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Corset.

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Fig. 1.

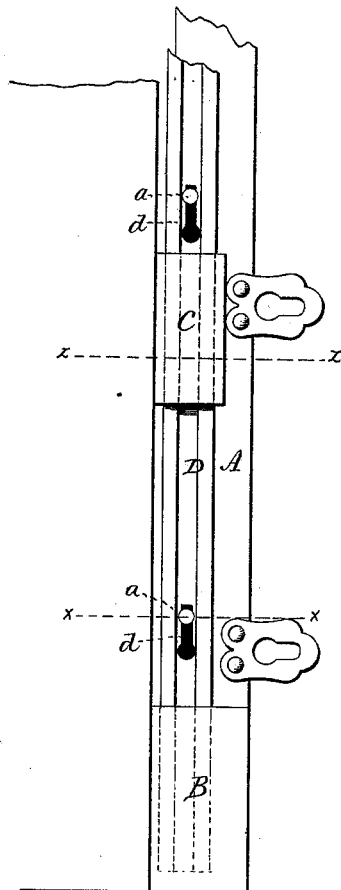


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. L. AHRENS, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, front view; Fig. 2, section on *x x*; Fig. 3, section on *z z*.

This invention relates to an improvement in devices for securing clasps to corsets, so that they may be removed without ripping; and it consists in the construction and arrangement, as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the clasp, which may be of any of the known constructions, except that at the rear edge one, two, or more headed studs, *a*, are arranged in line.

The corset is fitted with a pocket, B, at the lower and upper ends, into which the corresponding ends, of the clasp are placed, these pockets securing the clasp at the ends only. Between the upper and lower pockets B one or more narrow pockets, C, are secured to the body of the corset in rear of the clasp, these pockets preferably narrower than the clasp itself.

The securing device consists of a strip, D, preferably of steel, and a little shorter than the length of the clasp. In this strip D slots *d* are made, corresponding to the headed studs *a* on the clasp, but less in diameter than the head of the studs, the lower end of the slots being enlarged, so as to pass on over the heads. This strip is passed through the intermediate pockets C, and set on over the studs, then moved downward, so as to interlock the piece D with the studs. The pockets C hold the

piece D, and through the slots in said piece the clasp is held intermediate between its two ends.

To remove the clasp, raise the piece D until the heads of the studs *a* can escape from the slots; then the clasp is free, and may be removed by taking it from the end pockets, and the piece D may also be removed by sliding it through the pockets.

The fastening device or piece D may be made in various forms, with a longitudinal groove on its face, in which the heads of the studs will lie, or a plain flat piece, leaving the studs to project beyond the surface.

The slots may be made in the clasp, and the studs arranged on the fastening-piece—that is, reversing the order—and accomplish substantially the same result.

Various constructions may be made to cover or protect the heads of the studs, this invention not being limited to the particular construction of the fastening-piece D, except that it be made to engage with the clasp, substantially as described.

I am aware that corset-clasps have been secured to the corset by overlapping pockets; but in such cases the pockets have been arranged alternately on the edge and back of the clasp, and interlaced by a stay passing through them.

I claim—

The combination of the clasp and fastening-piece D, the one provided with headed studs, and the other with corresponding slots, a pocket, B, to receive the end of the clasp, and intermediate pockets C, attached to the body of the corset back of the clasp, and so as to receive and hold the fastening-piece D, all substantially as described.

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