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Fig. I.

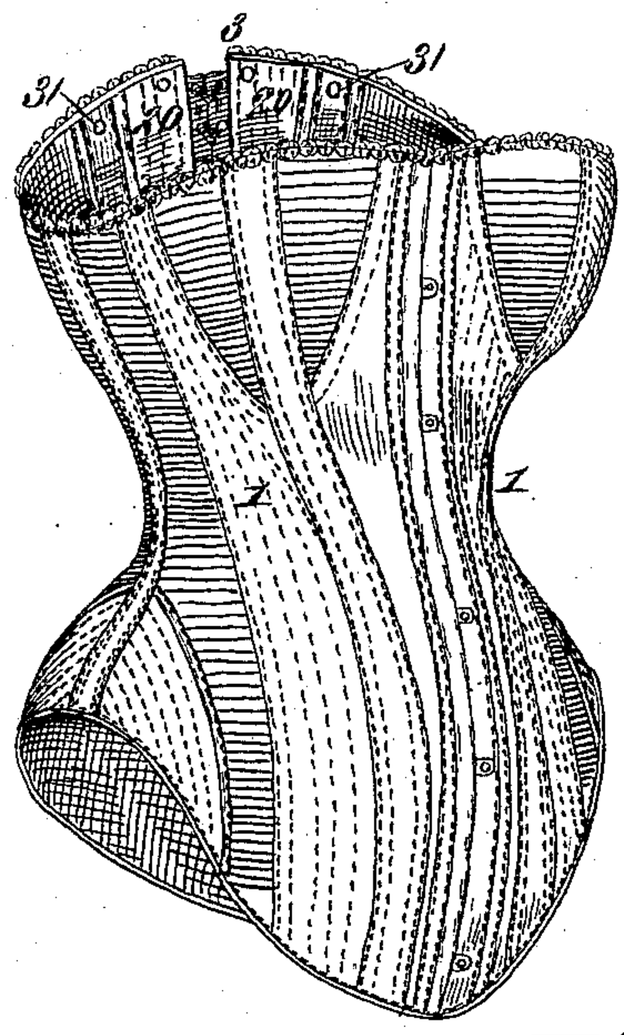


Fig. II.

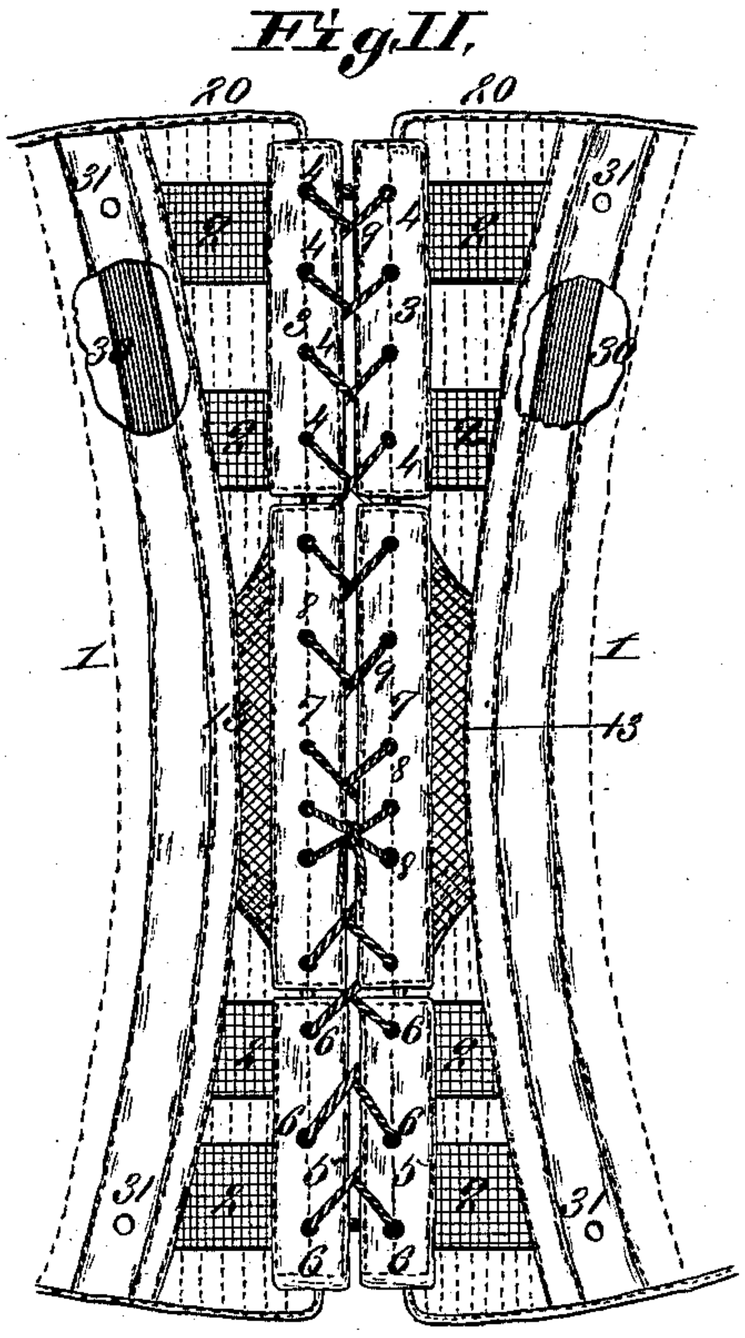
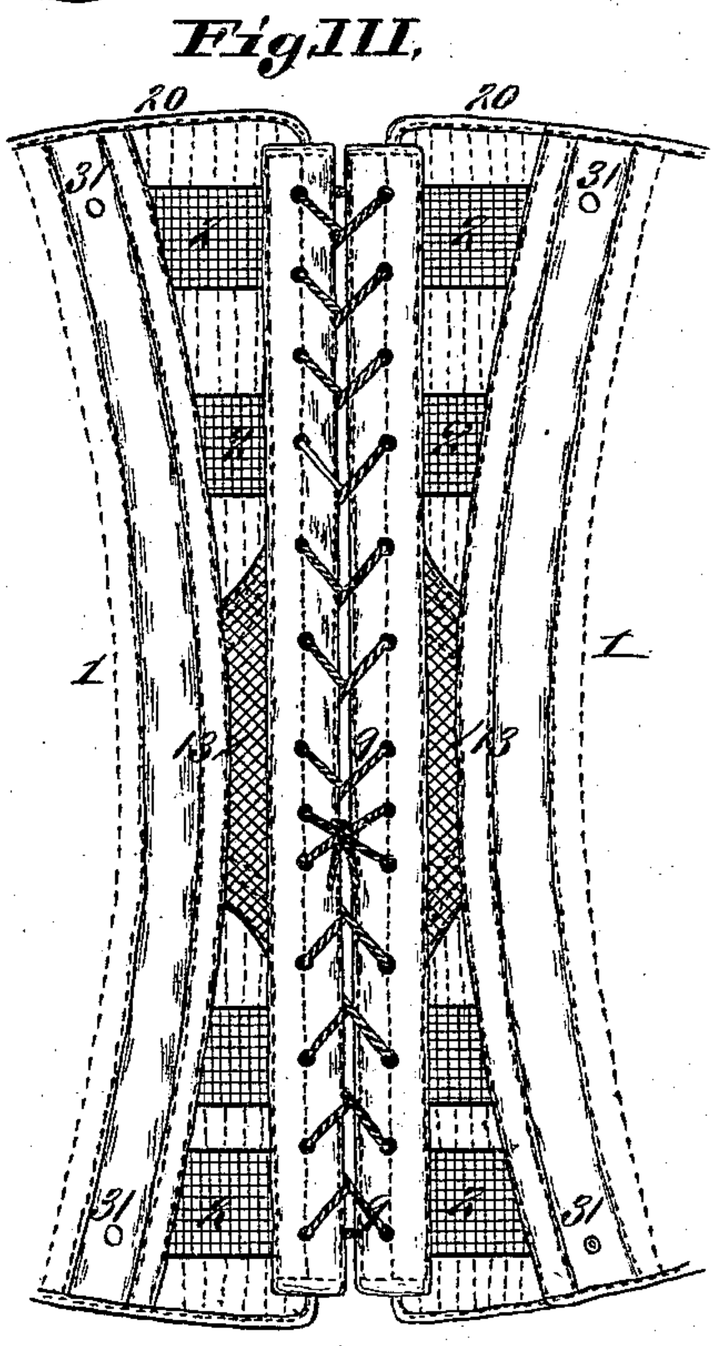


