

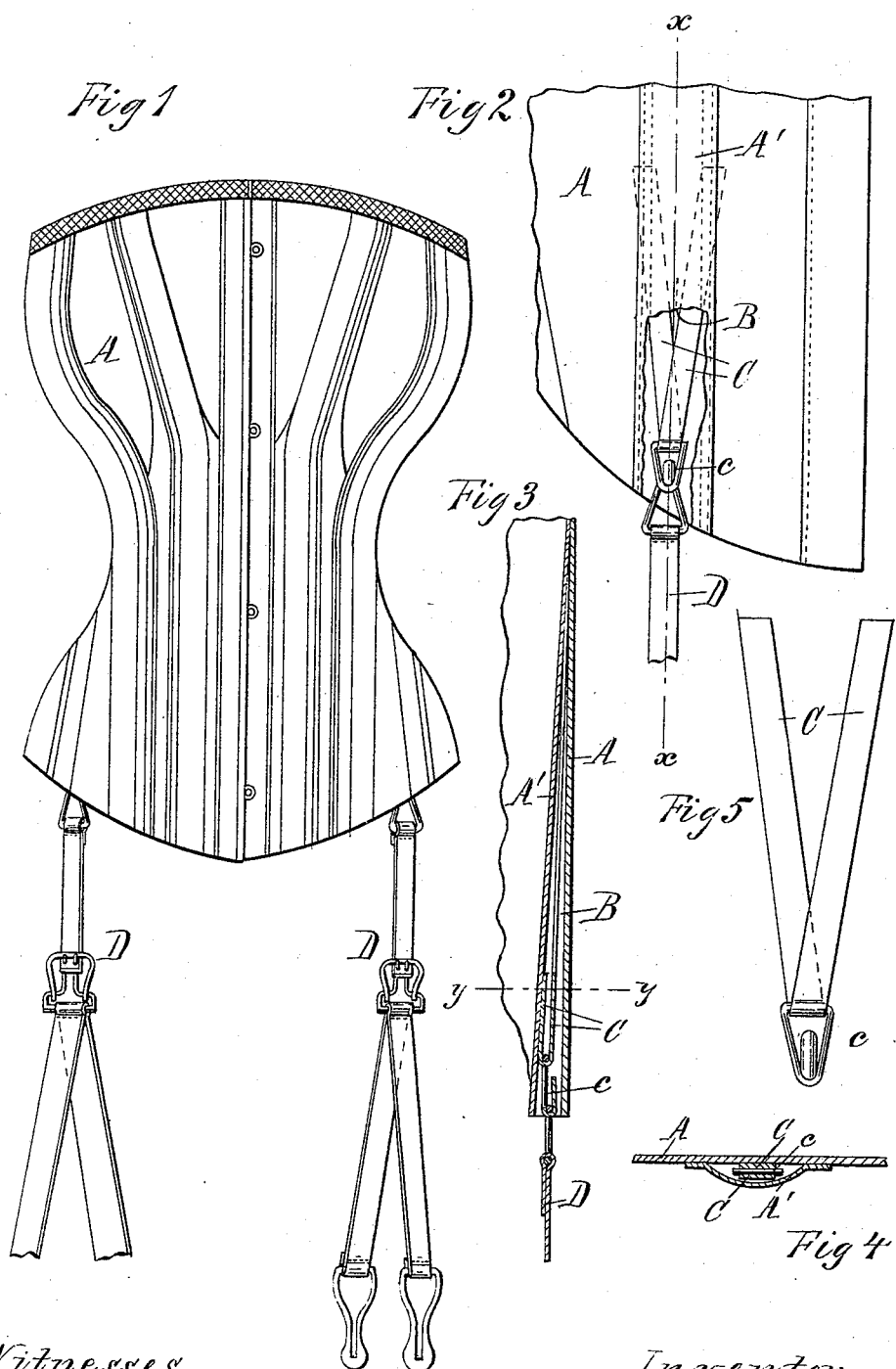
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HANNAH M. BORTREE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Madison, in the county of Dane and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Supporters, which are fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset having my device applied thereto; Fig. 2, an interior view of a portion of the same; Fig. 3, a sectional view on the line *xx* of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a sectional view on the line *yy* of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 a view of the supporting device detached.

