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Fig. 1.

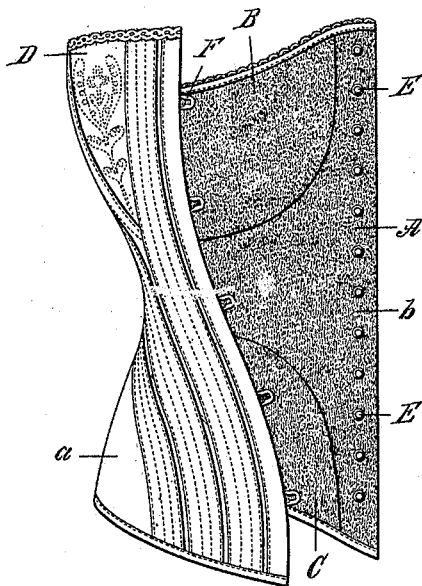
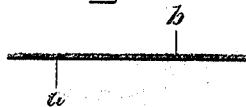


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BYRON BALDWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Methods of Manufacturing Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to produce a corset which may be worn next to the person without the slightest inconvenience and with perfect comfort at all times to the wearer. With this end in view I have devised the novel method of manufacturing of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective of one-half of a corset made according to my invention, and Fig. 2 is a section of the material of which the corset is composed.

A is the body-section, B the under arm-section, C hip-section, and D the bust-gore, of an ordinary "Thomson Glove Fitting Corset."

E indicates eyelet-holes at the back, and F the usual clasps at the front.

The peculiarity of my invention is that I make the entire corset of a specially-made heavy-fleeced jean. The fleece is produced upon one side of the material only, and is in fact a nap similar to the nap of canton-flannel, and produced in precisely the same manner.

It will of course be understood that my invention is not limited to any special style of corset, and that corsets embodying my invention may be constructed in the usual or in any preferred form.

In the final finishing of the corset—that is, in starching and ironing—especial care must be taken.

For convenience in description, I have indicated the smooth side of the fabric by *a* in the drawings, and the fleeced side by *b*. In starching the corsets are stretched upon tables, and great care is taken that the starch shall not penetrate the fabric. After starching the corset is ironed and polished upon the tables in the usual manner. The result is that I produce a thoroughly-stiffened and beautifully-finished corset upon the outer side without in any manner injuring or affecting the heavy fleece or nap upon the back of the fabric, which has now become the inner side of the corset. I thus wholly avoid the harshness and roughness of all lined or unlined stitched corsets now upon the market, and combine in a simple and inexpensive corset the advantages of construction peculiar to stitched corsets, and produce at the same time a much softer and pleasanter corset to wear than the finest woven or lined corset.

There has been for some time a demand for a low-priced corset that could be worn next to the person with perfect comfort to the wearer. This requirement is not met by any corset now known to the trade.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

The method hereinbefore described of manufacturing corsets, the said method consisting in forming the corsets of properly-shaped sections of fabric having a soft nap or fleece on its inner side, starching or otherwise artificially stiffening the outer surfaces only of the corsets, and then ironing the said outer surfaces to smoothen and finish the same, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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