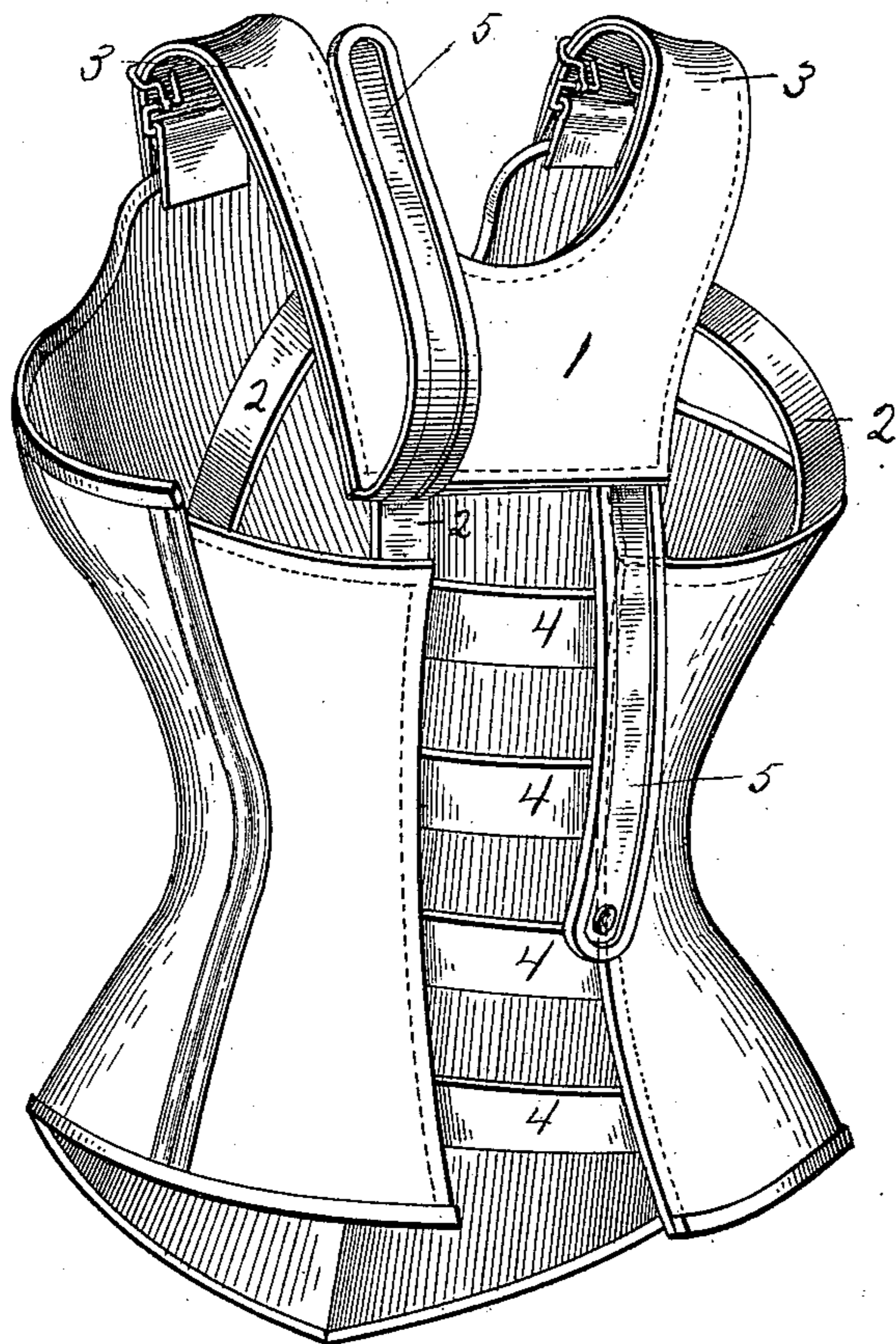


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLOTTE A. MCGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in corsets, and it consists in the construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed
15 out in the claims.

