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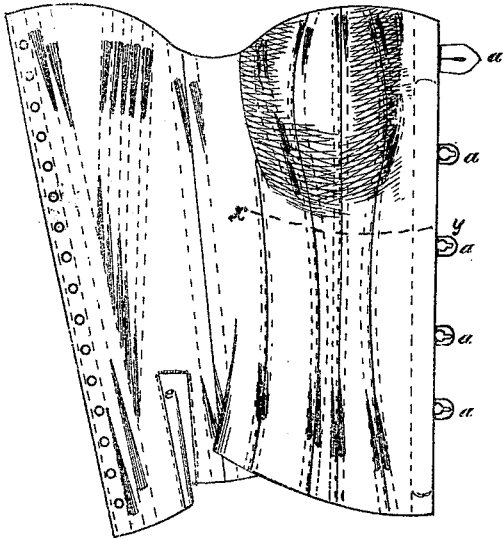


Fig. 1.

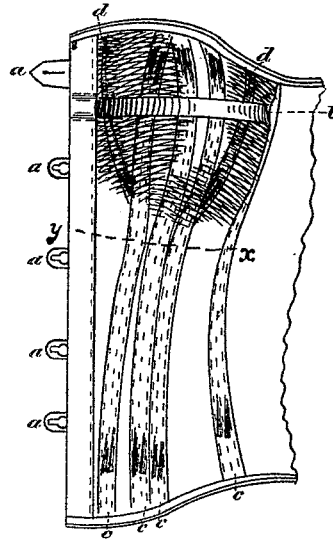


Fig. 2.

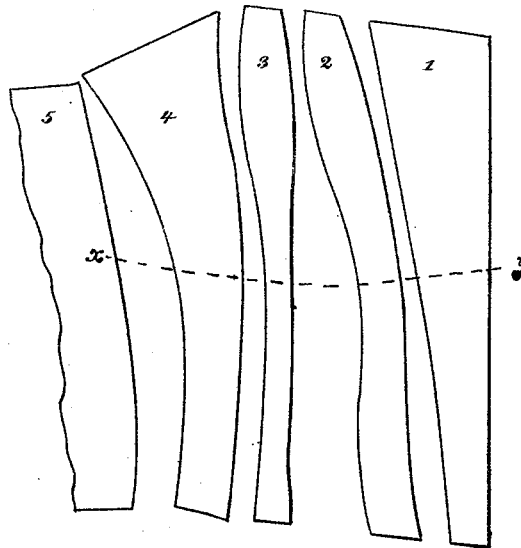


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH F. FOLLETTE, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Corset, of which the following is a specification:

The invention relates to an improvement in corsets, which improvement consists in so forming that part of the corset covering the breasts that requisite or desirable fullness is given the corset without padding, and ease and comfort to the wearer when no padding is necessary; and said formation is effected by the peculiar shape of the several pieces united and composing the said part of the corset covering the breasts, and by the several stays, giving stiffness and support to the swell form of the corset.

The accompanying drawing, which is made a part of the specification, will illustrate my invention.

Figure 1 represents half of the corset, and shows the outside and front view; and Fig. 2 represents the same half of the corset, and shows the inside of the same; and Fig. 3 shows the several pieces, separate, which, when united, form the part covering the breast.

a a, &c., represent the front fastenings of the corset; *b*, a cross-stay over the swell of the breast; *c c, &c.*, stays running lengthwise of the corset; *d d*, oblique stays in the swell of the part covering the breast; and *e* a piece inserted in the lower part of each back piece of the corset.

The corset has fastenings and lacings front and rear.

Each half of the corset is formed of six pieces, running lengthwise of the same, with an additional short piece inserted at the bottom, as shown in Fig. 1, marked *e*, and the several pieces forming that part going over the breast are designated, respectively, by the numerals 1 2 3 4 5, shown in Fig. 3. The piece marked 1 has one straight edge, upon which edge are the fastenings *a a, &c.* The adjacent edges of these several pieces are of the same length, while the forms of these pieces are different.

By uniting these adjacent edges shown in Fig. 3, and inserting a stay lengthwise near the edges of each piece, the corset will assume the swell form over the breast shown in Figs. 1 and 2; and in order to keep the swell form over the breast stable in shape, and sufficiently rigid, I have added a cross-

stay, *b*, on the inside of the swell form of the corset, and the short stays *d d*, running obliquely, as shown in Fig. 2.

When the described pieces 1 2 3 4 5 are united, by seams, by their adjacent edges, that part of the corset over the breast will assume a natural and graceful swell, in which no unnatural and injurious padding will be required, and the corset can be worn with ease and comfort.

Of course, the stays running lengthwise, crosswise, and obliquely over the breast are not new in their arrangement; but the peculiar form and shape of the several pieces united, and composing that part of the corset over the breast, and rendered rigid by the described stays, are new.

A dotted line will be observed in each of the three figures, marked at its extremities by the letters *x y*.

What shall be the form and length of the said five enumerated pieces below this dotted line is of little consequence, so long as the peculiar formation of said pieces above said dotted line is preserved, and the described stays are the same—that is, the described pieces 1 2 3 4 5, in combination with the described stays above the said dotted line, may be used in a corset different in form in its other parts than the corset herein described.

I am aware that a patent has been granted to Francis W. Perrott, dated January 9, 1877, for a corset with two central sections of special shape and construction, extending from the upper to the lower edges of the corset; and I do not, therefore, claim my invention, broadly, to include a corset of the construction described and shown by said patent; but

What I do claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A corset, each breast-covering part of which, above the dotted line *x y*, is composed of the pieces numbered 1 2 3 4 5, shaped for the pad, as described, and said pieces being continuous from top to bottom of said corset, in combination with the stays *b c c c c d d*, the whole being constructed and combined substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

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