

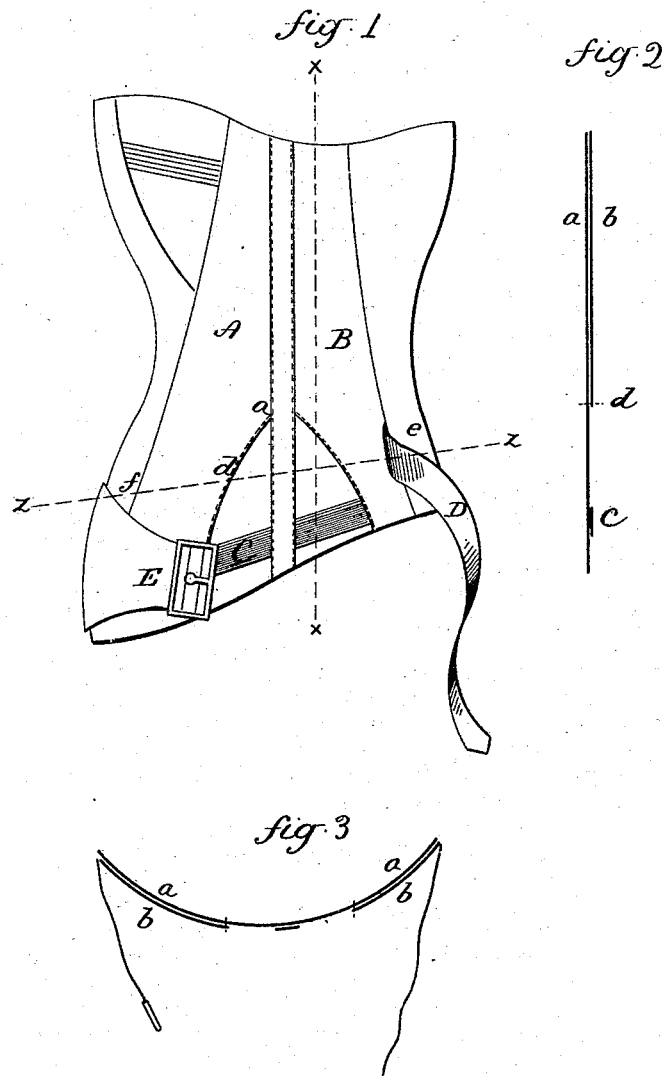
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS S. GILBERT, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view; Fig. 2, a vertical section over the hip on line *xx*; Fig. 3, a transverse section on line *z z*.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, with special reference to the hip-section.

Corsets have been made with a portion cut away over the hip-joint, so as to leave the hip uncovered by the corset; but this construction interferes with the symmetry which is desired to be given by the use of the corset. This side opening has been provided with elastic filling. This, to a certain extent, avoids the difficulty, but creates great heat at that point, thus rendering that construction objectionable. In other constructions a flap has been employed to cover the opening; but this is liable to displacement and fails to accomplish the desired result.

The object of my invention is to fill this hip-opening, leave it soft and flexible, and still preserve the shape of a complete corset, or a corset without the hip-opening; and it consists in a corset having its sections composed of two thicknesses, one thickness at the hip cut away over the hip-joint, the other remaining intact, without stays, as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents the front, and B the rear, part of the hip-section. The parts of the corset, say, for the inside *a* are cut the same as if for a corset with a continuous edge at the bottom—that is, no opening at the hip. The other thickness, *b*, is of the same form, but is cut away from over the hip-line—say as at *a*—downward and forward over the hip and downward and backward over the hip, leaving a space corresponding to the shape of the hip-joint. The corset is then made up. The outer portion is stitched to the inner around the cut-away portion, as indicated by the broken line *d*. This leaves one thickness of the corset exposed through the other. Preferably I make the inner thickness

entire and cut away the outer thickness, thus leaving the inner surface of the inner thickness exposed through the hip-opening, and as seen in Fig. 2.

The inner thickness may be of a different color or fabric from the corset, and thus serve as an ornament to the corset; but the inner thickness may be cut away and the outer thickness made entire. In either case the full and complete shape of the corset is preserved, but the single thickness of fabric extends over the hip, and is in the same piece with one of the thicknesses of the fabric. No stays are employed over this single thickness, or required; the surrounding portion, properly stayed, is sufficient to hold this flexible part of the corset in its proper shape over the hip and preserve the desired symmetry without the employment of the uncomfortable stays usually required. An elastic connection, C, may be made across this single thickness, if desired.

As a side adjustment for a corset thus constructed, which in some cases is desirable, I attach a strap, D, at the rear edge of the hip-section, as at *e*, and a corresponding strap at the forward edge, as at *f*, the two straps fitted with buckle or other engagement, whereby that portion of the corset may be drawn upon the hip.

I claim—

1. A corset having the hip-section composed of two thicknesses, one thickness continuous from top to bottom, the other cut away over the hip, so as to expose the surface of one thickness through said cut-away portion, the two thicknesses stitched together and stayed, combined with the straps D and E, attached respectively to the front and rear edges of the hip-section and detachably connected over the hip, substantially as described.

2. A corset having the hip-section composed of two thicknesses, one thickness continuous from top to bottom, the other cut away over the hip, so as to expose the surface of one thickness through said cut-away portion, the two thicknesses stitched together and stayed with the elastic band C across said cut-away portion and over the single thickness, substantially as described.

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