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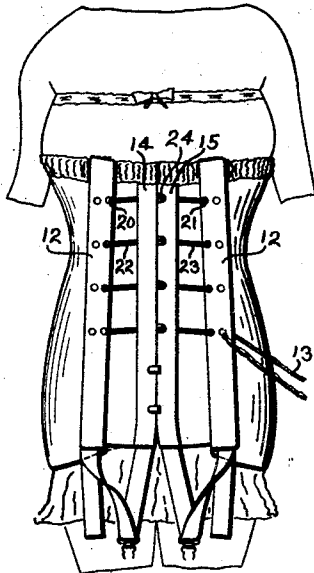


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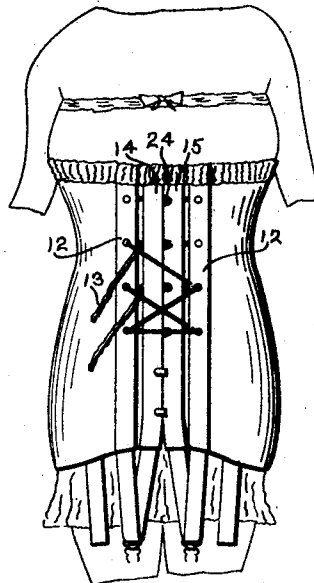


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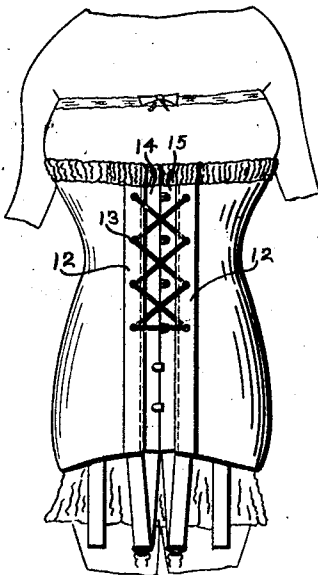
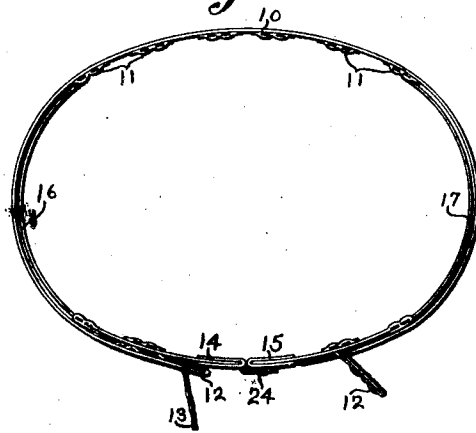


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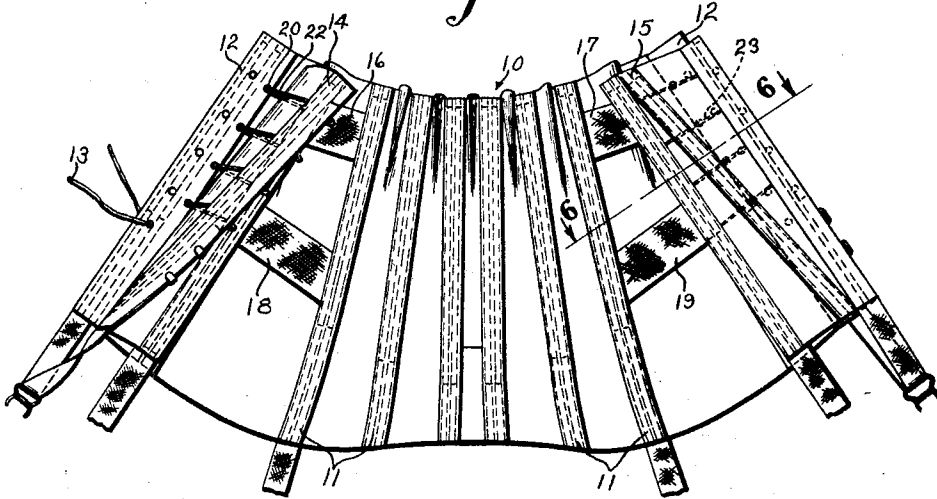


