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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CATHARINE A. WILLIAMSON, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Combined Shoulder-Brace and Corset, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, in which the improvement is shown in position.

A prominent feature of the present construction is the corset and shoulder-brace in combination, as shown. The improvement also relates to the mode of connecting the two parts of the garment at the back and to the arm-pieces, in combination with the corset.

Referring to the drawing, A A represent the two parts of the corset, and which, so far as the sides *a a* and front *a'* are concerned, are of the usual description. In place, however, of having but a single lacing at the back, there are two lacings, B B, and between the lacings is an elastic connection, C, which serves to connect the parts A A, and which is preferably in the form of a series, *c c c*, of elastic ties, spaced apart, as shown.

Above the ties *c c c* an inelastic tie, D, may be used to unite the parts A A. So far as the corset feature of the garment is concerned, that portion of the garment immediately between the ties *c c c* D and the lacings B B may be of any form suitable for uniting the ties and lacings; but I utilize the spaces in question by inserting in them the supports or stays E E of the shoulder-brace feature of the garment, the supports in question being flat, elastic, and preferably perforated strips, preferably of steel, extending at each side of the spine upward upon the shoulder above the corset proper and below the lower edge of the corset proper, and being suitably incased or held in the garment

at the places in question—that is, the corset proper at each side is laced to the supports, or to the casings containing the supports, and they in turn are united by an elastic connection.

F F represent arm-pieces extending from the upper part of the supports E E over the shoulders and around underneath the arms of the wearer, and thence back to the supports E E, having an adjustable connection, *f f*, therewith. The arm-pieces are wholly or partially elastic.

The present construction can be modified by putting a single lacing at the center of the back of the garment, where the ties *c* are now arranged, and inserting two elastic connections in the present places of the lacings.

I claim—

1. The combination of the corset parts A A, the lacings B B, the flat elastic supports or stays E E, extending upward above and downward below the corset proper, and the elastic connection C, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the corset parts A A, the lacings B B, the flat elastic supports or stays E E, and the elastic connection C and inelastic connection D, said stays extending upward and downward, as described, and at each side of the spine, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination of the corset parts A A, lacings B B, flat elastic supports or stays E E, extending upward and downward, as described, elastic connection C, inelastic connection D, and the wholly or partially elastic arm-pieces F F, substantially as described.

Witness my hand.

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