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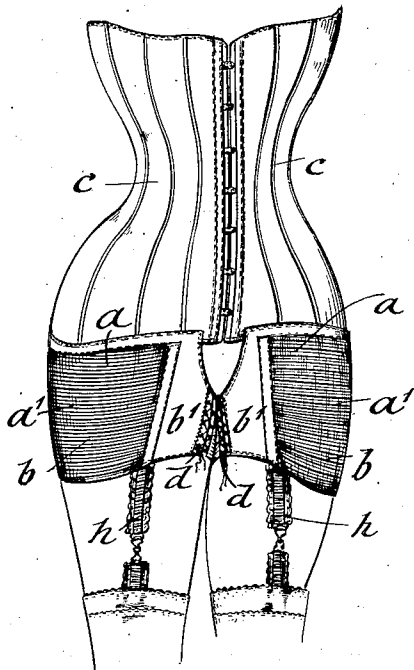


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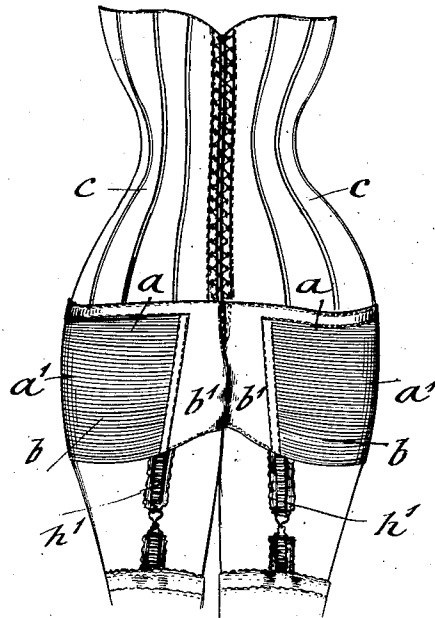
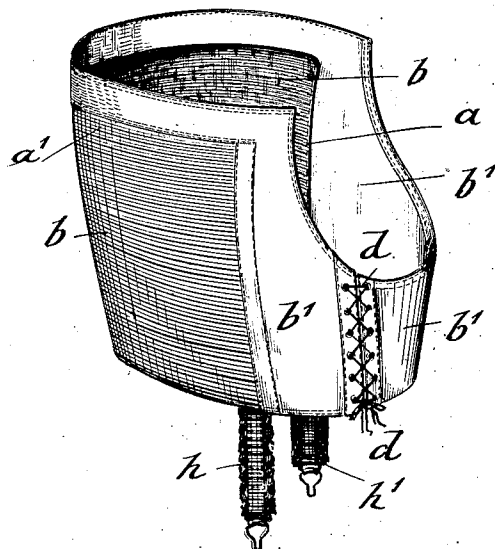


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE M. BODENSIEK, a citizen of the Kingdom of Sweden, residing in New York, in the borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hip-Reducing Attachments for Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to an improved hip-reducing attachment for corsets which is to be worn by women, and especially stout women, so as to reduce the bulge at the hips and distribute the same uniformly around the hips and thighs.

15 Hip-reducing attachments which were applied to the lower edge of the corset and which extended around the hips and thighs were used heretofore. They served to press the bulge at the hips and upper parts of the thighs inwardly, but produced an uneven distribution at the thighs.

20 The object of my improved hip-reducing attachment is to overcome this objection and to produce a reduction in the bulge of the hips by means of separate hip and thigh reducers; and for this purpose the invention consists of a hip-reducing attachment which is attached to the lower end of the corset and made of elastic webbing, which extends around the hip and the upper portion of each thigh, and which is connected by lacings at the front-part of each thigh for independent adjustment, the separate hip and thigh reducers being provided at their lower edges with a plurality of hose-supporters.

25 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front-view of my improved hip-reducing attachment, Fig. 2 is a rear-view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one portion of the hip-reducer extending around the hip and thigh, drawn on a larger scale.

