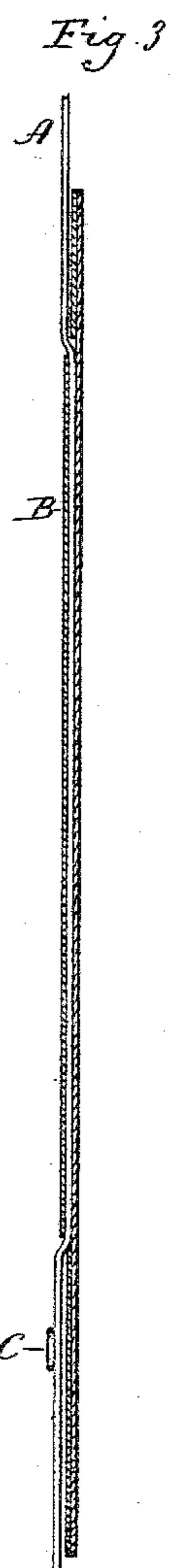
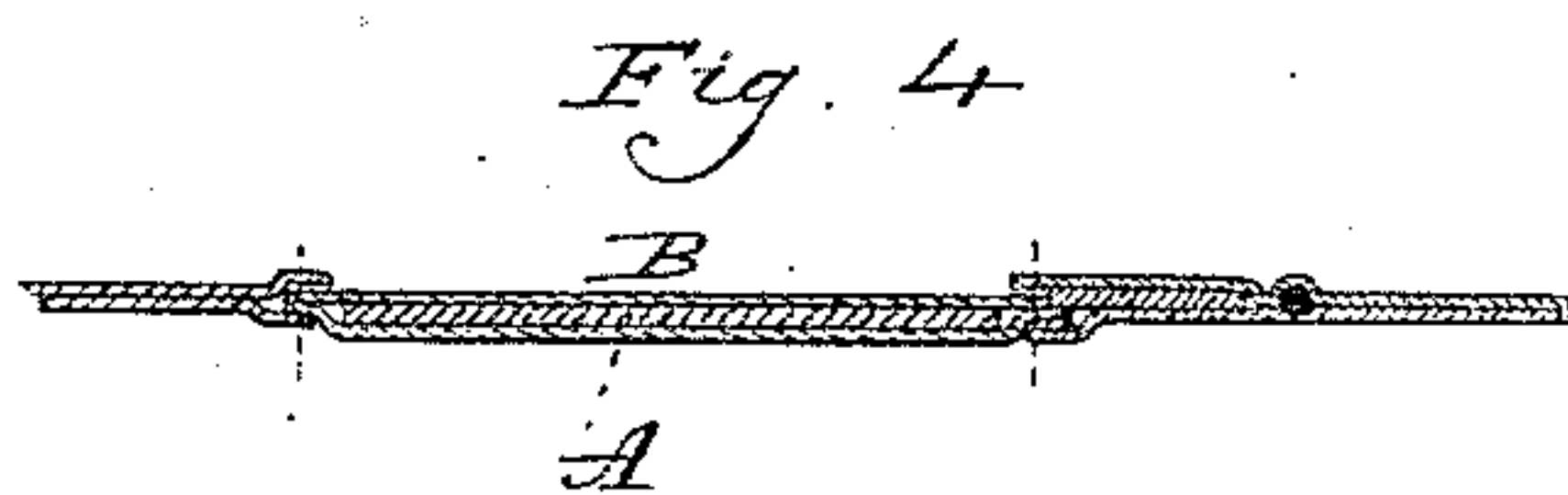