Like letters refer to like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to stocking-supporters, and more particularly to a device adapted to be attached to a corset or underwaist to form a means of connecting therewith the usual stocking-supporter, its object being to so attach the said device to the corset or underwaist that it shall be concealed from observation under ordinary circumstances, and will be always held in proper position; and to these ends it consists in arranging certain novel features, hereinafter specified, and pointed out in the claim.

I will now proceed to describe a construction in which my invention is practically carried out in one form, and will then specifically point out in the claim those features which I deem to be new and desire to protect by Letters Patent.

In the drawings, A represents a corset of any approved construction, and B pockets formed therein, one of these pockets being located on each side of the body at a convenient point. These pockets are formed in any suitable manner, being preferably constructed by attaching by its edges a strip, A', to the inner side of the corset, as shown in detail in Fig. 4 of the drawings. Within this pocket B is secured the pendent support C, to which the stocking-supporter proper is attached, this pendent support consisting of an elastic band doubled upon itself, and having its ends attached to the corset-body, while the body portion hangs within the pocket B, extending nearly but not quite to the lower end of the

said pocket, which is open at this point, and being provided at its point of flexure with a suitable catch, *c*, by means of which the stocking-supporter proper, D, may be attached to it.

It will be seen upon an inspection of Figs. 1, 2, and 3 that the entire supporting device is normally within the pocket B, and concealed thereby, so that when the stocking-supporter proper is not attached thereto the corset presents all the appearance of an ordinary corset, while at the same time, if it be desired to use the supporter D, it may readily be attached to the support C in an obvious manner. It will be seen that in this construction the pendent supports are secured in position by means of the same seam which secures the piece forming the pocket to the corset, thus providing an effective and at the same time labor-saving means for securing the same in position.

It is obvious that various modifications in the construction shown in the drawings and set forth in the preceding description may be made without departing from the principle of my invention. For instance, the pockets may be formed at other points than those shown, either on the inside or the outside of the body.

Instead of attaching the fixed end of the said support below the waist-line, as shown in the drawings, it may be attached at a point above the waist-line, if desired, although I deem the construction shown preferable.

Any approved form of stocking-supporter may be employed instead of the supporter D shown in the drawings, as the said supporter forms no part of my present invention, and any approved form of catch *c* may be employed to secure the same, and when the stocking-supporter employed is provided at its upper end with a clasp of such a nature as to take a secure hold upon the material itself of the support C the catch *c* may be entirely dispensed with.

It is also obvious that although I have shown and described my invention as used to support stocking-supporters, the pockets may be arranged to open at the upper edge of the corset, and the pieces C will serve as points of attachment for shoulder-straps in an obvious manner.

It will be understood that although I have shown and described my invention as applied to a corset, it is equally adapted for application to underwaists or other garments of kindred nature. I therefore do not wish to be un-

derstood as limiting myself strictly to the precise details of construction hereinbefore set forth, and shown in the drawings, reserving the right to make such alterations as may fairly come within the scope of my invention.

I am aware of Letters Patent No. 154,239, granted to Thomas S. Gilbert, August 18, 1874, which show a corset having pockets with external openings at the waist portion thereof, and having wire garment-supporters arranged in these pockets and projecting outward from the same at the lower end, and connected at their upper ends to suspenders or shoulder-straps.

I am also aware of Letters Patent No. 231,414, granted August 24, 1880, to S. B. Ferris, and I do not wish to be understood as claiming anything shown in said Letters Patent.

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

The combination, with the corset or underwaist having one or more pockets, B, formed by attaching thereto the edges of the strips A', of the supports C, arranged within the said pockets, and each consisting of an elastic band doubled upon itself, and having its ends attached to the corset or underwaist by means of the seams which secure the strip A', substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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