The object of my invention is to produce a corset, which, by reason of the peculiar formation and elastic connection of its parts, will permit more free and easy motion of the
20 shoulders and arms than can be obtained by the use of other corsets, and which will consequently be more healthful and comfortable to the wearer.

My invention also has for its object the
25 supporting of the weight of the skirts from the shoulders, and not from the waist, by the use of skirt supporting strips or bands properly placed on the corset.

I accomplish the objects of my invention
30 by constructing my corset with the two pieces forming the same cut lower than is usually the case in the back, and connected together in the back by elastic strips or ties, and by the use of a yoke, fitting in between the
35 shoulders of the wearer, and connected to the back of the corset by a plurality of elastic strips or bands, and to the front of the corset by shoulder straps, which are elastically at-
40 tached to said front of the corset. The re-
action of the various parts of the corset upon each other, thus elastically connected at three points, is such as to make the corset espe-
cially easy and comfortable to the wearer. The low cutting of the pieces forming the
45 corset at the back prevents the same from showing through the dress at the back, as the common corset usually does, and a perfect fit over the upper portion of the back and the shoulders is secured. By attaching skirt
50 supporting bands to the shoulder yoke above

mentioned, I remove the weight of the skirts entirely from the waist, and place it upon the shoulders.

My invention is illustrated in the accom-
panying drawing, in which the same refer- 55
ence numerals refer to the same or corre-
sponding parts, and which is a back view of
my improved corset, showing the portions in
which my invention resides.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents the
60 shoulder yoke, which is formed of such a size
and shape as to fit between the shoulders of
the wearer, and is elastically connected to
the pieces forming the corset at the back by
a plurality of elastic strips 2. Non-elastic 65
strips, coiled wire, strips of cloth, or even the
laces usually employed with corsets might
also be used to make this connection between
the back pieces and the shoulder yoke, but
the elastic connection is to be preferred. The 70
shoulder yoke is connected across the shoul-
ders to the front of the corset by the straps 3,
and these are preferably buckled, not to the
said front of the corset directly, but through
the mediation of buckles elastically connect- 75
ed to the front of the corset, so that an elas-
tic connection is made at these points.

By the use of a yoke such as described, I
am able to cut the pieces forming the corset
much lower in the back than can usually be 80
done, thus preventing the corset from show-
ing through the dress at this place, as the
connection across the shoulders is made by
parts which fit closely to the form; and also
to secure a partial bracing action, which 85
tends to hold the shoulders back and in up-
right position. As the yoke is connected to
the back of the corset by several bands, there
is no particular strain on any one of them, as
the strain is equally divided. 90

If desired, non-elastic connections may be
used to connect the straps 3 to the front of
the corset, elastic connections being however
preferred, as greater ease and grace of move-
ment are thereby secured. The yoke and 95
shoulder straps are preferably made of a sin-
gle piece of cloth, though they may be made
of several pieces equally as well.

As before stated, the pieces forming the
corset are cut lower than usual at the back, 100

and are fastened together by pieces of elastic web 4, though elastic ties may be used instead, or even non-elastic connections.

5 The skirt-supporting bands 5 are attached to shoulder yoke 1, and are suitably provided with buttons or hooks. The weight of the skirts is thus thrown entirely upon the shoulders.

10 Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

15 1. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united in a suitable manner, and having a yoke portion, connected to said back portion by a plurality of connecting straps, and to the front portion by shoulder straps, substantially as described.

20 2. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided

throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united by the parallel strips 4, and having a yoke portion connected to said back portion by a series of straps 2, and to the 25 front portion by shoulder straps 5, substantially as described.

3. As an article of manufacture, a corset having the back portion cut low and divided throughout its entire length, the edges thereof of being united in a suitable manner, having 30 a yoke portion connected to said back portion by a plurality of straps, and to the front portion by shoulder straps, and having skirt supporting bands attached to said yoke portion, substantially as described. 35

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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