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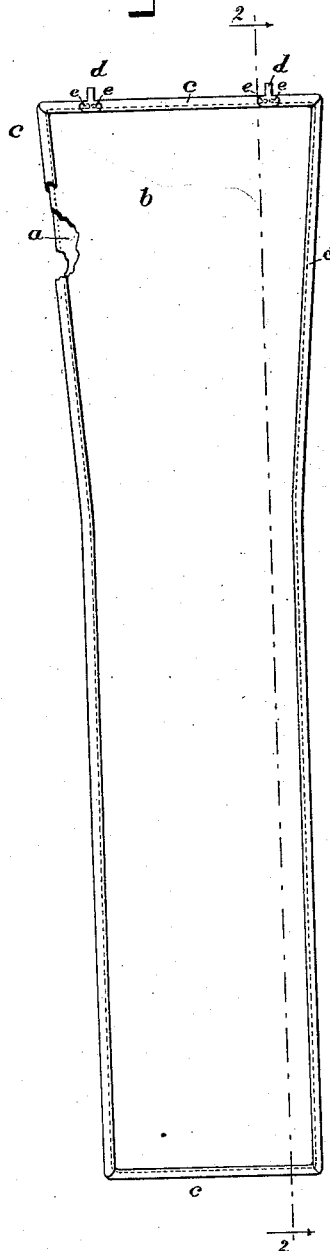
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CORSET PROTECTOR.

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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CORSET-PROTECTOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLENE A. BAILEY, a resident of St. Charles, in the county of St. Charles and State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corset-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a protector or shield to be worn with corsets; and the object of my improvement is to provide a protector having an impermeable or moisture-resisting surface, and having means for attaching it to the corset, whereby the busks and clasps and inclosing material are preserved from injury and rust caused by the moisture or perspiration of the body. This object I attain by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a corset-protector embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the same, taken on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1.

This protector or shield is designed to be attached by the wearer to the front of the corset at its top edge, inside of the busk and clasps, so as to afford a protection against the corset becoming moistened by perspiration from the body. It is composed of two or more thicknesses of material, the outer one, or one designed to lie next to the corset, being of cloth, *a*, and the inner one, *b*, being of oil-silk. The strip is made of a proper length to extend from about the top to the bottom of the corset, and it is made of a greater width at the top, tapering inward to about one-third of its length, from which point to the bottom its width is the same. The edges of the strip are secured together by a narrow binding, *c*, which extends entirely around the same. To the top edge of the strip so formed is secured the attaching-hooks or hook-pins *d*, preferably

one on each side, the hooks having a needle-like point to enable them to be readily pressed into the body of the corset. The body of the hook-pin is flat, and provided with barbs *e*, by which it is secured to the strip. These hook-pins may also be provided upon the side of the strip; but two upon the top edge have been found to be all that is necessary.

Before clasping the corset the wearer first attaches the protector to its top by means of the hook-pins, and then laying the strip evenly along and under one edge, the other edge of the corset can be clasped over it, and it will lie in a perfectly smooth position beneath the busks and clasps. In adjusting the protector, of course the side *b*, composed of the oil-silk or other moisture-repellent material, is placed next to the person of the wearer.

I do not intend to confine myself to the use of oil-silk alone for covering the inner surface of the protector, as thin rubber cloth or any other suitable impermeable material may be made to serve the purpose as well.

My protector is designed to be furnished as an article complete in itself, independent of the corset, and to be attached to the corset and worn therewith only as the wearer of the corset may desire.

What I claim as new, and desire to protect by Letters Patent, is—

The corset-protector herein described, consisting of a strip of fibrous material and a strip of oil-silk united together by a binding around the edges, and having hooks or pins provided on its edges, whereby it may be detachably secured to the corset, as and for the purpose set forth.

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