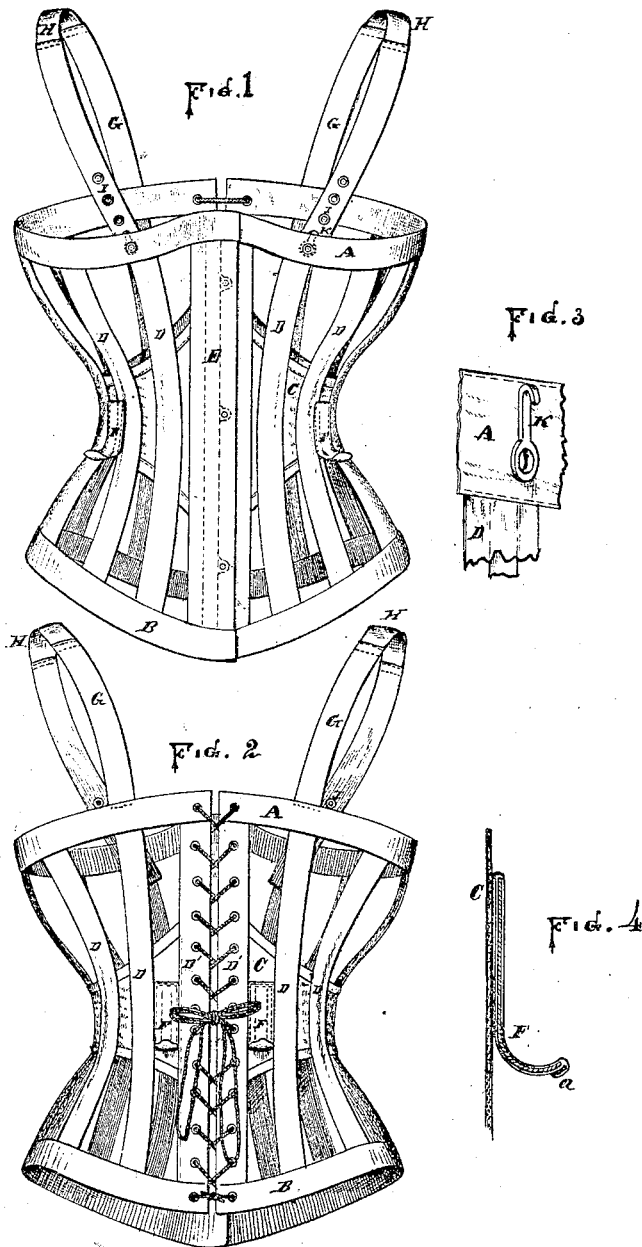


D. H. Fanning,
Corset.

No 109,309.

Patented Nov. 15, 1870



WITNESSES,

Thos. D. Dade
A. C. Pierce

INVENTOR

David H. Fanning

United States Patent Office.

DAVID H. FANNING, OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

Letters Patent No. 109,309, dated November 15, 1870.

IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-SUPPORTING HOOKS FOR CORSETS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Know all men by these presents:

That I, DAVID H. FANNING, of the city and county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-supporting Hooks for Skeleton and other Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification, and in which—

Figures 1 and 2 represent front and back views of a skeleton-corset, to which my invention is applied. It is manifest, however, that the hook may be used with a corset of any ordinary or suitable construction, with or without shoulder-straps and hooks for the same, as represented in Figure 3.

Figure 4 represents a central vertical section of one of the skirt-supporting hooks.

To enable those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe it more in detail.

The nature of my invention consists in providing the corset with metallic skirt-supporting hooks, having cloth or other textile coverings, by which they are secured to the corset-zone or girdle, as hereinafter described.

In the drawing—

A indicates the top; and

B, the bottom supporting-bands of a skeleton corset;

C, the waist-belt or zone-shaped girdle;

D, the whalebone-bar coverings; and

E, the steel coverings, all of which are constructed and arranged in the ordinary manner, and therefore need not be more fully described.

To the sides and back of the girdle C are secured skirt-supporting hooks F, composed of metallic hooks curved in the form indicated in fig. 4, and covered with cloth or tape similar to that used for the whalebone coverings D.

The ends of the tape are folded back and hemmed down at the ends of the metallic hook, as shown at *a*, fig. 4.

The skirt-hooks F are secured to the outer side of the zone-shaped girdle C, by stitching them through the edges of their covering-tape.

The hooks F are, in this instance, secured to the girdle C between the second and third bars D from the center of the front, and also between the first bar D and lacing-bar D' at the center of the back, as fully shown in the drawing.

A shoulder-strap or brace, G, is secured to the top-piece A at each side of the corset, directly over the end of the first bar D, at the back.

The central parts H of the braces G are formed of elastic tape, and their front ends are provided with a series of eyelets, I, to loop onto hooks K secured to the inner side of the top band A, above the ends of

the first whalebone-bars D, at the front of the corset, as indicated.

The belts of the skirts and other wearing-apparel are secured around the waist, above the hooks F, upon which they are supported and prevented from slipping down out of place, and that, too, without drawing them injuriously and uncomfortably tight.

The spaces between the vertical bars D may be covered with gauze or netting, if desired.

It will be noticed that the main body of my supporter does not differ materially from my improved skeleton-corset, and consequently possesses all of the advantages of that corset, in addition to the skirt-supporting devices.

I am aware that uncovered metallic hooks have been secured to a corset by means of sewing through holes or apertures formed in the shank of the hook, and I am also aware that bustles have been sewn, buttoned, and otherwise secured to corsets for the purpose of upholding the skirts; but the use of a bustle or continuous projection around the waist of the corset is objectionable on many accounts, and has been abandoned, and it is difficult to secure the uncovered metallic hooks to the corset, and at the same time they do not present a neat appearance.

The hooks made in accordance with my invention are different from the above devices, as they are metallic hooks covered throughout their entire extent by cloth pockets or flanged covering-tapes, which conceal them from view, and at the same time constitute the means by which they may be stitched most securely to the body of the corset.

This mode of fastening the hooks in place is more convenient than the one above spoken of, and moreover it allows the metallic hooks to be made more cheaply and with a less finished appearance, all imperfections being covered up by the cloth pockets; and as the thread, by which the hooks are fastened on, passes only through the tapes and corsets, and has no contact with the metal, the fastening is much more secure than if the thread passed through holes in the metal against the edges of which it would be likely to be worn.

Having described my improved skeleton-corset skirt-supporter,

What I claim therein as new, and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent as an improved article of manufacture, is—

The metallic skirt-supporting hooks F, provided with cloth or other textile coverings, by which they are secured to the corset, substantially as shown and set forth.

DAVID H. FANNING.

Witnesses:

THOS. H. DODGE,
A. E. PIERCE.