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fig. 1

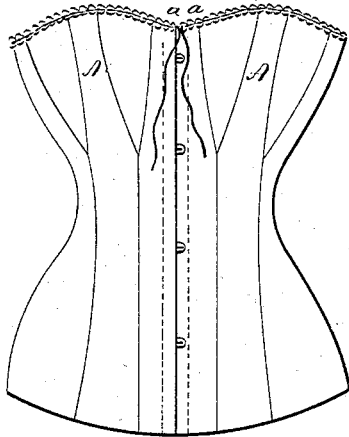


fig. 2

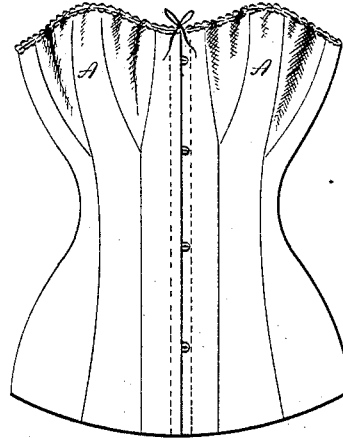


fig. 3

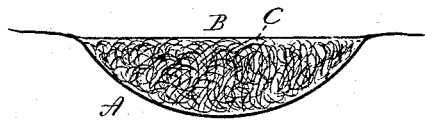


fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM STROUSE, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented a new Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the 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 front view; Fig. 2, the same, the breast portions contracted; Fig. 3, transverse section through the breast portion; Fig. 4, vertical section through the breast portion.

This invention relates to an improvement in corsets with special reference to the breast portion.

In the usual construction of corsets the breast portions project to such an extent that unless nature has provided the wearer with a form which will properly fill that portion of the corset and give a gradual slope from the front edge of the corset upward there will be an abrupt break at the upper edge, apparent through the dress of the wearer, unavoidable unless the pads be fitted to extend above the upper edge of the corset to produce that gradual slope. As the form of the wearer is so variable, it is impossible to cut a corset which will make up the deficiencies of nature in this part of the form.

The object of this invention is to construct a corset which may be adapted to the breast portion of the wearer's form, and to the variety of shapes of persons; and it consists in constructing the breast portion of the corset with a pocket into which a slight amount of filling may be introduced by the manufacturer or wearer, combined with a cord introduced across the upper edge of the breast portion from the rear to the front, whereby the person may draw up and contract the breast portions at the upper edge, thereby giving them an inward curvature, and avoid the abrupt break in the dress at the upper edge of the corset.

The general cut and outline of the corset does not differ from the usual and well-known construction. The sections are cut to the

shape required and stitched together in the usual manner, and so as to form the usual fullness or swell A at the breast. Upon the inside and across the breast portion an inside lining, B, extends from side to side, and preferably closed on all sides after the filling C has been introduced. This filling may be of hair or any of the well-known filling materials. Across the breast portion, from the rear edge toward the front or meeting edge, a cord, a, is introduced in a pocket prepared for it, or in the usual manner of introducing a "puckering-string," and should be so that the ends will extend at the center through the pockets sufficiently far to permit the strings to be tied. When placed upon the person the cords A A are drawn up until the upper edge of the corset is contracted and turned back close to the neck of the person, which will give to the corset the backward sloping appearance, as seen in Figs. 2 and 4, avoiding the usual abrupt break between the corset and the neck of the wearer, and also the employment of independent pads. A comparatively small amount of filling is necessary, only enough to give shape and body to the breast portion of the corset. Thus constructed not only is the use of independent pads avoided, but also the discomfort of such pads.

I claim—

1. A corset having the breast portion constructed so as to be contracted at the upper edge toward the neck of the wearer, and with a pocket at the upper edge of said breast portions, with a cord inserted in said pockets, whereby the upper edge of the said breast portions may be contracted and turned in toward the neck of the wearer, substantially as described.

2. A corset having the breast portions provided with the inner lining, B, forming a pocket to receive the filling, combined with cords across or through the upper edge of the breast portion, whereby that edge may be contracted, substantially as described.

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