30 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the figures.

35 Referring to the drawings, *a* represents a hip-reducing attachment, which is stitched, or otherwise fastened, at its upper end to the lower edge of the corset *c*. The hip-reducing attachment consists of two separate portions or members *a'* which extend over the hips and the upper portions of the thighs, and which are composed to a great extent of suitable unstiffened and stayless elastic webbing *b*, or other elastic fabric, to

the front and rear edges of which are attached ordinary muslin or other portions *b'* which are tapered toward their lower adjacent ends and connected by lacing-strings *d* that are adjusted for each hip and thigh portion independently of the other. To the lower end of each hip and thigh reducing portion are attached front and rear hose-supporters *h* and *h'*, one being attached to the front and one to the rear of each reducer, so as to serve by the strain on the lower part of the corset in pressing in the abdomen in the manner of the well-known hose-supporters attached to the front-part of women's corsets. When the attachment is properly laced, it reduces the hip and thigh portions of the body and distributes the bulge of the same uniformly around the upper portions of the thighs, so that a snug and round form is obtained at the hips without any discomfort to the wearer of the corset. As the webbing of the independent hip and thigh reducing portions is elastic, it yields to every motion of the body and permits stooping without interfering with the movements of the body in sitting down or rising, imparts a good shape to the parts of the body below the hips and does entirely away with the objectionable swelling or bulging at the hips and thighs, which is so annoying to women of good taste. The hip and limb reducing attachment is intended to take the place of the well-known non-elastic hip-reducing extensions of corsets, which do not give the same comfort and snug fit as the separate elastic hip and thigh reducers.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

95 1. In combination with a corset, a hip-reducing attachment consisting of a pair of separate members, each member comprising a web of elastic fabric forming the intramarginal and lower edge-portions of the member, a piece of inelastic fabric forming the upper edge-portion and end-extensions of the member, the upper free corner of each extension being cut away to form tapering end-portions adapted to pass between the thighs, means for connecting the free ends of the tapering portions, and means for attaching the upper edge portion to the corset.

100 2. In combination, a corset, and a pair of separate hip-reducing members, each member comprising a web of elastic fabric forming the intramarginal portion and the lower

edge of the member, a piece of non-elastic pliable material forming the upper edge of said member, stitches across said upper edge, by which said member is attached to the corset, a non-elastic extension forming the ends of said members, the upper corners of said extension being cut away to form tapering portions adapted to pass between the thighs, the free ends of said tapering portions being provided with eyelets, and lacings passed through said eyelets.

3. In combination, a corset, and a pair of separate hip-reducing members, each member comprising a web of elastic fabric forming the intramarginal portion and the lower edge of the member, a piece of non-elastic fabric stitched to said elastic fabric and forming the upper edge of said member and end-extensions therefor, stitches extending the length of said upper edge by which it is attached to the corset, the free ends of said end extensions being cut away at their upper corners to form tapering lower portions adapted to pass between the thighs, and lacings for connecting the free ends of said tapering portions.

4. In combination, a corset, and a pair of separate hip-reducing members, each member comprising a web of elastic fabric forming the intramarginal and lower edge por-

tion of the member, a piece of non-elastic material forming the upper edge portion and end extensions of the member, stitches by which said upper edge-portion is attached to the corset, the upper corners of said end-extensions being cut-away to form front and rear-tapering portions to pass between the thighs, and lacings connecting the free ends of said end-extensions, said rear-portion being longer than the front-portion, whereby the lacings are located near the front of the thighs.

5. A hip and limb reducing attachment for corsets consisting of a web of elastic fabric forming the intramarginal and lower edge portion, a piece of non-elastic fabric forming the upper edge of the attachment and end-extensions therefor, the upper free corners of said extensions being cut away to form front and rear tapering portions, the rear portion being longer than the front portion, and lacings connecting the free ends of said front and rear-extensions.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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