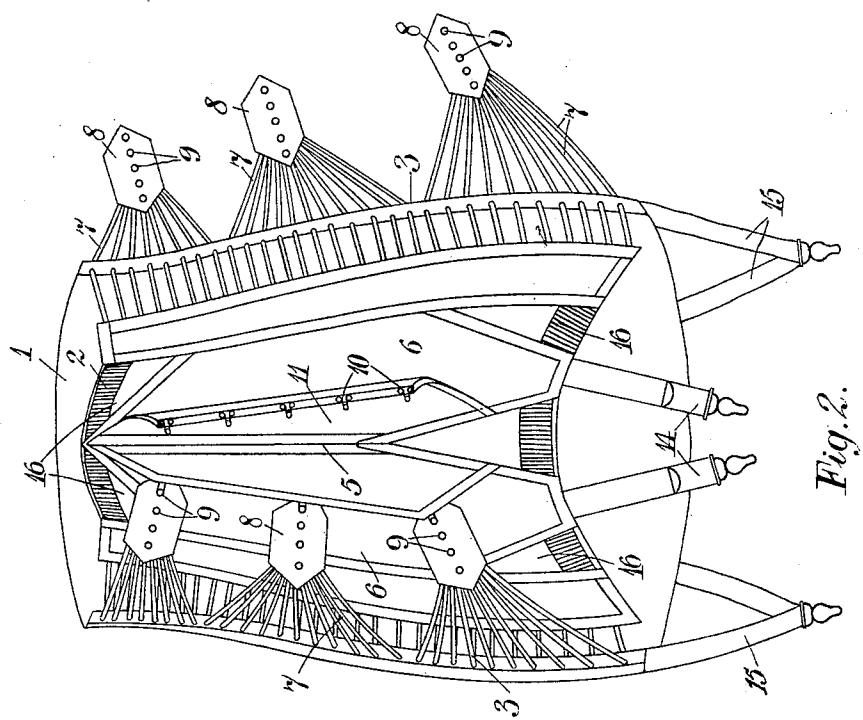


Fig. 2.

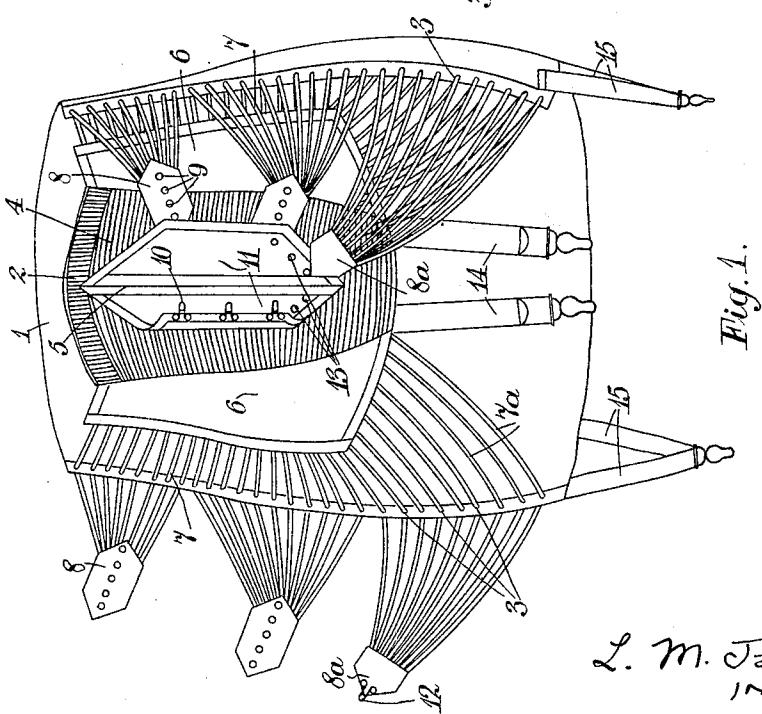


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to corsets for ladies' wear and has for its object to devise improvements therein whereby inter alia same may be more easily adaptable to different figures.

