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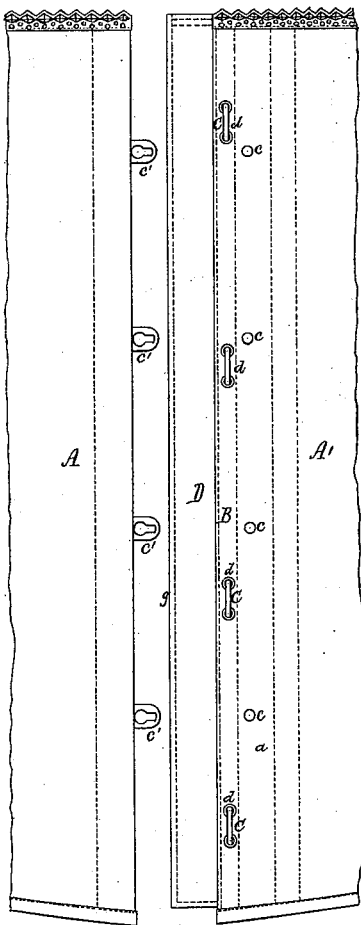


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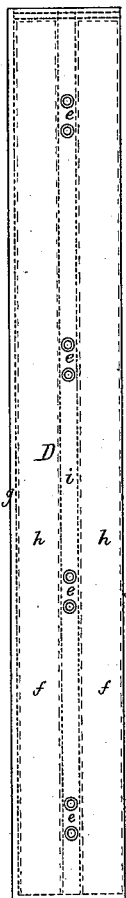


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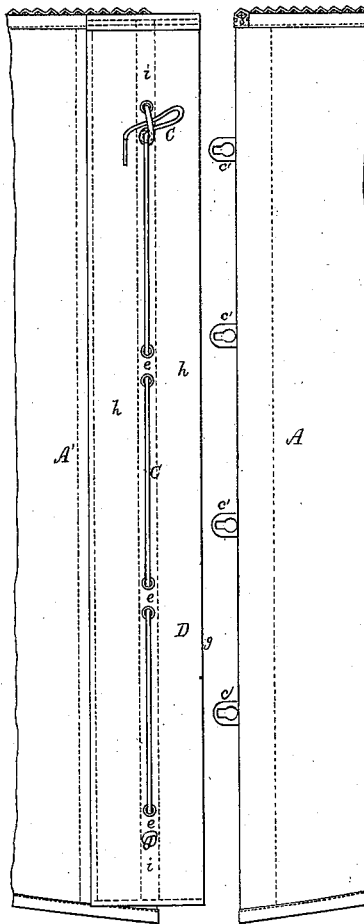
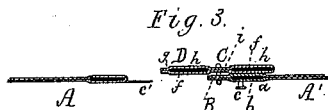


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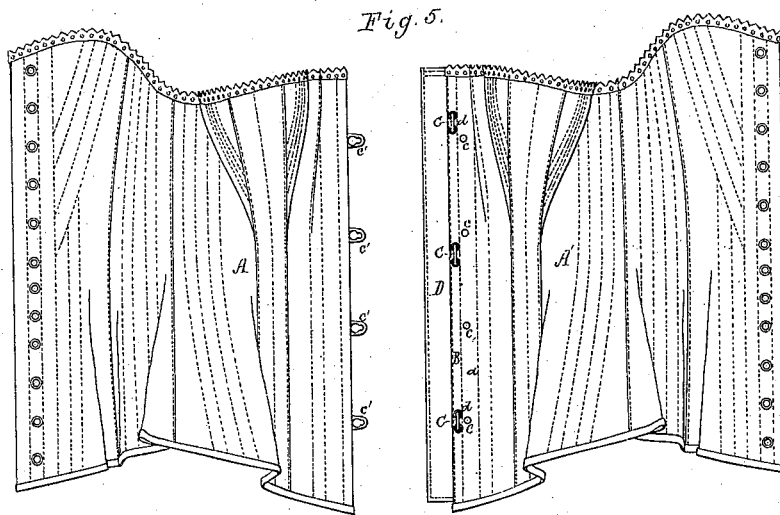
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EVERETT W. BIGELOW, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets and Busks therefor; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 denotes an outer side elevation, Fig. 2 a rear view, and Fig. 3 a transverse section, of the front portions of the two separate body parts of a corset, my invention being shown as applied thereto. Fig. 4 is a side view of the separate or detachable busk without its lacing.

