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CORSET FITTING DEVICE.

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Fig. 1.

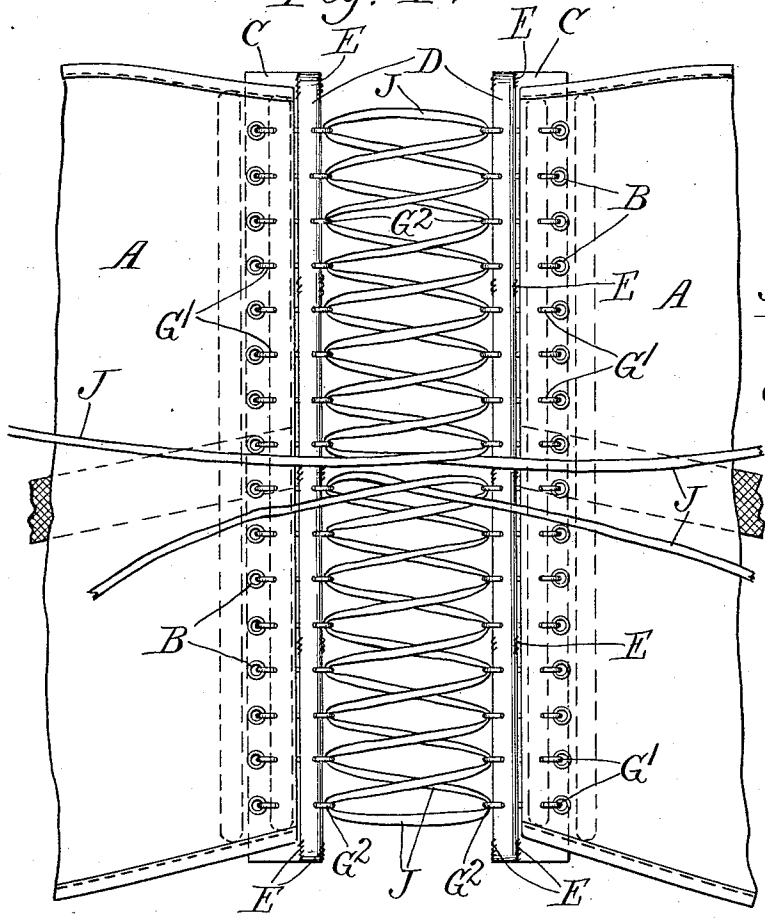


Fig. 2.

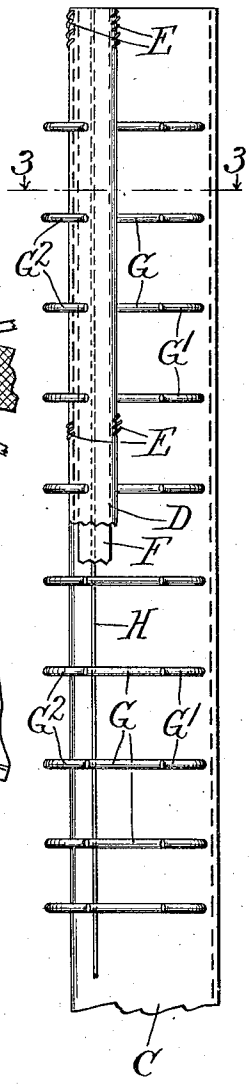
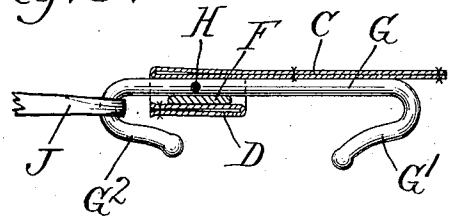


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES C. VOSBURGH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Corset-Fitting Devices, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to corset fitting devices and has for its object to provide a convenient means whereby corsets can be fitted with the least possible loss of time and injury by manipulation of the corset itself.

My device is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein—

Figure 1 is a plan of a corset with my device in position, Fig. 2 a detail enlarged view of certain parts, and Fig. 3 a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Like parts are indicated by the same letter in all the figures.

A, A are the two sections of the corset which are to be laced.

B, B are eyelets for the lacing tape in the edge of the corset.

C is a strip of material associated with a similar narrow strip D which is secured to the first by stitching at intervals as indicated at E, E or in any other desired manner. The two strips are flexible so as to permit the insertion between them if desired of the stiffening strip F and the transverse hooks. Each of these hooks is preferably composed of the base G and the hook-shaped ends G^1, G^2. All of the hooks are perforated in the form shown and adapted to receive the longitudinal wire H, which is secured at its end in any desired manner, as by sewing it between the two strips C and D at their ends.

J, J indicate the two tapes which are hooked into the inner hooks G^2, one beginning at the lower end and the other at the upper end, as indicated at Fig. 1.

Since the two strips are stitched together at intervals and the hooks are inserted between such stitchings as shown in Fig. 2, it is obvious that the hooks have a certain amount of motion along or are slidable along and between the two strips. This is necessary to enable the hooks to accommodate themselves to eyelets of varying distance of separation.

The use and operation of my invention are obvious.

When a corset is to be fitted it is only necessary to attach my device to the two edges of the corset by inserting the hook ends G^1 into the eyelets B which can be done in a moment. The corset is then ready to be applied and by manipulating the tape the process of fitting can be carried on. This obviously saves a great deal of time and expense and annoyance to the customer. It also avoids injury to or soiling of the corset incident to the process of lacing directly through the eyelets. The waist band, at which the pressure is to be applied to the tape, can be placed at any point by simply hooking the tape properly. The tape is kept in position because of the proximity of the hook end G^2 to the strip D, and the fact that the tape when in position lies between the bend of the hook and the edge of the strip, as indicated in Fig. 3.

In ordinary practice a half dozen different devices of varying lengths would be all that would be necessary for a large establishment. By this means also I avoid the injury to tapes because the tape which forms part of my device can be used indefinitely, whereas the tape is soon rendered unfit for use if it has to be threaded and drawn through a large number of eyelets.

I claim:

1. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tapes, each part provided with a series of double hooks, one end to engage the corset, the other the tape.

2. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tapes, each part provided with a series of double hooks, one end to engage the corset, the other the tape, and means for holding the hooks so that they are slidable along the part but not removable therefrom.

3. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tapes, each part provided with a series of double hooks, one end to engage the corset, the other the tape, and means for holding the hooks so that they are slidable along the part but not removable therefrom, said means containing a wire or rod longitudinal with the part and passing through the hooks.

4. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, and a series of engaging devices between them.

5. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, a series of engaging

devices between them, and a rod or wire longitudinal with the strips and passing through such engaging devices.

6. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, a series of engaging devices between said parts, and stiffening means between the two strips of each part.

7. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, and a series of engaging devices between them, said engaging devices provided with two hooked ends, one to engage the corset and the other the tape.

8. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, a series of engaging devices between them, and a rod or wire longitudinal with the strips and passing through such engaging devices, said engaging devices provided with two hooked ends, one to engage the corset and the other the tape.

9. A corset fitting device comprising two parts and connecting tape, said parts comprising each two strips, a series of engaging devices between said parts, and stiffening means between the two strips of each part, said engaging devices provided with two hooked ends one to engage the corset and the other the tape.

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