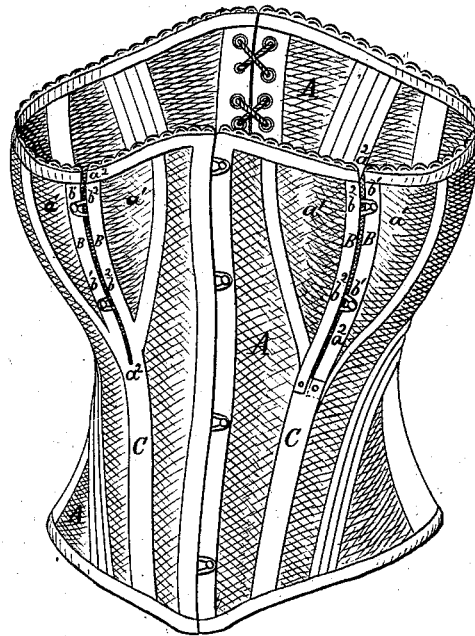


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE H. CLARKE, of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and Improved Corset, of which the following is a specification.

The figure is a front perspective view of a corset illustrating my invention.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved corset, designed especially for ladies nursing children, which shall be so constructed as to allow the breasts to be conveniently exposed to give the children access to them, and which at other times will cover the breasts and protect them from pressure.

The invention consists in a corset having longitudinal slits in the parts that cover the breasts, and having steels secured to it at the edges of the said slits, provided with fastenings, and pivoted at their lower ends to steels in the lower part of the said corset, as herein-after fully described.

A represents a corset constructed in the usual way. In the parts  $a^1$ , that form the enlargements covering the breasts, are formed longitudinal slits  $a^2$ , the edges of which are hemmed or have shirrs attached to or formed in them to receive steels B. The steels B are made similar to the ordinary steels that connect the parts of the corset A in front, and at

their lower ends they overlap and are pivoted to the opposite sides of the upper end of a steel, C, that passes down through the lower part of the corset.

The steels B are made with a suitable curve to pass over the breasts, are fastened to each other by pins  $b^1$  and slotted plates  $b^2$ , in the usual way, and should have sufficient stiffness to protect the breasts from the pressure of the clothing.

With this construction, by unfastening the steels B from each other they can be turned back sufficiently to allow the breasts to be exposed through the slits  $a^2$  and to give the child access to them.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A corset, A, having longitudinal slits  $a^2$  in the parts  $a^1$ , that cover the breasts, and having steels B, secured to it at the edges of the said slits, provided with fastenings  $b^1$   $b^2$ , and pivoted at their lower ends to a steel, C, in the lower part of the said corset, substantially as herein shown and described.

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