The invention consists, first, in a corset provided at its inner edges with connecting studs and clasps and supporting-steels therefor, and having arranged between such steels, and projecting from one of the two body portions, a fly, as described, to connect with the corset a detachable busk separate from the said studs, clasps, and steels; second, in a corset provided at its front edges with connecting studs and clasps and their supporting-steels, and also having a fly and a detachable busk, all being arranged and combined essentially as set forth; third, in the busk as composed of two steels and a covering therefor, having separate pockets for reception of such steels, and also having between such pockets a space provided with lacing holes or eyelets, or with such and a lacing, all being substantially as represented.

When a busk is permanently fixed or sewed in or to a corset and becomes accidentally broken, as frequently happens, in such cases much inconvenience as well as loss is occasioned thereby, especially when the party having the corset is not conveniently situated for having it repaired.

In carrying out my improvement, I construct one of the body parts A A' of the corset with a flexile fly, B, arranged along its inner edge, or to project from the front-steel pocket, *a*, in manner as represented, the steel *b* of such pocket being furnished with a series of buttons or fastening-studs, *c*, projecting from it in the usual manner, to engage with a set of loops, clasps, or catches, *c'*, projecting from a corresponding steel inserted in

the opposite part A of the corset. The said fly I provide with a series or sets of lacing holes or eyelets, *d*, which may be arranged in it in pairs, in manner as shown. This fly is for connecting to its body part A' the detachable busk D, which also has a corresponding series or sets of lacing holes or eyelets, *e*, arranged in it in like manner, to receive with those of the fly a lacing, C, which I usually fasten at one end directly to the busk, or, having laced it through the fly and the busk, I properly secure or tie it to itself at or near its ends.

Instead of the lacing and holes, as described, buttons and button-holes may be employed to connect the busk and fly; but with the lacing an additional advantage is gained—that is, the busk may be curved more less, and its curve be retained by drawing the lacing tight and fastening it at its free end to itself or the busk.

The busk I usually compose of two parallel steels, *f f*, and a covering, *g*, having pockets *h h* to receive them, there being a narrow space of cloth, *i*, between the two pockets, to receive the lacing holes or eyelets, as represented. This mode of constructing the busk is productive of advantages, as it enables the busk to be folded along its middle, one half upon the other, and enables the busk to fit or better adjust itself to the wearer than would be the case were its covering to contain one wide band of steel only.

Fig. 5 is an elevation of the two entire body portions A A' of the corset provided with the detachable busk.

I am aware that before my invention corsets have been provided in their fronts with detachable springs, such being as shown in Patents Nos. 86,183, 48,045, 167,958, and 201,490, all of which, though in some respects like my invention, differ very materially therefrom in others, as will be seen by reference to such patents.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as such is as follows—that is to say:

1. A corset provided at its inner edges with connecting-studs *c* and clasps *c'*, and their supporting-steels, as set forth, and having arranged between the said steels, and projecting from one of the body parts A A' of the cor-

set, a fly, B, as described, to connect with the corset a detachable busk, D, separate from said studs, clasps, and their supporting-steels, all being substantially as represented.

2. A corset, A A', provided at its front edges with connecting-studs *c* and clasps *c'*, and their supporting-steels, and also having a fly, B, and a detachable busk, D, arranged with and applied to such fly, substantially as set forth.

3. A busk, D, composed of two steels and of a covering therefor, having arranged in it, as shown, separate pockets for reception of such steels, and also having between such pockets lacing holes or eyelets or devices for

fastening or aiding in fastening the busk to a corset.

4. A detachable busk composed of two sheets and a covering thereto, arranged as explained, and composed of two steels and a covering therefor, provided with pockets for their reception, and also having between such pocket lacing holes or eyelets arranged in it, and having a lacing attached to it, to serve with such eyelets or holes to fix it to a corset, as explained.

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