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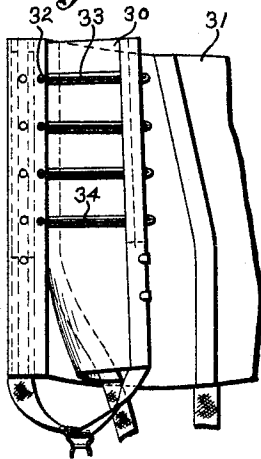


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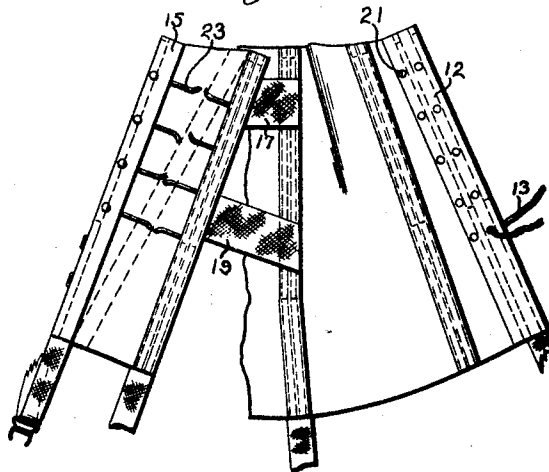


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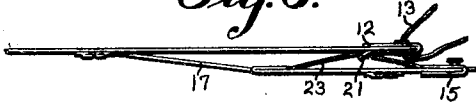
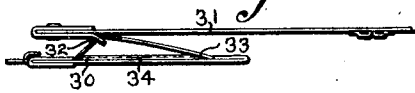


Fig. 9.



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This invention relates to an improvement in corsets, and more particularly to a corset wherein a vest, abdominal support or the like, is arranged within the body portion of the corset proper. The term vest is used merely to indicate an additional body embracing member, and it will be understood that this member may be used at the back of the corset as well as the front, or that the garment may be either a back or a front lace corset; and it will also be understood that the terms back lace or front lace corset refer to whether the corset opens at the back or front, and, as far as the particular manner of securing the meeting edges is concerned, the corset may be either buckled or laced without departing from the principle of my invention.

Prior to my invention, some corsets have been made which are provided with supplemental body embracing members in the form of front vests or abdominal supports, and these have sometimes been attached to the main body portion of the garment by means of elastic straps, which straps are secured to the supplemental portion or vest throughout the length of the latter, in order that it may properly be held in place. In some instances, substantially the entire vest has been formed of these elastic straps, and there are certain objectionable features and disadvantages in such structures, to which it will be unnecessary to refer in detail. Some of these are that the vest or supplemental portion of the garment does not properly keep its position with respect to the main part of the corset, as it is only secured thereto by the connection between one edge of the straps and the garment; another is that elastic webbing such as is used soon loses its "life," or is difficult to keep clean and perfectly free from odor due to perspiration or the like, and it is, therefore, desirable to use the least possible amount of such material in the manufacture of these garments.

One object of my invention, therefore, is to provide a corset having a supplemental or vest portion which will be free from the disadvantages referred to above.

Another object of my invention is to provide a corset with a vest portion secured to the body of the garment in such a manner that it will always be properly maintained in position when the garment is worn.

A still further object of my invention is to

provide an improved, laterally slidable connection between the main body portion of a corset and a supplemental vest section, so that the edges of the body portion may be tightly drawn together and laced over the vest portion without causing the latter to wrinkle upon the body of the wearer.

To these and other ends, the invention consists in the novel features and combinations of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

Fig. 1 shows a front view of a corset embodying the invention, the supplemental or vest section being fastened, but the body portion of the corset being opened to show the structure of the vest section;

Fig. 2 is a similar view, but showing the body portion of the corset as it is being drawn together by the laces;

Fig. 3 is a front view of the corset as it appears upon the body of the wearer;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the corset;

Fig. 5 is an inside view of the garment opened up to show the connection between the supplemental or vest section and the body of the corset;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on line 6—6 of Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary view similar to Fig. 5, with the supplemental section swung back into the position which it could occupy if the lace connection between it and the body portion of the garment were broken;

Fig. 8 is a partial front view of a modified form of garment; and

Fig. 9 is a sectional view of the garment shown in Fig. 8.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, I have shown the body portion of the garment at 10 provided with a series of back stays 11 and front steels or stays 12. I have shown the garment as a front lace corset, the laces being shown at 13, but it will be understood that my invention is not limited to this type of garment.

