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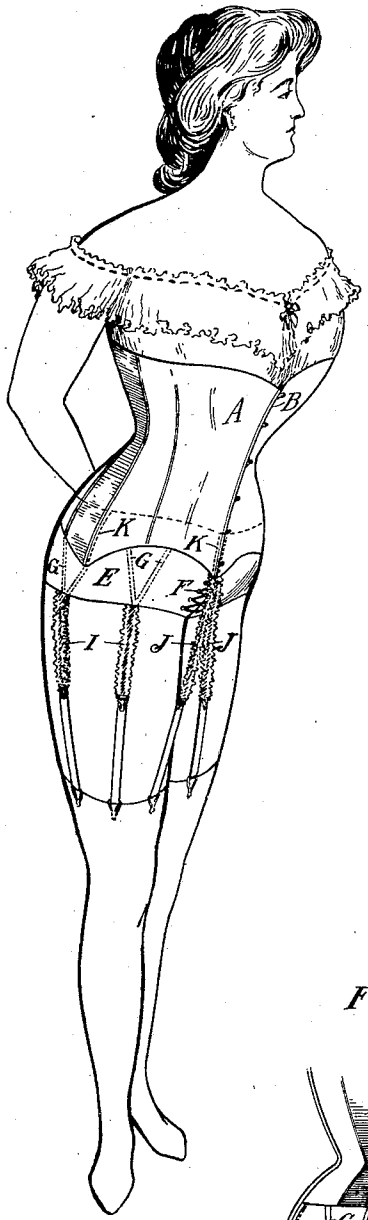

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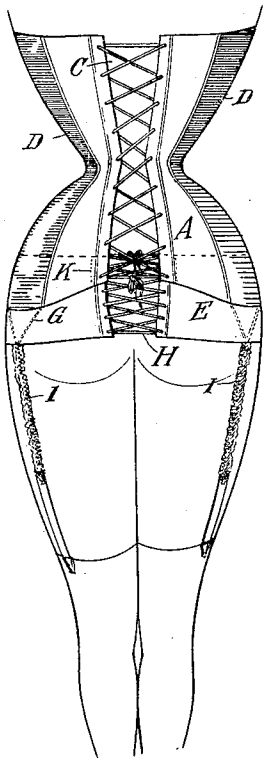

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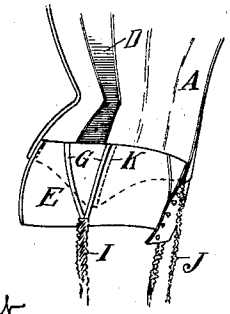

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA E. WOODWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a corset with effective means for supporting the abdomen and compressing the hips of the wearer.

Corsets commonly in use cause the soft flesh at the lower edge thereof to bulge outwardly, which not only presents an ungraceful appearance but is deleterious to health. With my invention this outward bulging is not only prevented but the abdomen is supported and the portion of the body over the hips is restrained and compressed, as desired, giving a graceful appearance, reducing excessive flesh and supporting the body in its natural position.

My invention furthermore provides means for supporting the stockings, arranged in such manner that they shall hold the various parts of the corset in place rather than displace them.

The invention is hereinafter more fully described and its essential characteristics set out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my corset in place on a wearer; Fig. 2 is a back view of the corset; Fig. 3 is a vertical section through the corset in a plane extending from front to back.

Referring to the parts by reference letters, A represents the body of the corset, which is provided with a fastening device B in front and a lacing C behind, as is usual. In the sides of the body A may be formed sections D of elastic tapes so arranged as to allow free movement to the body while properly supporting and restraining it, as shown and claimed in my Patent No. 591,518.

Carried by the corset body near its lower end is the supporting member E, made of elastic webbing, extending underneath the body A and projecting below it as shown. This webbing is suitably carried by the body as indicated by the stitch lines K as shown. The webbing is laced in front at F and behind at H independently of the lacing of the body A. This is an important point, as it allows the webbing to be drawn with desired tightness about the hips, and to be drawn under the abdomen to support it, without interfering with the position or lacing of the corset body.

To prevent undue elasticity to the webbing, I secure thereto inelastic tapes G in the vicinity of the hips. These tapes are shown as extending from the upper end of the elastic band diagonally downward in pairs to meet at a point, the pairs thus constituting a V-shape.

At the lower end of the V-shaped tapes G there are secured to the elastic band the elastic stocking supporters I, which extend downward and are secured in any suitable manner to the upper end of the stocking. Extending downward from the front of the corset body and secured to it are elastic stocking supporters J. This arrangement of the front stocking supporters secured to the corset body and the hip stocking supporters secured to the elastic band is a feature of this invention. It operates not only to hold the stocking in place but also to hold the elastic band in place. If the front supporters J were secured to the elastic band they would operate to pull it away from the abdomen, whereas by being secured to the corset body they allow the elastic band to perform its full office. At the hips, being secured to the band, the supporters hold it in place, whereas if they were secured to the body at this point the band would have a tendency to curl up over the hips.

I claim:

The combination with a corset body having the front fastening and the back lacing, of an elastic band made in two parts and extending onto the under side of the corset body near its lower end and projecting below

it, said band being sewed to the body, lacing for the band in front and behind, such lacing being independent of the lacing of the corset body, tapes at the hips sewed to the elastic band to restrain its elasticity, stocking supporters secured to the band adjacent to its lower edge and adjacent to said tapes, and other stocking supporters secured to the lower end of the corset body adjacent to its front fastening.

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

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