

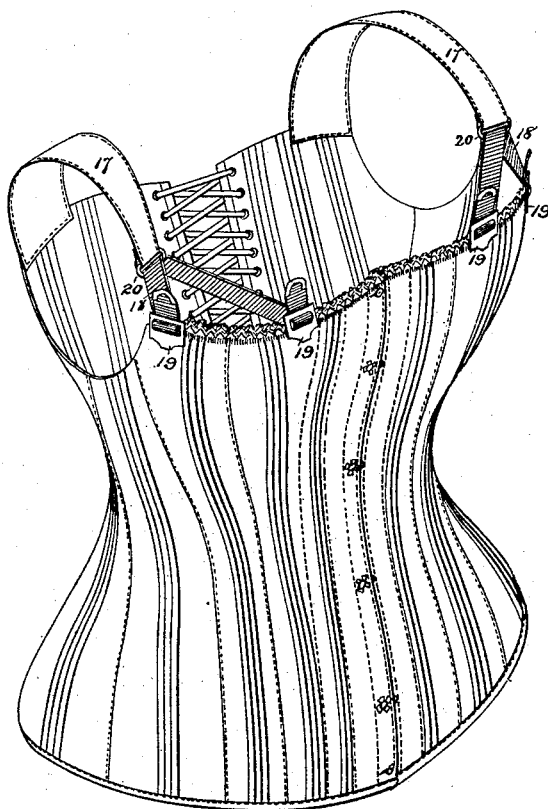
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIA D. BANFIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawing, forming a part of the same.

10 The present invention relates to a means for supporting a corset upon the wearer; and it consists in the combination, with a corset, of shoulder-straps which are capable of properly adjusting themselves to the body of the wearer, so as not to be inconvenient or uncomfortable, and so located as not to draw or press upon the bosom, so as to cause disfiguration or deformity, all of which is fully hereinafter described and pointed out.

20 The drawing represents a perspective view of a corset containing my invention.

In the drawing, 17 represents a strap, made of suitable flexible material, secured to the rear of the corset in any convenient manner, and cut of such a shape as to snugly and comfortably fit the wearer. Its outer end is provided with a loop, 20, secured thereto in any suitable manner, through which passes a second strap, 18, the ends of which are secured by passing through buckles 19, which are attached at points at either side of the full or breast portion of the corset, so as not to draw or press upon or across the bosom, thereby misshaping or deforming the person of the wearer.

The strap 18 may have its ends secured permanently to the corset, if desired, though I prefer to have them secured by passing through buckles 19, so that such straps can be removed when it is desired to clean the corset. The strap 18 I prefer to make elastic, though it may be made of any inelastic fabric desired.

Shoulder-straps containing my invention are thus capable of adjusting themselves to the various shapes of shoulders of the wearers, and to the movements of the body in different positions.

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

1. The combination, with a corset, of the straps 17 and 18, the latter passing through a loop in the former, and having its ends connected to the corset at either side of the full or breast portion, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a corset, of a strap, 17, and a strap, 18, made of an elastic material, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a corset, of a strap, 17, with an elastic strap connecting it with the corset at both sides of the full or breast portion, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JULIA D. BANFIELD.

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