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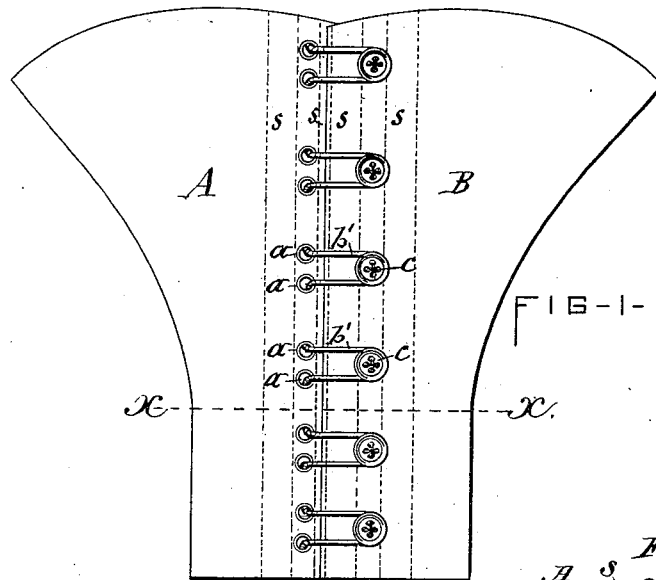


FIG. 1-

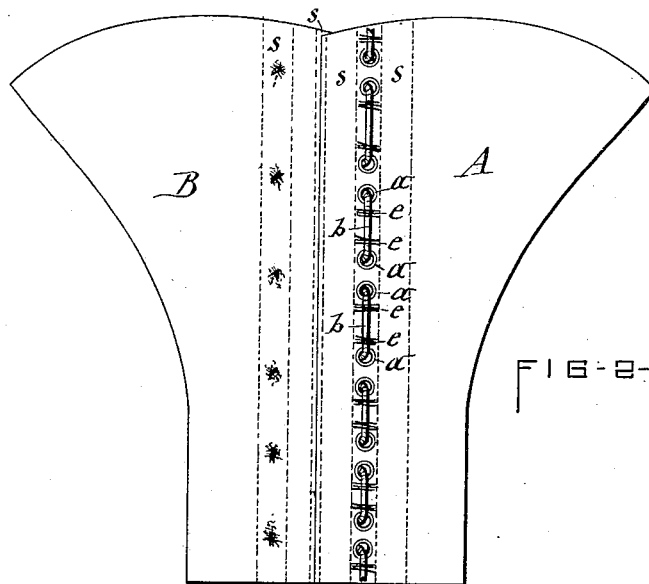


FIG. 2-

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## CORSET-FASTENING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BLANCHE WOOD, of Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful  
5 Improvements in Corset-Fastenings, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

The nature of this invention consists essentially of a corset-front having in lieu of the  
10 usual steel stays pliable whalebone strips, and provided on the edge of one of its sections with loops or lacings formed of cord or equivalent flexible material and on the other section  
15 with fixed fastening devices adapted to engage with said loops or lacings, all as herein-after more fully described, and specifically pointed out in the claims, said construction and combination of parts being designed to  
20 afford greater convenience to the wearer and great facility for attaching and detaching the corset.

In the annexed drawings, Figures 1 and 2 represent respectively the exterior and interior  
25 surfaces of a corset-front constructed in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view, showing the bones.

A and B denote the two front sections, by which the corset is fastened on the body of the  
30 wearer. Said sections are usually provided with vertical stays, of steel or equivalent stiff material, and the corset-fastenings, which are also usually formed of metal, are attached to the aforesaid stays. The result is that the  
35 front of the corset is exceedingly stiff, and thus to many persons very inconvenient or unfit to wear. To overcome this defect I deprive the sections A and B of the usual steel stays and use in their stead pliable whalebone strips  
40 *s s*, two on each of the said corset-sections, inserted between the two thicknesses of fabric of which the corset is formed. Said bones *s s* are secured by rows of stitches along the edges thereof, and are placed a proper distance apart

to allow a series of eyelets, *a*, to be attached 45 to the fabric between said two bones *s s*. These eyelets are arranged in comparatively closely-placed pairs, through which protrude loops *b' b'*, formed of a continuous cord, *b*, run alternately  
50 in and out through the successive eyelets and rigidly secured at its extremities. The loops *b' b'* are to a certain extent maintained in their respective lengths by means of threads *c c*,  
55 stitched on the back of the fabric and drawn across the cord *b* intermediately between the loops *b' b'*, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the tension of said stitches preventing more or less the cord *b* from sliding endwise. To  
60 the section B, I secure buttons *c* or hooks, or other suitable fixed fastening devices adapted to engage with the loops *b' b'*, before described, said buttons being fastened to the fabric between the two bones *s s*.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In combination with the section B, provided with buttons *c c*, or their described equivalents, the section A, provided with eyelets  
65 *a a*, the cord *b*, extended successively through the eyelets and formed into loops *b' b'*, and the tension-stitches *c c*, applied across the cord at the inner face of the section A, substantially  
70 as shown and described.

2. In a corset, the front sections, A and B, provided each with the bones *s s*, the section  
75 A having the eyelets *a a* between the said bones and the loops *b' b'*, and the section B having the buttons *c c* between the said bones, substantially as shown and set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed  
80 my name and affixed my seal, in the presence of two attesting witnesses, at Syracuse, in the county of Onondaga, in the State of New York, this 20th day of April, 1882.

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