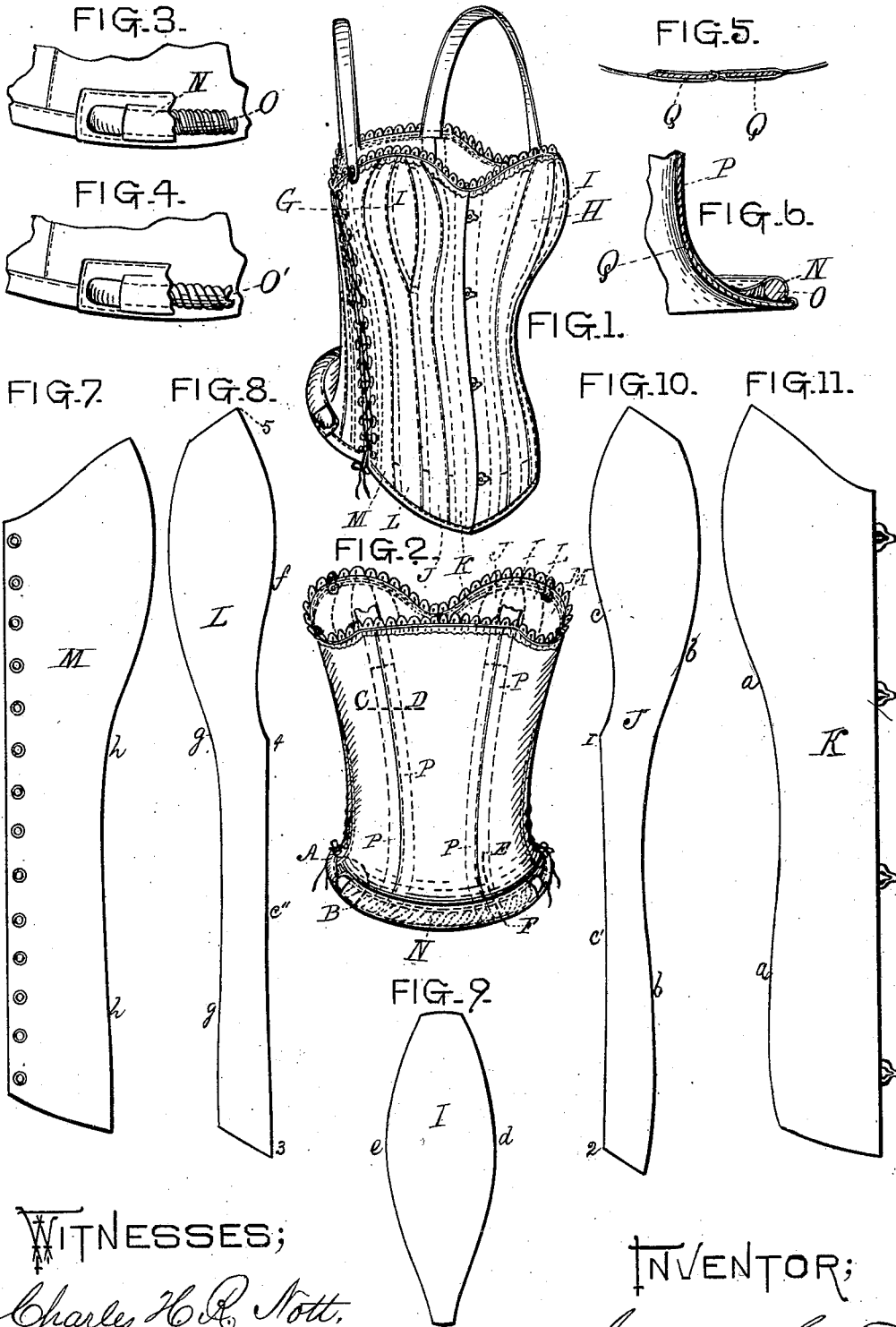


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. FOY, of the city and county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset Skirt-Supporters; 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 with my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 represents a rear or back view of the same tipped slightly downward, that the skirt-supporting portion of the corset may be illustrated more clearly, as will be hereinafter more fully explained. Fig. 3 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a top or plan view of a section of the corset skirt-supporter upon line A B, Fig. 2, with a portion of the coiled spring projecting from its case, as will be hereinafter explained. Fig. 4 represents a similar view to that shown in Fig. 3, with the exception that, in lieu of the coiled spring for extending the skirt-supporting part, a cord is substituted for that purpose. Fig. 5 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a cross-section on line C D, Fig. 2. Fig. 6 represents, upon an enlarged scale, a vertical section on line E F, Fig. 2; and Figs. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 represent, upon an enlarged scale, as compared with Figs. 1 and 2, the forms of the separate pieces from which the breast portion of one side of the corset is made. The breast portion of the other side is made from pieces of the same shape, but arranged in reverse direction.

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

My present improved corset skirt-supporter embraces several new features, which, practically considered, are of great value and utility; and these novel features are shown and represented in combination with the Madame Foy corset skirt-supporter, the general construction of which is well known; and, therefore, it will be only necessary for me to describe my particular improvements.

The breast portion of my corset skirt-supporter is made in two sections, G and H, and

I will now describe the manner of making breast-section G. Five pieces of peculiar shape are employed for this purpose, viz: a central gore-piece, I, and the side pieces J, K, L, and M. These pieces are stitched together, as follows: The back edge *a* of the front piece K is stitched to the front edge *b* of the piece J, while the rear edge *c* of the piece J is stitched to the edge *d* of the piece I down to the point 1, and from the point 1 to the point 2 the edge *c'* of the piece J is stitched to the edge *c''* of the piece L, being from the point 3 to 4, while the rear edge *e* of the piece I is stitched to the edge *f* of the piece L—that is, from point 4 to 5—and the section is completed by the rear edge *g* of the piece L being stitched to the front edge *h* of the piece M. Said pieces may, of course, be stitched together in any desired order, provided, when the whole is completed, the edges above named shall be stitched together, as stated.