Within the body portion of the corset are provided a pair of supplemental or vest sections 14 and 15. In the form of my invention shown in Figs. 1 to 6, the straps 16 and 17, which may be of elastic material, are connected to the vest section at one end and, at the other end, to the back portion of the corset adjacent one of the rear stays. Similar straps 18 and 19 may likewise be connected to the supplemental sections and

to the rear stays and are adapted to lie adjacent the abdomen of the wearer and assist in the support thereof.

The supplemental sections 14 and 15 are made of cloth, as is the main body portion of the corset, and are provided with a suitable number of stiffening stays. It will be apparent that the two straps 16 and 18 or 17 and 19, which are connected to the front vest sections and to the body portion of the corset, will not serve to any appreciable extent to hold the supplemental sections in their proper positions relative to the body portion of the garment. It is, therefore, necessary to provide some other connecting means between the parts.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention, this connecting means is provided in the form of a series of eyelets 20 and 21 formed at the inner side of the corset adjacent each of the edges thereof, and short tapes or laces 22 and 23 secured to the vest sections at both ends and passed through these eyelets. The necessity of such a connection between the vest sections and body of the corset is shown in Fig. 7, where the tapes 23 have been broken and the vest section is swung back toward the middle of the corset. It will be apparent, however, that when the tapes have been properly connected, the parts of the corset will assume the position shown in Figs. 1 and 5, and the garment may then be easily fitted to and laced upon the wearer.

Moreover, it will be noted that the connection provided between the two parts is distinctly advantageous for several reasons. First, it provides against any relative displacement of the parts in a vertical direction, in that, while there is, of course, certain play allowed, due to the flexibility of the tapes 22 and 23, the parts tend to remain in the proper position. When the corset is fitted to the wearer, the supplemental or vest sections are first brought together and secured by the snaps 24. The edges of the body portion of the corset are then drawn together by the laces, and it will be apparent that the tape and eyelet connections between the parts will permit a laterally sliding motion therebetween, so that the front sections of the body portion of the corset may be drawn together without disturbing or affecting in any way the position of the vest sections upon the body of the wearer. In other words, the vest sections will lie smoothly and flatly in their proper positions and will not be doubled or wrinkled, as might be the case were the vest sections stitched to the body portion of the garment.

The elastics 16, 17, 18, and 19 are not in close proximity to the front opening of the corset, as the entire vest sections are made of cloth and this is particularly advantageous, in that, by this means the corset may

be made adjustable through several sizes and no part of the elastic straps will show. This is clearly shown in Figs. 1 to 3, wherein, particularly in Fig. 2, the front sections of the body portion of the corset are a considerable distance apart, but, as the vest section is made of cloth, the garment will look well and will at the same time properly fit the body of the wearer. In Fig. 3 the sections of the corset are shown as drawn more closely together to fit a person of smaller size. From Fig. 1, it will be seen that the length of the tapes 22 and 23 limit the movement of the front sections of the body portion of the corset relative to the vest sections, so that even though these front sections may be separated to the maximum extent permitted, the front of the corset will be entirely closed by the cloth vest sections and no part of the elastic members will be in evidence.

In Figs. 8 and 9, I have shown a modified form of corset in which the supplemental or vest sections 30 are connected to the body sections 31, without the use of any elastic whatever. This connection is made in a manner similar to that already described, in that the body portion of the corset is provided with a series of eyelets 32 and through these eyelets are passed tapes or laces 33 connected at both ends to the vest section. In order to keep the vest section in a smooth and unwrinkled position upon the body of the wearer, stiff stays 34 are provided below the laces 33. It will be observed that in such cases, no elastic straps are needed to exert tension upon the vest sections to keep them in their proper positions upon the body of the wearer. In this form of my invention, I also use a slidable connection between the body portion of the corset and the vest section, which takes the form of eyelets provided upon the inside of the body portion of the garment.

