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Fig - 1 -

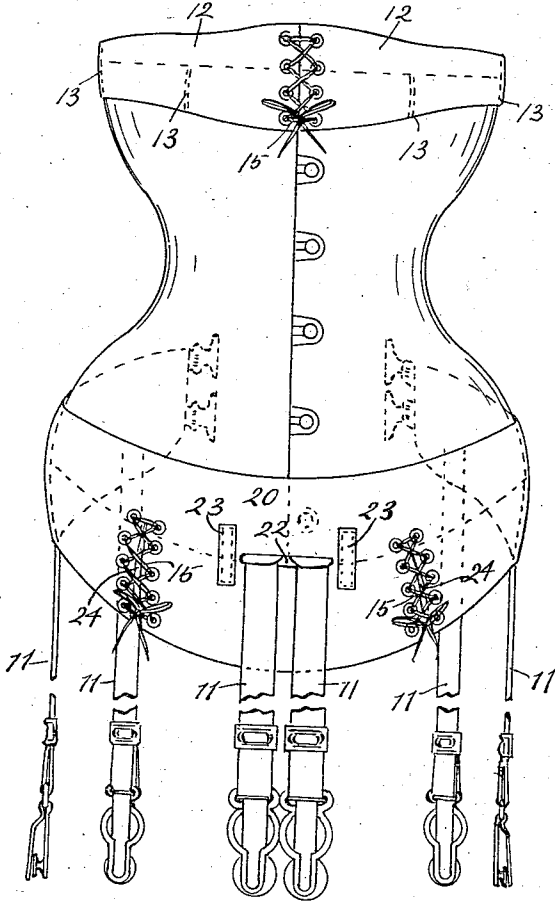


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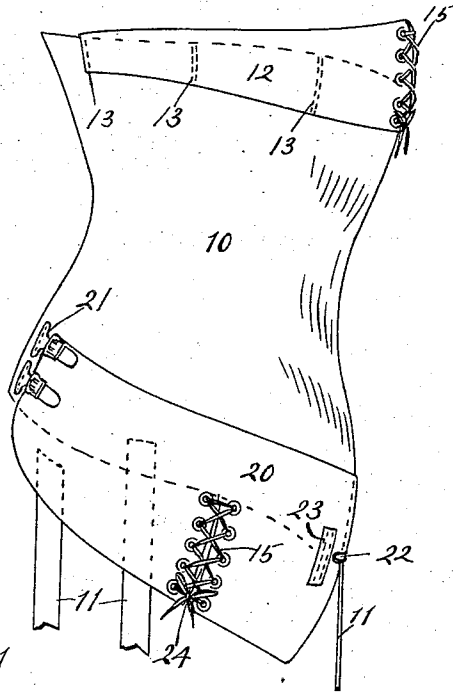


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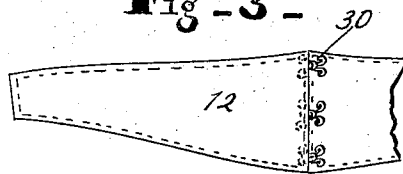
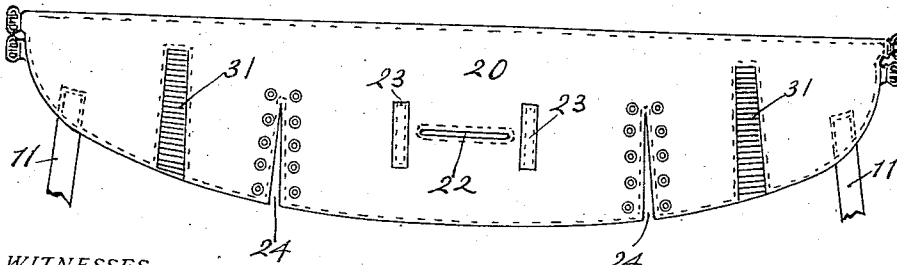


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY L. E. SCUDDER, of Wayne township, county of Marion, and State of Indiana, have invented a certain new and useful Corset; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters refer to like parts.

