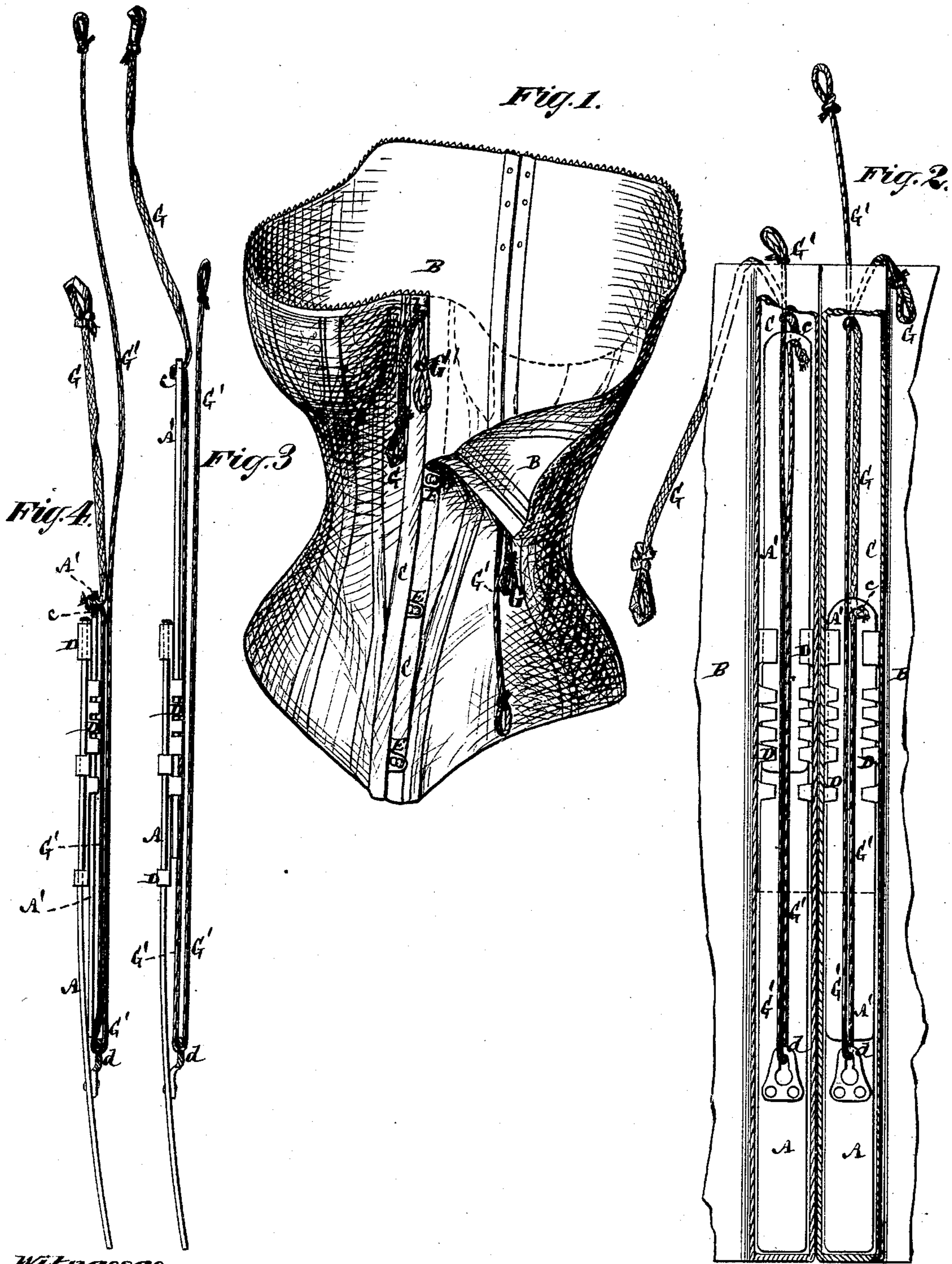


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX W. HENIUS, of the city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to corsets for use by nursing women and others, specially constructed to provide for the opening and turning downward of the upper part of the corset in front to expose the breast.

In carrying out the invention I use, but do not claim, separately considered, one or more front longitudinal stiffening-strips or clasp-pieces built up in sections, fitted to slide in direction of their length, one upon the other.

The invention consists in a combination, with the body of the corset, of a front longitudinal strip or clasp-piece composed of a stationary lower section and a free upper section fitted to slide along or over said lower section while in the corset, and without restriction by the furniture or fastenings which secure the front of the corset; also, means for adjusting or moving said upper section from the exterior of the corset.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of a corset having the invention applied, and with an upper portion of one-half of the bosom of the corset turned down or to one side to facilitate access to the breast. Fig. 2 is a view, upon a larger scale, of the front of the corset as seen from its interior, and with an upper movable section of one of its longitudinal strips or clasp-pieces as lowered to provide for turning down or to one side the upper portion of one-half of the bosom of the corset; and Fig. 3 is a longitudinal view, at right angles to Fig. 2, of either longitudinal strip or clasp-piece with its upper section raised; and Fig. 4, a similar view with said upper section lowered.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A A' and A A' are the longitudinal strips or clasp-pieces of the corset B, made of steel or any other suitable stiffening material, and inserted, as usual, within pockets C C, arranged up the opening and closing margins of the

front portion of the corset. Each of these longitudinal strips or clasp-pieces is constructed of a lower stationary section, A, and an upper movable section, A', to provide, by suitably moving the latter section, for turning down or to one side an upper portion of the bosom of the corset, as shown at the right-hand side of Fig. 1, for the purpose of giving access to the breast. To this end each upper section, A', is fitted to slide up or down within one or more clamps or guides, D, secured to the stationary lower section, A, of the same longitudinal strip or clasp-piece, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4 of the drawings; or the furniture or fastenings E of the corset, which are secured to the lower stationary sections, A, and are independent of the upper sliding sections, A', might be constructed to form the guides for the sliding or extensible and contractible upper section, A'. Said upper section may be raised or extended, as shown to the left-hand of Fig. 2 and in Fig. 3 of the drawings, to give to the longitudinal strip or clasp-piece its full length by pulling on a cord or tape, G, attached to the upper end of the movable upper section, A', of said strip, and arranged to pass out through an eye or opening, b, in the upper portion of the pocket C, containing said strip.

To lower the upper section, A', when it is required to turn down or to one side the upper portion of one-half of the bosom of the corset, to expose the breast either for nursing or other purposes, hold should be released of the raising cord or tape G, and the hand applied to pull on a lowering cord or tape, G', fast at its one end, c, to the upper moving section, A', from thence passing down and through a guide, d, secured to the section A, and afterward upward and through the eye b. Said upper section, A', is represented as thus lowered in Fig. 4 and to the right hand of Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings.

I claim—

1. The combination, with a corset, of a front longitudinal stiffening-strip or clasp-piece composed of a stationary lower section and a free upper section fitted to slide along or over said lower section while in the corset, and

without restriction by the furniture or fastenings which secure the front of the corset, and thereby adapting it to provide for the opening of the upper part of the front of the corset, essentially as described.

2. The combination of raising and lowering tapes or cords with a movable upper section of a front longitudinal strip or clasp-piece of

a corset, and with a lower section of said strip or clasp-piece, on or along which said upper section is fitted to move or slide, substantially as specified.

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