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Fig. 1.

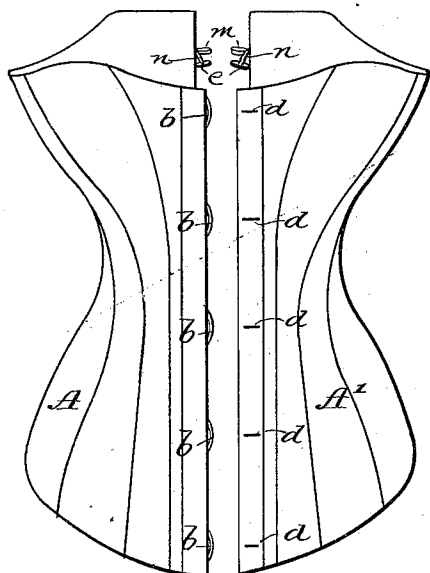


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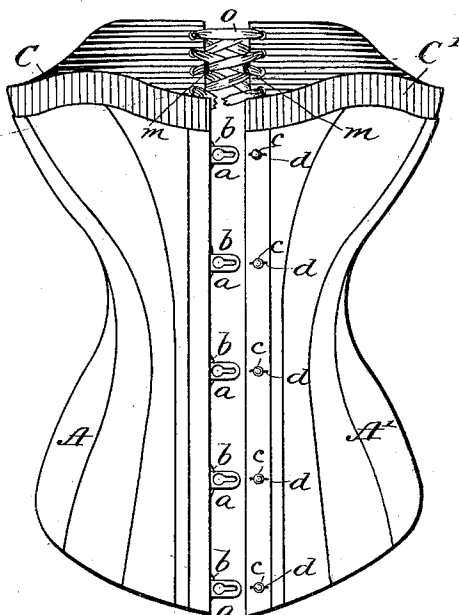


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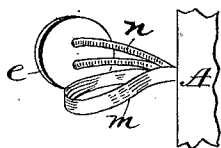


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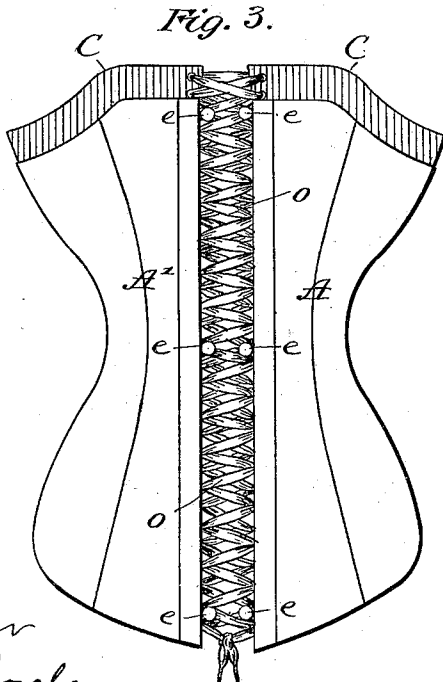


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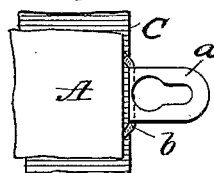


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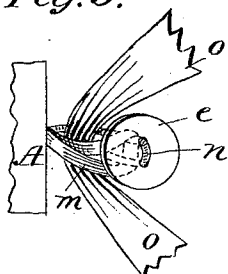
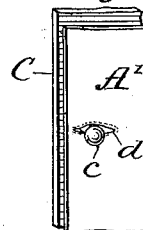


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HANNAH FREUD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Corsets, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my novel corset-covers; Fig. 2, a front view of same applied to a corset; Fig. 3, a rear view of same applied to a corset; Fig. 4, a detailed view of my novel fastening; Fig. 5, a detailed view of such fastening, showing it applied to the corset-lacing. Fig. 6 is a detailed view showing my novel method of detachably retaining the cover upon the eye of a clasp of the corset; Fig. 7, a detail showing my method of detachably securing the said covers to the knobs of the clasp of the corset.

The objects of my invention are to provide a novel article of clothing for the purpose of protecting the exterior of corsets from wearing and soiling and to improve the appearance of corsets, and to so shape, devise, and provide such novel garment with attachments as to insure its being applied and used with inappreciable change in the present conventional appearance and form of the corset and costume generally, and also to insure its being removed from and applied to the corset with ease and convenience and applied in such a manner as to fit snugly and without affecting the present external appearance of the dress or other overgarment. I attain these objects by means of the devices illustrated in the drawings.