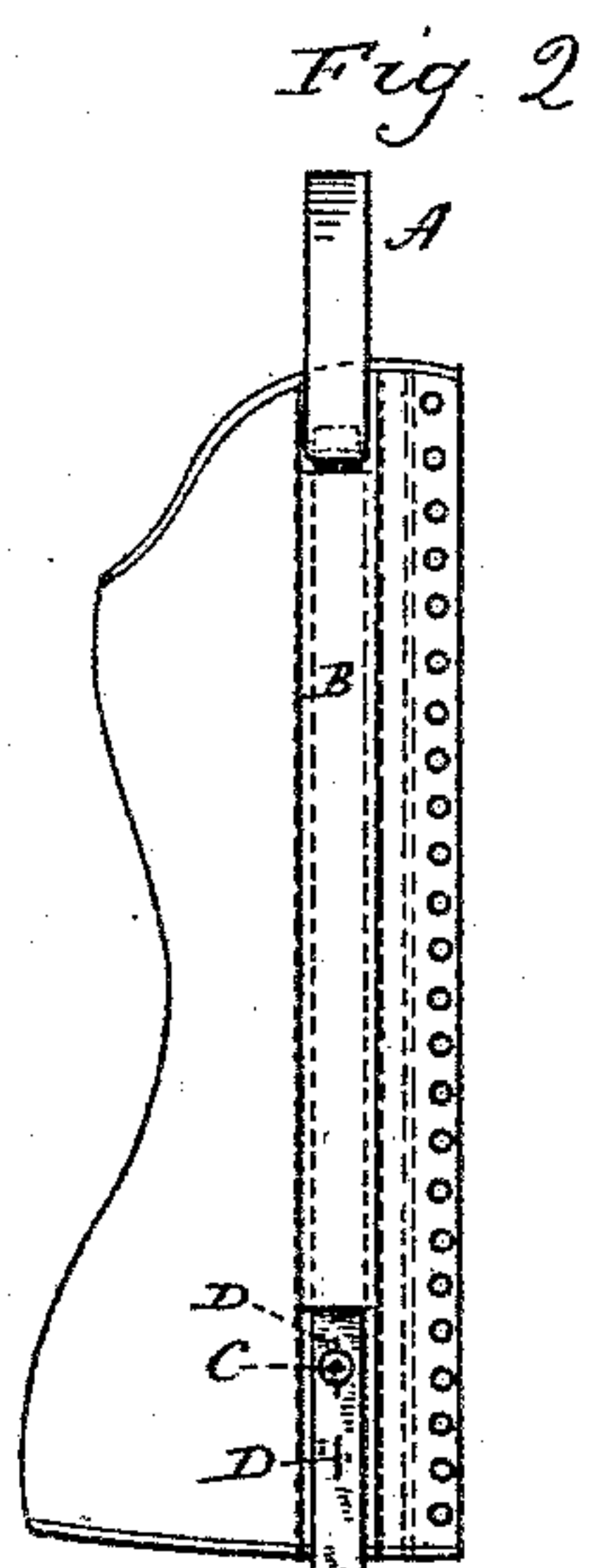
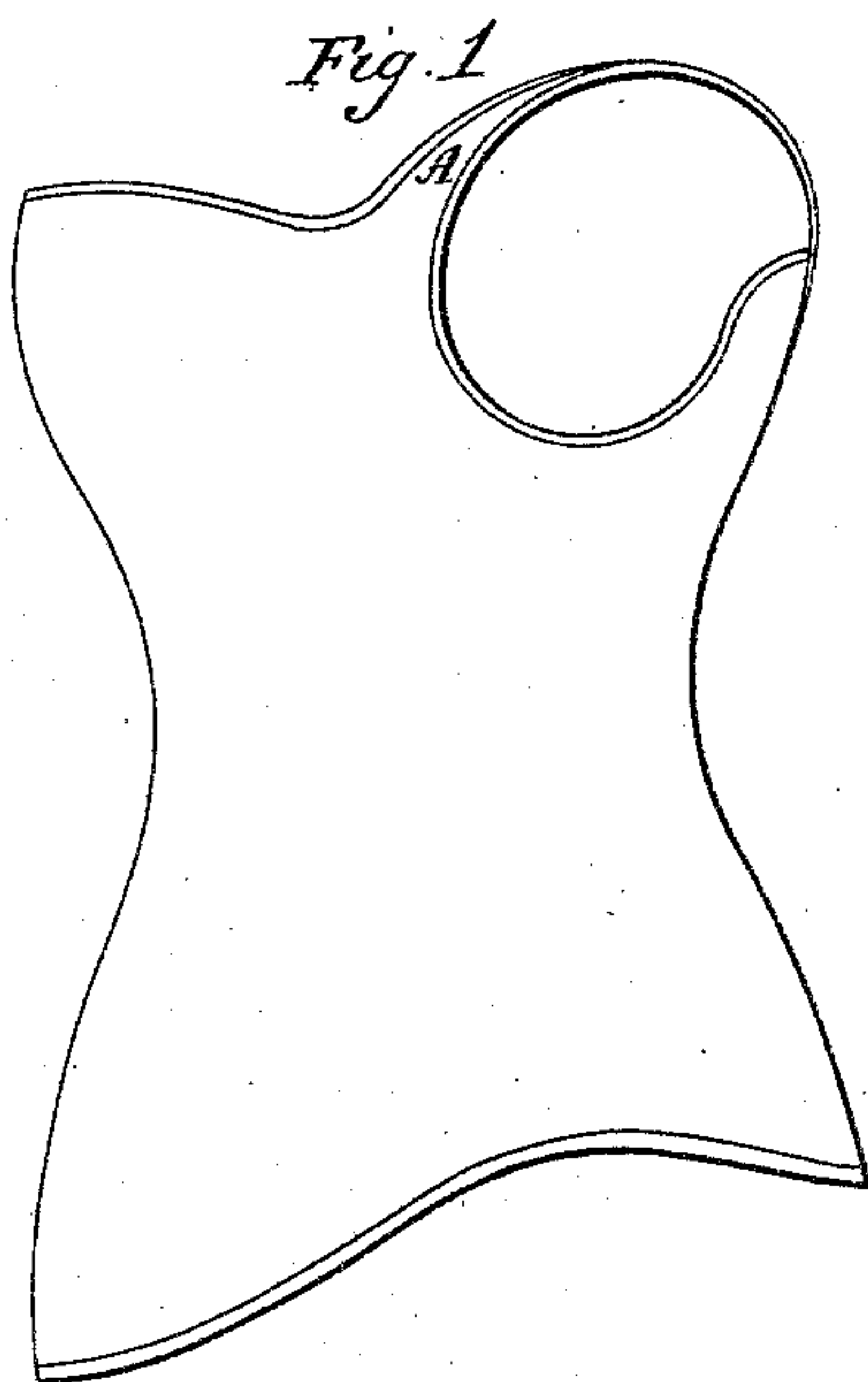


