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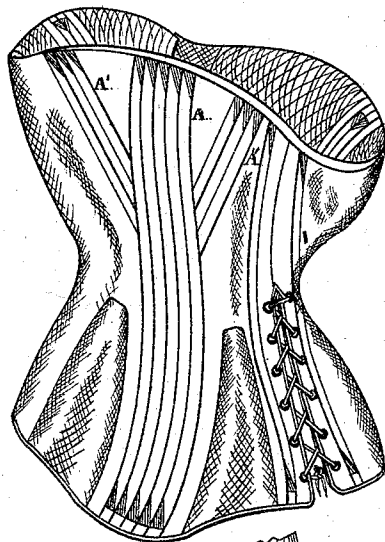


Fig. 1.

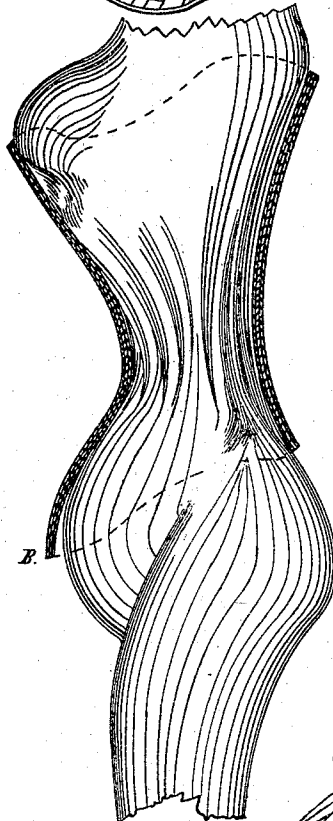


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON MOSES WEBER, of Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, have invented an Improved Corset, of which the following is a specification:

This invention consists in a corset constructed on an entirely new principle, being whaleboned, but entirely whole in the back, and left open in front or on the hips, to be laced, if preferred, by the wearer. The front of this corset is cut in a circular gore. From the back of the breast-gore to the lower point in the front it is gored so as to give an easy and perfect fit to the natural form. A corset having a whole back, and whaleboned, secures to the wearer perfect ease and good support to the back, whereas a corset open in the back acts entirely to the contrary.

The following are the principal objections to a corset open in the back: First, a corset open in the back, after a little wear, and strained by lacing from the center of the back, warps the whalebones in the back and renders the corset shapeless and uncomfortable to the wearer. Second, there is another objection to a corset opening in the back on account of exposure, caused by having the corset partly open, which is indispensable in order to make allowance for the stretching of the corset around the waist, caused by lacing from the back. After the waist is stretched it leaves an opening at the top and bottom. Third, a corset laced in the back is unhealthy, for the reason that drawing the lace from the back causes the front steel to press upon the pit of the stomach,

which is injurious to the wearer, and frequently causes the steel to break by the least bending forward.

My improved corset is constructed so that there is no lacing from the back to warp the whalebones, and no exposure to the back, it being entirely whole, only lacing in front or part way up on the hips, which causes no strain on the waist. It is so shaped also by goring that it gives it a natural and perfect shape, which also prevents the steel from touching the stomach.

Like letters denote like parts in each figure in the drawing, which are described as follows, viz:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of back, showing the several series of whalebones, as represented by A A'. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the corset enveloping a nude figure to represent more fully the non-existing pressure on the pit of the stomach, represented by B.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and for which I desire to secure Letters Patent as a new article of manufacture, is—

A corset closed at the back and open at the front or sides for lacing the same, and provided with the series of bones A, placed close together and running from top to bottom, and with or without the series of inclined bones A', all arranged substantially as and for the purpose described.

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