A A' represent the two parts of my cover. They are preferably made out of any lightweight material adapted to being laundered and are, in the usual well-known manner, so shaped and gored as to possess the usual contours of the external surface of a corset or corset-waist. I secure these covers detachably to the corset in the following way: That portion or edge of the cover A which overlies that part of the corset carrying the eyes of corset-clasp *a a a* I provide with loops *b b*, adapted to pass over and embrace the eye, as shown in Fig. 6. The front of the other half of my cover A', which overlies the complementary half of the corset C', I provide with

buttonholes *d d*, adapted to pass over and embrace the knobs *c c* of the corset-clasp.

The rears of the corset-covers are secured at their edges to the corset-lacings in the following manner: I provide the rear edges of the corset-cover, as shown in Fig. 3, with a button or other suitable knob *e*, secured to said edges by a prolonged flexible connection *n*, and secured to the edge at or about the same point I also provide a loop *m*, through which passes the said button *e* and its flexible connection *n*. The attachment is made to the lacing by carrying the flexible connection *n* on one side thereof, the loop *m* on the other side thereof, and buttoning the loop over the button.

The operation of my invention is as follows: The covers are applied by buttoning the holes *d d* upon the knobs *e* of the corset-clasp and on the other side of the front edge by passing the loops *b b* over the eyes of the corset-clasps, as shown in Fig. 2. The rear edges are in turn secured by buttoning the loops *m* upon the buttons *e* and around such ones of the lacings as will insure the proper fit. To remove the cover at any time, the attachments and fastenings are loosened or unbuttoned. By providing the fronts of the covers with a positive fastening and the rear with a fastening thus adapted to adjustability in relation to the lacings I am enabled to draw into correct and close position my coverings by the same operation which laces or adjusts the corsets, whereby the desired close and perfect fit is secured, notwithstanding trifling variations in the shape of the covers or the corsets. My method of fastening likewise obviates the use of unusual or unconventional devices for securing the covers in position, and also obviates the use of such devices as would be incommodious for or unadapted to the laundering of the covers. At the same time my fastenings enable the cover to be maintained strongly and firmly in the exact position required for use, and this without, as heretofore in cases of corset-coverings, relying upon the support of the shoulders or arms of the wearer, whereby the frequently objectionable sleeves heretofore supposed to be necessary are dispensed with.

Another advantage arising from the peculiar construction of cover and means of at-

taching and securing the same which I have
invented is the applicability of the cover to
varying "makes" of corset. As is well un-
derstood, the corsets of different manufac-
5 turers vary among themselves somewhat in
the relative position of the clasps, the knobs
and eyes of which are in some instances
higher or lower than in others relatively to
the other portions of the corset. By making
10 my knob-holes *d* vertical instead of horizon-
tal, as shown in Fig. 7, and by somewhat pro-
longing them, as compared with the length
there shown, and by correspondingly pro-
longing my loops *b b*, I am enabled to adapt
15 my corset-cover to be secured smoothly and
effectively to the front of the aforesaid va-
rieties of corsets, since when the holes and
the loops are thus vertically prolonged they
are held by knobs or eyes inserted into them
20 at any point throughout their entire length.

The general advantages of such covers in
the matters of preventing wear as well as
soiling of the exterior of the corset will be
too well appreciated to require further com-
25 ment.

I am aware that buttons have been sewed
to "button-strips," so called, by independent
tapes in order to secure their being readily
handled to engage with the buttonholes of a
30 garment, and I am aware that corset-covers
have heretofore been made deriving their
support and fit from arm straps or supports
passing over the shoulders of the wearer or
constructed in the shape of flat bags or slips,

into one of which each half of the corset is 35
slipped or fitted, and that this latter style of
corset-cover has been partially retained in
position by passing through eyelets in its
rear edges the usual corset-lacing, and I
claim none of these devices. 40

What I claim as new, and desire to secure
by Letters Patent, is the following, viz:

1. A two-part corset-cover, each part hav-
ing fastenings on its front edges adapted to
be attached to the fastenings of the corset, 45
and a series of independent flexible fasten-
ings on its rear edges, each fastening being
formed of a plurality of parts, adapted to en-
gage with one another and with the corset,
substantially as set forth. 50

2. A corset-cover having a backwardly-pro-
jecting flexible and adjustable rear fasten-
ing, consisting of a knob *e*, a flexible connec-
tion *n* and a loop *m*, substantially as and for
the purpose described. 55

3. An external detachable and adjustable
corset-cover consisting of the two comple-
mentary parts, *A, A*, provided at their oppos-
ing front edges with buttonholes *d, d*, and
loops, *b, b*, and at the rear with loops *m*, and 60
with knobs, *e*, secured to flexible connections,
n, substantially as and for the purposes de-
scribed.

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