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM McCABE, of the city of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure I is a perspective view of a corset embodying my improvement. Fig. II is an elevation showing the back part of the corset. Fig. III is a similar view showing a slight modification.

My invention relates to an improved manner of connecting the two body portions of a corset at the back and in strengthening the back at the edges of the body portions; and my invention consists in features of novelty hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, 1 represents the body portions of a corset, to each of which are connected at the back, near the ends, elastic straps 2, and to which are connected, near the middle, inelastic straps 13. The upper elastic straps, 2, have connected to their inner ends strips 3, having perforations 4, and the inner ends of the lower straps, 2, have connected to their inner ends similar strips, 5, having perforations 6. To the inner ends of the straps 13 are connected strips 7, similar to those 3 and 5, which are provided with holes or perforations 8.

9 represents the lacing passing through the perforations 4, 6, and 8 of the strips 3, 5, and 7, by which means the two parts of the body of the corset are connected together. The lacing may be all in one piece, as shown in Figs. II and III, or a separate lacing could be used for each set of strips 3, 5, and 7, if desired. By using the inelastic straps 13 at the middle of the corset the same is inexpansible at this point, while the use of the elastic pieces at the top and bottom of the corset allows it to expand at these points. By the use of the straps or pieces 2 the expansion may be obtained with a small amount of elastic material, while the use of the strips 3, 5, and 7 affords means for a continuous lacing. In Fig. III I have shown the strips 3, 5, and 7 continuous.

20 represents flies connected to the parts 1 of the body and extending behind the straps 2 and 13 and behind part of the strips 3, 5, and 7, their office being to hold the straps and strips from the body of the wearer.

30 represents steels placed in the edges of the parts 1 of the body near the straps 2 and 13, as shown in Fig. II, the office of which is to strengthen the back of the corset, these steels being used in addition to the ordinary bones of the corset. They are held in place by rivets 31.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination, in a corset, of the body-pieces, elastic pieces secured to the body-pieces at top and bottom, inelastic pieces secured to the body-pieces at the waist, perforated strips secured to and between the said elastic and inelastic pieces, and lacing passing through the perforations in said strips, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a corset, of the body-pieces, elastic pieces secured to the body-pieces at top and bottom, inelastic pieces secured to the body-pieces at the waist, perforated sectional strips secured to the said elastic pieces, and lacing passing through the perforations in said strips, substantially as set forth.

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