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Fig. 1.

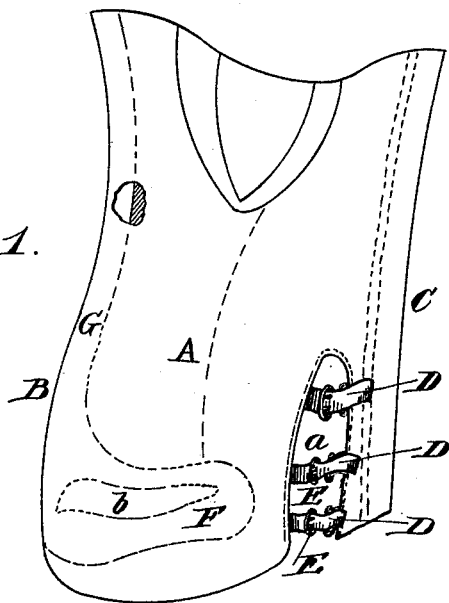
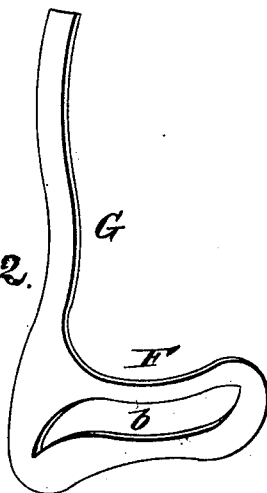


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ABDOMINAL CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH C. COOK, M. D., of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield, and in the State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Abdominal Corsets, and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

My invention relates to corsets; and it consists in the construction of the corset-steels and in the combination of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the corset-steels.

A represents one-half of a corset, of which B is the front and C the back.

Over the hip the corset is open from the lower edge upward for a suitable distance, as shown at *a*, and at the slit or opening there formed are straps D and buckles E for uniting the two parts. The object of these side straps is to make the corset adjustable to support the womb, and to press the ovaries against it and keep it in place, as well as to press upward, in connection with the corset-steel G.

The main portion of the steel G runs the same as an ordinary corset-steel along the

front B of the corset. At the lower end of the steel G is a side extension, F, extending nearly to the opening *a* of the corset, and in said extension is a slot or opening, *b*, as shown in Fig. 2. This extension F of the steel gives a perfect bearing of the corset on the abdomen to support the womb, and by having the slot or opening *b* in said extension perfect ease in wearing the corset is obtained.

The lower one of the straps D is on the point of the hip, which, in connection with the extension F of the steel, gives an upward bearing. The other straps are to adjust the corset and give any degree of pressure, as may be required.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A corset-steel, G, provided at or near its lower end with a side extension, F, having an opening or slot, *b*, therein, for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The combination, in a corset, of the front A, having opening *a*, and connected with the back by straps and buckles, and the steel G, provided with side extension, F, having slot *b*, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of February, 1879.

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