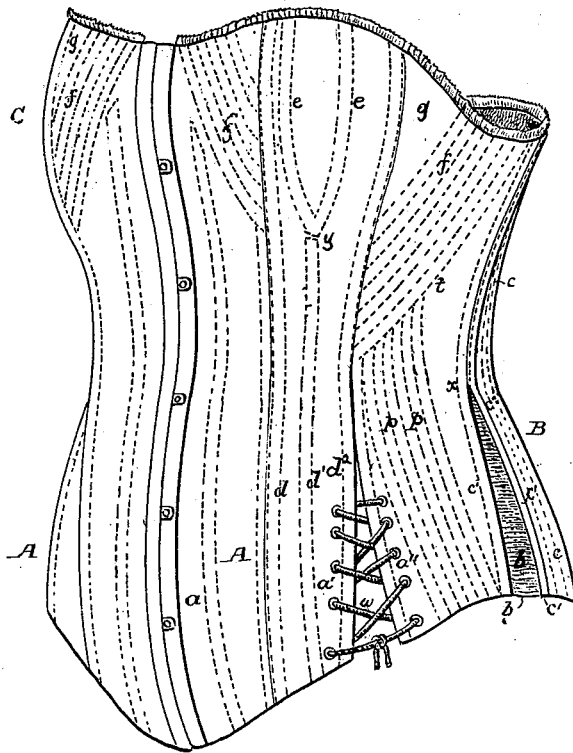


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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BLOHM, of McGrawville, Cortland county, New York, have invented Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is a corset, constructed as fully described hereinafter, to afford the necessary side support without undue stiffness over the hips, to obtain a better fit and the requisite support at the front without too great rigidity.

The perspective view in the accompanying drawing shows a corset with my improvements.

A A are the front sections of the corset, each consisting, in the present instance, of three pieces, *a a' a''*, extending the entire length of the corset, and B is the back section, which, in the present instance, is united to the portion *a'* from the upper edge to a point, *x*, at some distance from the lower edge, leaving a space between for the insertion of a  $\Lambda$ -shaped gore, *b*, of elastic material.

The sections of the corset are so cut that the gore *b* occupies a position directly upon the hip, and immediately adjacent to a series of ribs, *c*, extending from the lower to the upper edge at the side of the corset directly beneath the arm.

There is a rib or bone, *c'*, at each of the adjacent edges of the sections *a''* B, and extending down on both sides of the elastic gore, for the purpose described hereinafter.

Each front section of the corset is strengthened by two ribs, *d d'*, extending the whole length, and by an intermediate rib, *d'*, extending from the lower edge to a point, *y*, from which diverge two short ribs, *e*.

On opposite sides of the section *a'* are series of inclined ribs *f*, spreading outward toward the top, leaving flexible portions *g*, and in the section *a''* is a series of ribs, *p*, extending from the lower edge to the lowermost of the ribs *f* at an angle to the latter.

The corset is stiffened and the requisite support beneath the arm is obtained by means of the long ribs *c c'*, extending from top to bottom at this point. It will be noted, however, that these bones at the lower ends pass both in front and back of the hip, leaving space for the elastic gore *b*, which, while serv-

ing to secure the close fit so desirable at this point, will yield to accommodate the corset to the form, as well as to the changing positions of the wearer.

As the bones *c c'* extend on both sides of the gore, they prevent the latter from drawing up and wrinkling the corset at this point.

The ribs *d d'* give stiffness to the corset sufficient to preserve its general outline without rendering it inflexible, and the ribs *d' e e*, owing to the break at the point *y*, permit the corset at this point to adapt itself to the wearer, while retaining the shape of the breast portion C.

The requisite stiffness but necessary flexibility of the corset at this portion is further insured by the arrangement of diagonal ribs *f* in relation to the vertical ribs *p*, maintaining the general outline, but leaving flexible portions on the lines *t*.

Where the corset is very long, it may be made adjustable by dividing it at the lower edge and providing it with laces *w*, which cooperate with the elastic gores *b* to secure a close fit, yielding readily, however, to the movements of the wearer.

I claim—

1. A corset provided with stiffening-ribs, having  $\Lambda$ -shaped slits directly over the hips, in which are inserted  $\Lambda$ -shaped elastic gores, filling the slits and extending across and resting on the hips, all as set forth.

2. The combination, in a corset, of the elastic  $\Lambda$ -shaped hip-gores *b*, and ribs extending from directly below the arms, and stiffening the opposite edges of said gores, as described.

3. The combination, in the front of the corset, of the bone *d'*, extending to the point *y*, the bones *e e* diverging from said point, and bones *d d'*, as set forth.

4. The combination, in a corset, of the  $\Lambda$ -shaped elastic gore extending across the hip, and regulated by the lacings *w* of a front slit, as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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