To these and other ends, the nature of which will be readily understood as the invention is hereinafter disclosed, the invention consists in the improved construction and combination of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which similar reference characters indicate similar parts in each view:—

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of one embodiment of the invention, and

Figure 2 is a similar view of a second embodiment.

In carrying the invention into effect in one convenient manner as illustrated in Figure 1, a corset, particularly suitable as a maternity corset, is formed in two halves, hereinafter referred to as the "back" and "front" respectively, and "back" 1 being arranged to pass around the back and sides of the body of the wearer prior to its connection as will later be described to the "front" 2 of the corset to which relatively it is both deeper and longer in a vertical direction and wider horizontally. It is arranged that the upper edges of both "back" and "front" shall, in the normal wearing position, be substantially level with one another; the lower edge of the "back" extends, therefore, below that of the "front".

The "back" is conveniently formed of non-elastic material which may be reinforced by a plurality of whale-bones or the like, vertically disposed at graduated horizontal intervals and extending from the top of the corset over substantially the entire depth. In a specific example, five whale bones are employed, those nearer the centre of the "back" being longer than the remainder. Disposed along each vertical edge of the "back" is a row of closely pitched eyelet holes 3.

The "front" comprises a central portion

4 of elastic material, preferably reinforced along its vertical centre line (as indicated, for example, at 5) by a whalebone or like insertion, to the edges of which elastic material (which edges may converge somewhat 55 in a downward direction) narrow side pieces 6 of non-elastic material may be attached, a whalebone or similar reinforcement being preferably provided on the line of attachment of the non-elastic material to the elastic material. The entire "front" so formed may thus have a roughly rectangular outline 60 with its width somewhat greater than its depth. Along the vertical side edges and to the bottom edges of the said side pieces the 65 ends of a plurality of tapes or laces 7, 7<sup>a</sup> are secured, these laces, which serve to connect the "front" and "back" of the corset, being threaded through the previously-mentioned eyelet holes 3 in the edges of the 70 "back" and thereafter being bunched together and connected in groups to fastener tabs 8, 8<sup>a</sup>. Those laces 7 which are attached to the vertical edges of the said side pieces 75 and extend horizontally or substantially so to their corresponding eyelet holes in the "back" of the corset may be divided into two or more groups (two such groups being illustrated in the drawing), each having a common fastener tab, and those laces 7<sup>a</sup> 80 which are attached to the bottom edges of the side piece and, on account of the greater length of the "back" as compared with the "front", extend diagonally downwards to their eyelet holes, preferably forming a 85 single group on each side of the "front", being also bunched on to fastening tabs 8<sup>a</sup>.

The fastening tabs associated with the former groups of laces are each provided with a plurality of eyelet holes 9, disposed along the axis of the tab, for engagement with a hook 10 attached to a flap 11 which latter may be secured (along its vertical center line) to the centre of the elastic portion 4 of the "front". On the other hand, the fastening tab 8<sup>a</sup> associated with a single latter group of laces, i. e. with the group of laces 7<sup>a</sup> associated with the bottom edges of the side pieces, is provided with a hook 12 95 for engagement with one of a number of 100

eyelet holes 13 formed in the said flap 11 such eyelet holes being preferably arranged on a line substantially at right angles to the direction of a tape of the latter groups.

5 In placing the corset in position on the person of the wearer, the edges of the "front" and "back" portions are drawn together by means of the laces, after which, these are brought across the "front" of the corset 10 and their tabs hooked to the aforementioned flap, adjustment of the corset being effected by the choice of the eyelet holes with which the hooks are engaged. The former tabs 8 are fastened first, their associated hooks being disposed on the inside of the said flap 11, the tabs 8<sup>a</sup>, however, of the latter groups being arranged to hook on to the outside of the flap.

