

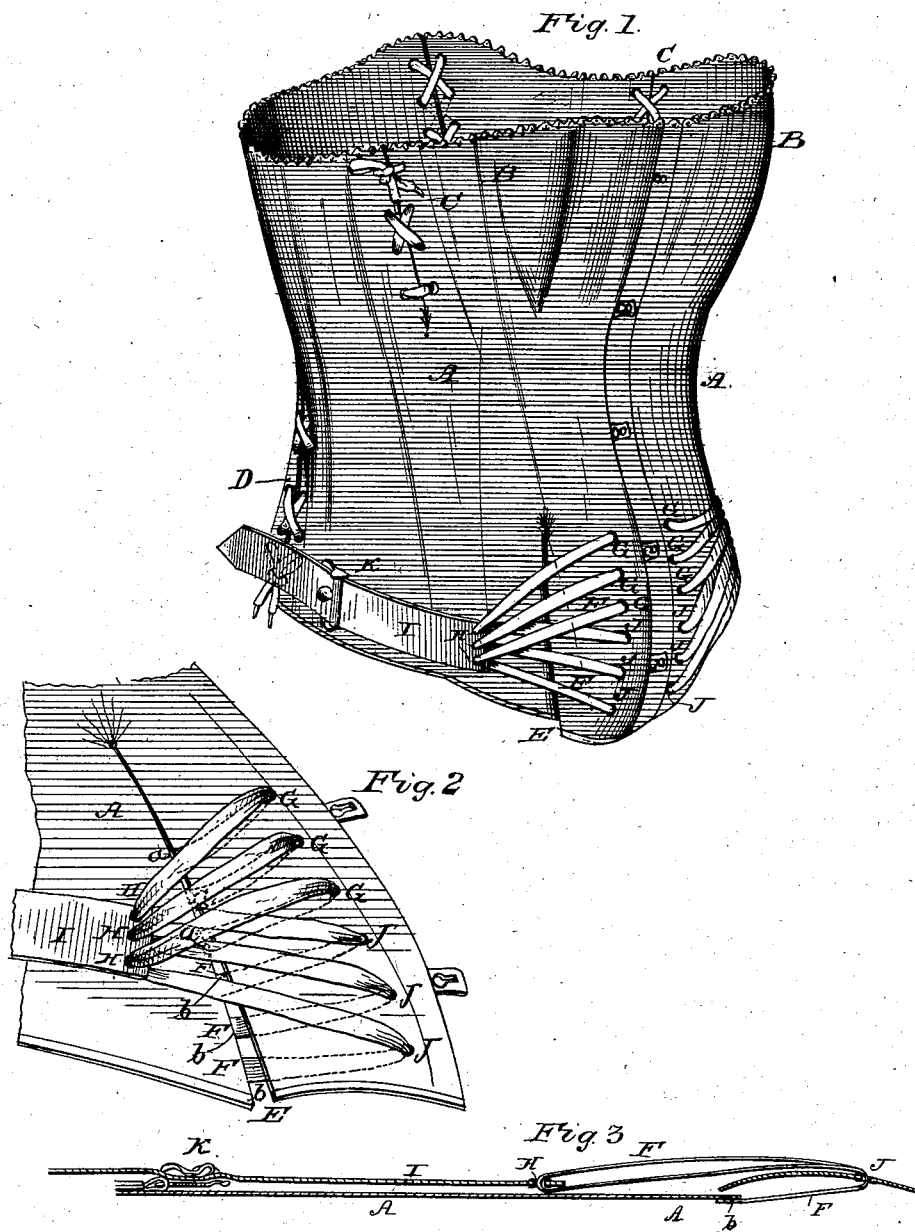
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. FOSTER, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved corset. Fig. 2 is a detail view, and Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional detail view.

Corresponding parts in the several figures are denoted by like letters of reference.

This invention relates to corsets; and it consists in certain improvements in the construction of the same, whereby they may be easily adjusted so as to fit the figure of the wearer and form an efficient and comfortable abdominal support, as will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

Referring to the drawings hereto annexed, A A represent the side sections or halves of my improved corsets, which are laced together in the usual manner in the back and provided in front with the usual steel clasps or fastenings. The upper edges of the side sections, A, are provided, adjoining the breast-pockets B, with slits C, the sides of which are laced together, as shown, so as to be readily adjustable. The lower edges of the sides A are provided near the back with similar slits, D, the sides of which are likewise laced together, so that the corsets may be readily fitted to any figure.

The lower edges of the side sections, A, are provided near the front with slits E, having cords or laces F attached to one of their sides, preferably the rear side, as shown, said cords or laces being secured equal distances apart, as at *a a a*, to the upper half of the side of the slit. The said cords or laces are then passed through eyelets G, located near the front edge of the corset, at some distance from the front edge of the slit, thence through eyelets H at

the end of a strap, I, thence through eyelets J, located near the front edge of the corset, below the eyelets G, and finally back to the rear side of the slit, where they are securely fastened, as at *b b b*, opposite the eyelets J.

K K are clasps secured to the sides A of the corsets, near their lower edges, to receive and hold the straps I in any position to which they may be adjusted.

In operation, by adjusting the straps K the slits E may be drawn together or left open to fit and support the abdomen.

It will be observed that by the construction described the sides of the slits may be made to overlap one another, which cannot be done when they are simply laced together, thus making the adjustment more comprehensive, and also causing the front of the corsets to curve rearward under the abdomen, for which an easy and natural support is thus formed.

I would have it understood that my invention may be applied not only, as herein described, to corsets, but also to abdominal supporters, which are made separate from and independent of the corsets and generally used in connection with corsets of ordinary construction. I therefore do not limit myself to corsets having the improvements herein described; but,

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

In a corset or abdominal supporter, the side section, A, having slit E and eyelets G J in front of said slit, in combination with the strap I, having eyelets H, the cords or laces F, secured to the inner side of the side section back of the slit, and passing, as described, through the eyelets G H J, and the clasp K, connecting the strap I adjustably to the side of the corset, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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