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS P. BRAY, of Ansonia, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented new Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view of a corset embodying the invention; Fig. 2, a rear view of one-half the corset; Fig. 3, a vertical central section cutting through the pocket; Fig. 4, a transverse section cutting through the pocket.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of corsets which are provided with shoulder-straps. In the more general construction of this class of corsets the straps are attached to or made an integral part of the rear portion of the corset, and extend over the shoulder and attached to the upper end of the corset at the front. This attachment, for convenience, is made so that the strap may be detached for putting on or removal of the corset, and should be so made as to make it adjustable. In some cases the straps extend from the front over the shoulder, and are in like manner connected to the top of the corset at the rear. This brings the strain upon the corset directly at the shoulders.

The object of my invention is to take the strain off the shoulder-straps at the rear and at a point below the waist-line, so as to leave the corset substantially free above.

To that end the invention consists in constructing the corset with vertical pockets near the rear edges, and extending from near the bottom of the corset to the top or nearly to the top of the same, the pockets open at the top and bottom, combined with straps extending from the front over the shoulder down through said pocket, and with a detachable securing device between the straps and corset below the lower open end of the pocket.

The general cut of the corset otherwise than the shoulder-straps and connection is immaterial.

A represents the strap, which is secured to the front of the corset, or may be made as an integral part of one or more of the portions of the front of the corset, and extends therefrom so as to pass over the shoulder of the wearer. On the rear of the corset, and near the rear edge, a pocket B is formed, of a length extending from near the bottom of the corset upward to or near to the top, the pocket being open both at top and bottom. The width of this pocket corresponds to the width of the strap, and so that the strap may pass entirely through the pocket and project below, where it is adjustably attached to the corset, (here represented as by a button C,) the strap being provided with one or more button-holes D. By this construction the lifting or supporting strain of the strap is taken from a point on the back below the waist-line, and so as to leave the corset free around the waist-line and above, so far as the strain or pull of the strap is concerned; also, the adjustable connections between the straps and the corset are carried to a point so far below the waist-line as not to interfere with the dress of the wearer, as must always be the case to a greater or less extent where the strap is secured near the top and at the rear.

The portion of the strap which runs through the pocket may be and is preferably made from webbing and the shoulder-strap stitched thereto, as shown; but the strap may be in a continuous strip, if desired.

It will be understood that a like pocket is provided on each side, one for each strap.

I claim—

A corset constructed with vertical pockets on the rear and near the rear edges, the said pockets extending from near the bottom upward toward the top and open at the top and bottom, combined with shoulder-straps extending from the front over the shoulders and down through said pockets, with an adjustable attaching device between the straps and the corset below the lower ends of the pockets, substantially as described.

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