While I have shown and described some preferred embodiments of my invention, it will be understood that it is not to be limited to all the details shown, but is capable of modification and variation within the spirit of the invention and within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A corset of the character described comprising a body portion having the usual opening, a two-part supplemental vest section, each part of said vest section having laterally extending tapes secured thereto at both ends, and means provided upon the body portion of the corset to receive said tapes between said secured ends to slidably connect the parts of the vest section thereto.

2. A corset of the character described comprising a body portion having the usual opening, a two-part supplemental vest section, each part of said vest section being provided with laterally extending tapes secured

thereto at both ends, and eyelets arranged interiorly of the body portion of the corset to receive said tapes between said secured ends to slidably connect the vest sections thereto.

3. A corset of the character described, comprising a body portion having the usual opening and a two part supplemental vest section arranged to span said opening, said vest section having laterally extending tapes secured at their ends thereto, and means upon the body portion of the corset to slidably receive that portion of the tapes between their secured ends.

4. A corset of the character described, comprising a body portion having the usual opening and a two part supplemental vest section arranged to span said opening, said vest section having laterally extending tapes secured at their ends thereto, and means upon the body portion of the corset to slidably receive that portion of the tapes between their secured ends, and strips of elastic secured to the body portion of the corset and to the rear edges of the parts of the vest section.

5. A corset comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, and a supplemental or vest section arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, and cooperating securing means upon the body section and vest section of the corset, said securing means constituting a slidable connection therebetween and arranged between the lateral edges of the vest section so as to hold it against vertical displacement while permitting bodily sliding movement thereof relatively to the body section, and means to cause said vest section to lie flatly against the body of the wearer within the garment.

6. A corset comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, and a supplemental or vest section arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, and cooperating securing means upon the body section and vest section of the corset, said securing means constituting a slidable connection therebetween and arranged between the lateral edges of the vest section so as to hold it against vertical displacement while permitting bodily sliding movement thereof relatively to the body section, and means to cause said vest section to lie flatly against the body of the wearer within the garment, and said means comprising elastic straps secured to the edges of the vest section and to the body portion of the garment.

7. A corset or like garment, comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, means for drawing said edges together, a supplemental

or vest section arranged adjacent the openings at said edges, means for securing said vest section between its side edges to the body section of the corset, said means being independent of said means for drawing the edges of the body portion together and constituting a slidable connection between the vest section and the body portion, said slidable connection holding the vest section against vertical displacement but permitting bodily lateral movement independently of the body portion of the corset to adjust itself to the body of the wearer.

8. A corset or like garment, comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, means for drawing said edges together, a supplemental or vest section of inelastic material arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, and securing means connecting said supplemental section to the body portion of the garment, said securing means being independent of said means for drawing the edges of the body portion together and constituting a slidable connection permitting lateral movement of the vest section thereon but not vertical movement, whereby the vest may adjust itself laterally relatively to the body section, said securing means being positioned between the lateral edges of the vest section and at a plurality of points between the top and bottom thereof.

9. A corset or like garment comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, means for drawing the edges together, a supplemental or vest section arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, and cooperating securing means upon the body section and vest section of the corset, said securing means being independent of the means for drawing the edges together and constituting a slidable connection between the body section and the vest section and permitting lateral movement of the vest relative to the body but not vertical movement, and said securing means being arranged between the lateral edges of the vest section so as to hold it against vertical displacement while permitting bodily sliding movement thereon relative to the body section.

10. A corset comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, means for drawing the edges together, a supplemental or vest section arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, and cooperating securing means upon the body section and vest section of the corset, said securing means being independent of the means for drawing the edges of the body section together and constituting a slidable connection therebetween and posi-

tioned on the front of the vest member opposed to the body portion of the corset.

11. A corset or like garment, comprising a body section having the usual free edges adapted to be drawn together when the corset is fitted upon the wearer, means for drawing the edges of the body section together, a supplemental or vest section arranged adjacent the opening at said edges, means for securing said vest section between its side edges to the body portion of the corset, said means being independent of the means for drawing the edges of the body portion together and constituting a slid-
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connection between the vest and body portions, said connection holding the vest section against vertical displacement but permitting bodily lateral movement independently of the body portion of the corset, whereby the vest section may adjust itself to the body of the wearer, said vest section extending substantially from the top to the bottom of the body and having an opening adjacent the opening of the body portion.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 7th day of August, 1923.

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