The object of this invention is to improve the construction of corsets, especially at the upper and lower ends thereof, for the better holding in place of the flesh and parts of the body at said points of the corset, and also for the strengthening and holding in position the ends of the corsets to prevent them from breaking. When ordinary corsets are worn by fleshy people, the stays at the upper end of the corsets are broken down by the lateral pressure of the body thereon, and also the body projects over or overflows the upper end of the corset. Likewise, the ordinary corset crowds down the abdomen in an unnatural and unhealthy position.

My invention is for the purpose of overcoming the above difficulties.

In my improved corset the flesh is held in at the top of the corset and also the corset there is braced, and at the lower end the abdomen is supported and the corset at that point is also braced. The attachment I provide also conceals the hard upper edge of the corset that makes a disfiguring line on a slight person.

The nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved corset. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a modified form of the binding strip at the upper end of the corset, one end being broken away. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a modified form of the binding strip and abdominal support at the lower end of the corset.

10 represents a corset of the usual type having at its lower end hose supporters 11.

A binding strip 12 is added to the corset at the upper end thereof, and extends along the front and sides and is stitched thereto at 13, or otherwise secured in place. This binding strip projects above the end and is formed of two halves separated in front and laced together by the lacing 15. The lacing draws in the halves or parts of said binding

strip and holds the flesh above the corset in place and keeps it from overflowing, and also keeps it from breaking down the stays. This addition to the upper end of the corset improves the form of the body of a fleshy person and holds the flesh in the desired position and supports the same and conceals the hard edge of the upper end of the corset. A binding strip 20 is likewise secured to the front and side portions of the corset at the lower end, not only for the same purpose as the upper binding strip 12, but also to serve as an abdominal support to resist the action of the body of the corset on the abdomen by way of forcing the same downwardly. It resists such action of the corset and carries or supports the abdomen. It is made wider than the strip 12 and so as to fit the front part of the body and have an upward lift. It is preferably secured to the corset at its rear ends by buckles and straps 21, and is held in place at the middle by the central hose supporters 11 that pass through the horizontal slot 22 in said strip. These hose supporters are secured at their upper ends to the lower end of the corset, and therefore the strip 20 cannot rise as it would if it were not held down by said hose supporters. At each end of the slot 22 there is a vertical reinforcing strip 23 to prevent the slot from tearing. In order to get the right draw or pull of the strip 20 on the abdomen, it is provided at each side with a vertical gore 24 from the lower edge of the strip up to the lower end of the corset, or thereabout, and the strip 20 is drawn into shape by laces 15, so that said strip 20 can be adjusted to the abdomen satisfactorily by said lacing. The hose supporters perform the function of holding the lower end of the corset down in place, and that action coöperates with the action of the abdominal support 20 for holding it in place and preventing it from rising or drawing upwardly too strongly.

The modified form of the binding strip 12 is shown in Fig. 3, where hooks and eyes are substituted for lacing.

The modified form of the lower binding strip 20 is shown in Fig. 4, where elastic insertions 31 are made in the lower part on each side of the strip, so that it will be yielding at all times.

The hose supporters 11 at the rear are suspended from the rear ends of the strip 20, so as to hold the strip and corset down

without pressing on any of the soft parts of the body.

It is seen from the foregoing that either the upper or lower binding strips or both can be added to the ordinary corset without very much difficulty, or they may be constructed with the corset in the first instance. They are in the nature of additions to the corset.

10 What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. The combination of a corset body, hose supporters suspending from the lower front end thereof, a binding strip extending about 15 the sides and front of the corset body at the lower end, having a slot in the front thereof through which the hose supporters extend, and projecting below the corset body to form an abdominal support, and whereby 20 the front of said strip is held in place, means for securing the ends of said strip in

place, and a lacing for tightening the lower portion of said strip.

2. The combination of a corset body, a binding strip extending across the sides and 25 front of the corset body at the lower end thereof and projecting below the corset body to form an abdominal support, means for securing the ends of said binding strip to the corset body, means for holding down 30 the front of said binding strip, a lacing for adjusting the tightness of the strip on the body, and hose supporters suspending from the lower rear portion of the strip.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto af- 35 fixed my signature in the presence of the witnesses herein named.

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