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Corset.

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Fig. 1.

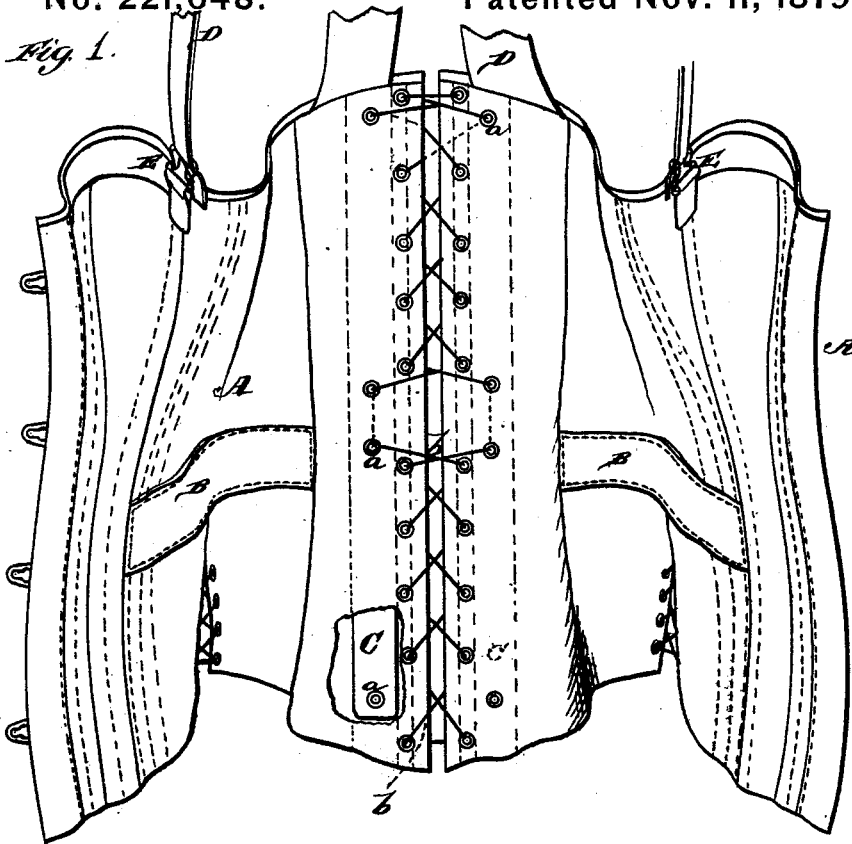
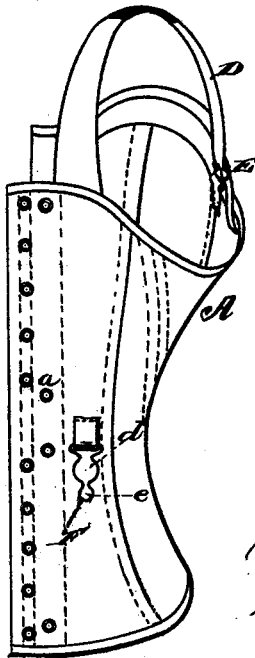


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA J. WOOD, of the town of De Ruyter, in the county of Madison and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a rear of my corset, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation view of the same.

The nature of my invention consists in certain improvements upon corsets, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates my invention.

A A represent the two halves of a corset laced together at the back and fastened at the front by the ordinary clasps.

This corset is provided at the inside with a lining, B, at the bottom of the waist. This lining may be made of kid, leather, rubber, oil-cloth, or any other suitable material, and it helps to prevent the bones from breaking; and if the bones should break the lining prevents them from piercing through and hurting the side of the wearer.

C C are the steels in the back of the corset, which steels are set in a short distance from the edge, and at each end and at the waist eyelets *a* are inserted in the steels for the passage of the lacing-string *b*.

In some corsets the steel is directly in the edge of the back, which brings it too near the spine to be comfortable or healthful. In other corsets the steels are placed farther back, and have nothing to hold them firmly in place.

By inserting eyelets in the steels and passing the lacing-string through the same, the steels may be placed away from the spine, and yet be held firmly in their proper position.

D D are shoulder-straps, sewed to the back of the corset, and fastened at the front by buckles E. These straps make a support for the shoulders, and can be easily removed, if not wanted, without injuring the corset.

On the outside of the corset are attached skirt-supporters F F of the peculiar form shown, having a large opening, *d*, for the insertion of the button, and below said opening a slot or smaller opening, *e*, into which the button will drop.

I claim—

In a corset, the steels C placed back from the edges of the corset a sufficient distance to avoid pressure upon the spine, and provided with eyelets *a* for the laces, in combination with the flexible portions between said steels, and the edges of the corset provided with the lacing-eyelets, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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