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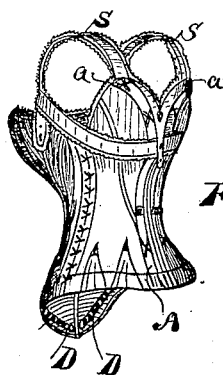


Fig. 2.

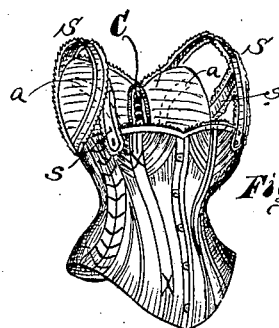


Fig. 1

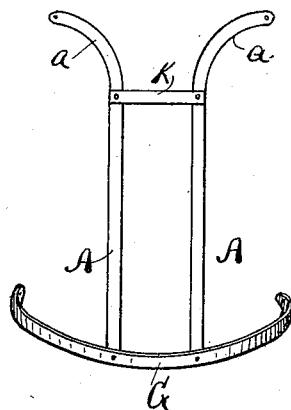


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMORETTA WOODARD, of Indianapolis, Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to so construct the corset as to brace and straighten the shoulders, give form and shape to the breast, and form a comfortable and efficient garment. In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the front; Fig. 2, a like view of the back; and Fig. 3 a view of the metallic brace or support.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A A denote two upright parallel metallic braces, constructed preferably of thin steel plates, and having their upper ends, *a a*, curved outwardly, as shown. Just below the point of curvature the braces A A are connected by a cross-plate, K, and to the lower ends of the braces is riveted or otherwise secured the curved hip-plate G, nearly circular in shape when adjusted in place, and adapted to fit part of the way round the body of the wearer.

The above-described brace is adjusted in the back of the corset, which may be of any suitable construction, with the hip-plate G extending round in the lower part thereof. The shoulder-straps S S of the corset may be provided with auxiliary straps *s s*, adjustably secured

to the front part of the corset to equalize the weight of the same. The corset may also be provided with a galvanic band, C, depending from the back of the corset on the inside, and similar bands, D D, may be arranged on that part of the corset that covers the abdomen in such a manner that a current of electricity will be imparted to the wearer.

I am aware of patent to Abbe, No. 3,691, showing a single back-brace having a curved strip at its bottom, and I do not wish to be understood as claiming broadly any part of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The combination, with a corset, of the herein-described brace, consisting of parallel upright strips or plates A A, having the top ends, *a a*, curved outwardly, and connected by cross-plate K and curved hip-plate G, secured to the lower ends of strips A A, arranged as shown, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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