By stitching together the peculiar curved edges *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*, *g*, and *h*—one set for each side, as before explained—the required shape is obtained for a symmetrical and well-formed breast portion to a corset, as is fully shown by reference to the accompanying drawings.

The front edge of the piece K, on one side of the corset, is provided with clasps, and the other with hooks or projections for securing the corset about the person in the usual manner. The rear edges of the pieces M are provided with eyelets for lacing with the next adjoining piece. The back portion of my improved corset skirt-supporter is made short and flaring at the bottom, the same as in the before-mentioned Madame Foy corset skirt-supporter; but, instead of using a reed or other rigid material for expanding the lower portion, I insert in a pocket, N, a spiral or coiled spring, O, and which spring or coil can be made of any suitable metal; or, if desired, a stiff cord, O', can be used, as seen in Fig. 4.

Another novel feature of my invention will now be described.

I insert in suitable pockets P stays or springs Q in the back, with their lower ends curved in such a manner as to conform to the cut or shape of the lower back portion for supporting the skirts. These curved stays can be made of metal or other suitable material, and

a greater or less number used, as may be desired or found necessary.

By using the flexible rim and curved stays I am enabled to produce a corset skirt-supporter that can be rolled in a compact form, and thus save much space and expense in packing, and, besides, enable the manufacturer and dealer to present the goods to his customers in a much more comely shape than he has heretofore been able to do with the rigid-rim style.

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

1. The combination of the pieces I, J, K, L, and M to form the breast portion of a corset, substantially as shown and described.

2. A bosom-pad corset in which the gores, tapering toward each end, are inserted between separate sections, the edges of which are sewed together below the gores in seams parallel with the front edges of the corset, substantially as shown, and for the purposes specified.

3. The curved stays Q, in combination with a corset flaring at the lower end or portion of the back, substantially as described.

4. The combination, in a skirt-supporting corset, of the curved stays Q with a flexible rim, substantially as shown and described.

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