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fig. 1

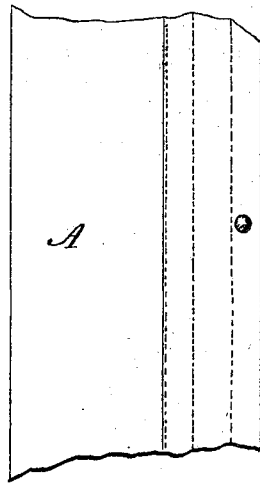
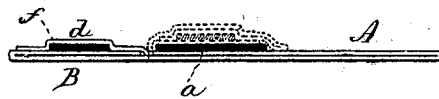


fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS F. HAMILTON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents, in—

Figure 1, a front view of a portion of one edge of a corset; and in Fig. 2, a transverse section.

This invention relates to an improvement in the manner of finishing the edge and inserting the steels of corsets; and it consists in the arrangement of an auxiliary spring in an independent pocket in front of the steel pocket proper.

The corset-body A is made sufficiently wide that a portion, B, may be turned over to cover the steel *a*, as denoted in broken lines, and form a pocket for the steel, the edge being stitched to the body proper. Over the portion B an additional strip or portion, *d*, of fabric is placed and stitched thereto for the reception

of the auxiliary steel *f*. This stitching is done before the folding over of the edge to form the pocket proper, and when the edge is turned over the steel *a* the auxiliary steel *f* is introduced into its pocket, a portion of the fabric lying between the steel proper and the auxiliary steel, as denoted in broken lines, Fig. 2.

By this construction I am enabled to use a light steel, as the auxiliary steel adds the required elasticity and strength, and the two thus combined are less liable to break than a single steel of the required strength; and in case the spring or steel breaks, that portion only must be removed; whereas in double steels if one breaks the whole is destroyed.

It is immaterial whether the pocket for the auxiliary spring be upon the outer or inner surface.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with the pocket of each steel proper, a second pocket formed within the pocket of each steel to receive an auxiliary steel or stay, substantially as specified.

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