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Corsets.

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FIG. 1.

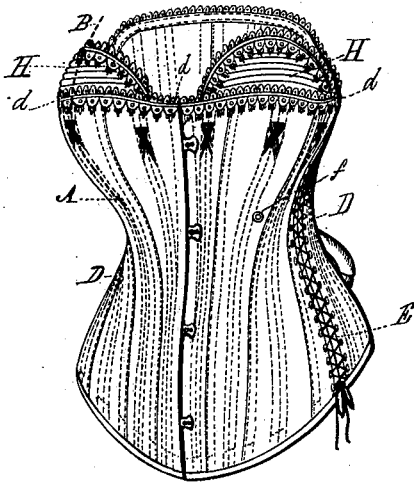


FIG. 2.

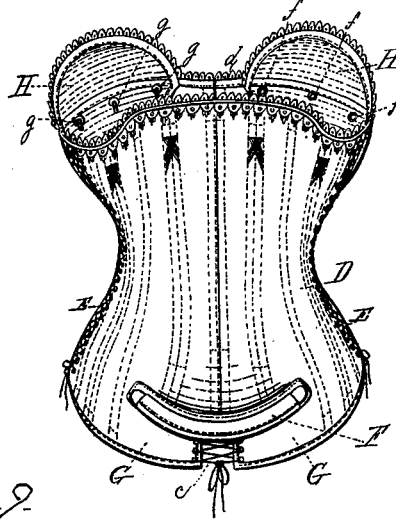


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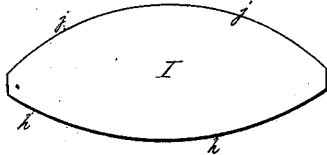


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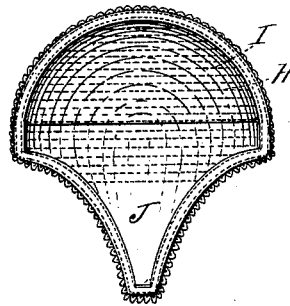


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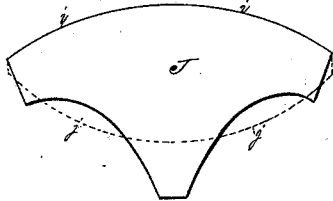


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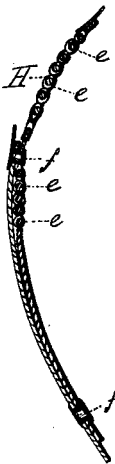


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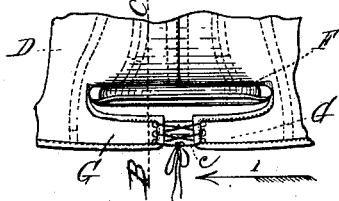
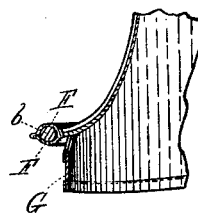


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **198,597**, dated December 25, 1877; application filed November 20, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LAVINIA H. FOY, of the city and county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a corset embracing my said improvements. Fig. 2 represents a back view of the corset shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 represents the upper part of one of my extra bosom-forms, and Fig. 4 the lower part of the same. Fig. 5 represents an inside view of the bosom-form after it has been completed, ready to be attached to the corset, as hereinafter described. Fig. 6 represents a section on line A B, Fig. 1. Fig. 7 represents a section of the back of the corset, as will be hereinafter explained. Fig. 8 represents a section on line B C, Fig. 7; and Fig. 9 represents a section through a portion of the breast-form and corset-front, illustrating one way of securing the form to the front of the corset, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, I will proceed to describe the invention more in detail.

My improved corset D is cut to fit the form, and provided, as other corsets are, with the usual stiffeners and clasps. It is also provided with side lacings E. Just below the waist-line a rim or bustle, F, is combined with the back of the corset. This rim or bustle is made with a pocket, which may be expanded by inserting a reed or bone, *b*; or it may be filled with hemp, cotton, or other suitable material.

The corset has straps or lacing-pieces G combined or joined to the side forms of the back, at the lower or bottom part of the corset or waist, that are intended to meet near the center of the back, where they are laced together, as indicated at *c* of the drawings; or they may be secured together by buckles, or in any other convenient way. By this arrangement and combination of the parts of

the corset a very nice fit over the hips is secured, while at the same time the arrangement tends to keep the corset firmly in place upon the person of the wearer. The arrangement of the lacing parts or straps G below the rim or bustle enables the corset to be made with a continuous and close-fitting connection between the sides, thereby enabling the corset to be lengthened over the hips, which is a very desirable object.

My improved corset D is provided with extra bosom-forms H, which serve to keep the front of the corset in perfect shape. These extra bosom-forms are made convex in shape, and extend both above and below the upper edge *d* of the corset. They are provided, both in the upper and lower half, with stiffeners *e*, which have the effect to expand and keep in form the front or bust of the corset, thereby enabling a very stylish fit of dress to be obtained over the same. These forms are exceedingly light, cool, and flexible, and, being made separate from the corset, can be conveniently attached by means of eyelets *f* or hooks *g*; and by providing the form with a series of eyelets, *f*, they can be adjusted up or down upon the hooks *g*, secured to the front of the corset. Of course, if preferred, they may be laced on or applied in any convenient way.

Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 are drawn to an enlarged scale, for the purpose of illustrating the invention more fully.

In making the extra bosom-forms, the edge *h* of the part I is stitched to the edge *i* of the part J, and during the operation of stitching said edges together the part I is turned down by the side of piece J, as indicated in dotted lines, Fig. 4.

The lower part of the piece J may be cut in a different form—more rounded or curved—if preferred.

Having described my improvements in corsets, what I claim therein as new and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with the sides of the corset extended down over the hips, of the back-straps or extensions G G, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. The combination, with the back of a cor-

set, of a short bustle or rim, F, and independent uniting straps or extensions G G below the bustle and waist-line of the corset, as described.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, a corset provided with extra bosom-forms H H, rim or bustle F, back lacing or extension

pieces G G, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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