Suspenders may be attached to the corset, those attached to the "front" preferably having single straps 14 of elastic material, while those attached to the "back", preferably adjacent to the front edges thereof, may be carried by straps 15 doubled on 25 themselves and attached at both ends of the "back".

A corset as above described is adaptable to different figures, the lacing in particular, and particularly the lacing attached to the bottom edge of said side pieces, following 30 the line of the body of the wearer.

In a modification of the invention as illustrated in Figure 2 the "front" and "back" of the corset may be of substantially equal 35 dimension, both horizontally and vertically, the groups of tapes or laces in this case being all the equivalent of those designated by the reference 7 in the other case and extending substantially horizontally from the 40 vertical edges of the "front" to pass through the corresponding eyelet holes in the edges of the "back" of the corsets, their connection by means of fastening tabs to a hooked flap secured to the "front" being similar to 45 that of the corresponding groups employed in the first instance. The construction of the "back" of the corset may be generally similar to that of the example previously described but the "front" is formed in the 50 present instance, as may be the "back", of non-elastic material, such as brocade of silk or cotton, one or more vertically disposed whalebones being preferably inserted therein at graduated intervals. Gussets 16 of 55 elastic material and preferably of triangular shape may be inserted at the upper and lower edges, two such being conveniently provided at the upper edge on opposite sides of the centre of the "front", a centrally disposed gusset 17 being provided at 60 the lower edge. This latter gusset partially intersects also the flap 11 to which the fastening tabs are hooked, this being attached, as in the previous instance, at the centre of 65 the "front". Elastic gussets may be inserted

at the base and at the top of the waist portion of the "back" and suspenders may be attached as in the previous example to the "front" and "back".

It is to be understood that the invention 70 is not limited to the above details but is capable of being variously modified in accordance with any particular requirements or practical conditions it may be desired to fulfil.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A corset or bust bodice comprising in combination front and back portions adapted to pass around the back and sides of the wearer and the front thereof respectively, tapes connecting the said front and back portions, fastening tabs to each of which a plurality of said tapes, bunched together, 80 are connected, a flap provided on said front portion and means on said flap adapted to permit of said fastener tabs being secured in position.

2. A corset or bust bodice comprising in combination front and back portions, tapes secured to the side edges of said front portion and passing through eyelet holes formed in the adjacent side edges of the said back portion, fastener tabs to which the said tapes 90 are secured, the said tapes being bunched together and secured in groups to the said tabs, a flap secured to said front portion and means on said flap and said tabs by which the latter may be secured in position.

3. A corset or bust bodice comprising in combination front and back portions said front portion being shallower than the back portion and comprising a central part formed from elastic material and side parts 100 formed from inelastic material parts secured at each side of said central part, tapes connecting the front and back portions, fastener tabs, said tapes being bunched together in groups and each group secured to one of said fastener tabs, a flap secured to the front of said central elastic part of the front portion of the corset and means whereby said fastener tabs may be detachably secured to said flap.

4. A corset or bust bodice according to claim 3 wherein said fastener tabs are adapted to be secured to the underside of said flap.

5. A corset or bust bodice comprising in combination front and back portions, said front portion being shallower than the back portion and arranged in relation to the latter so that the upper edges of both said portions are substantially in alignment, tapes secured to the side edges of said front portion, said tapes being arranged to extend substantially horizontally to eyelet holes formed in the adjacent sides of the said back portion through which holes the tapes pass,

fastener tabs to which the said tapes are secured in groups so that a single fastener tab serves for a plurality of tapes, further tapes secured to the bottom edges of the  
5 said front portion, said latter tapes being arranged to extend substantially diagonally to other eyelet holes formed in the sides of the said front portion through which holes said latter tapes pass, fastener tabs to which  
10 said latter tapes are secured in groups, a flap secured to the front of said front portion of the corset and means by which said fastener tabs may be detachably secured to said flap.

15 In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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