

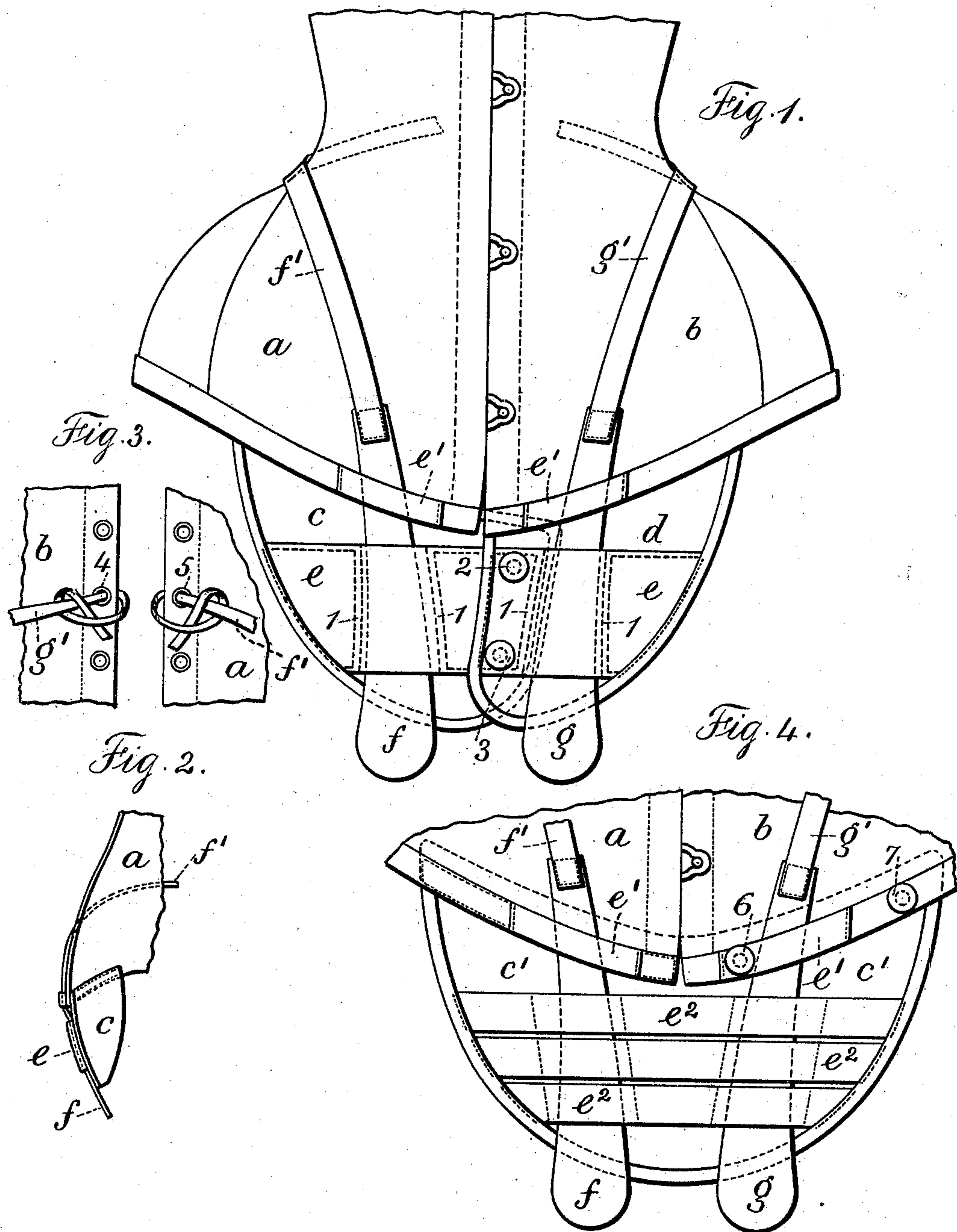
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL KOPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Corset Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

Various forms of hose-supporters for women's use have heretofore been employed. These have usually been separate from a corset, but have been provided with a strap to pass around the waist over the corset with the elastic straps connected to a pad to be worn at the front of the person over the lower part of the corset. These devices are liable to produce an uncomfortable and even dangerous pressure over or adjacent to the pit of the stomach. Furthermore, a strap around the waist over the corset has the disadvantage of localizing the weight and pressure.

My invention relates to a corset having an abdominal character combined with a hose-supporter—that is to say, a corset having a lower front portion adapted to hold down, confine, or prevent the protrusion of the abdomen—the object being to overcome the hereinbefore-stated disadvantageous features; and in carrying out my invention I employ an extension to the corset at the lower front edge in the form of one or more flaps, to which are connected guide-straps, and the tabs to which the elastic hose-supporters are to be connected pass through these straps, and tapes are connected to the tabs and extend over the hips and the surface of each half portion of the corset and are connected to separate fastening devices or to the eyelets at the back of the corset. The tapes do not cross at the back or pass fully around the waist; but the weight or tension is taken up by the lacing connecting the parts of the corset.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the lower portion of a corset, illustrating my improvement. Fig. 2 is an edge view, in smaller size, of the lower portion of one of the halves of the corset. Fig. 3 is an elevation of a portion at the back of the corset, showing the eyelets and the ends of the tapes as tied thereto; and Fig. 4 is an elevation at the lower portion of the front of the corset, showing a modification.

The extensions to the portions or halves *a b* of the corset are preferably in the form of the flaps *c d*, sewed at their upper edges to the lower edges of the corset portions, and upon these flap extensions *c d* are placed snap-fasteners 2 3 for connecting the overlapping vertical edges of the same together. These flap extensions *c d* are so shaped that when fastened they are adapted to closely conform to the figure of the wearer in the abdominal region and below the edge of the corset, so that between the corset and the flap extensions the outline of the figure is closely conformed to and the abdomen confined and protrusion below the corset prevented, the flaps thereby possessing an abdominal character, especially when standing erect or walking.

Guide-straps *e* pass horizontally across the surfaces of the flap extensions *c d* and are sewed thereto, and the tabs *f g* pass underneath the guide-straps *e* in pockets provided therefor by the lines of sewing 1. These tabs are preferably of curved form and are made of several thicknesses of heavy material, so as to be stiff and rigid, and the tapes *f' g'* are connected to the upper ends of the said tabs, and said tapes are of sufficient length to pass over the surface of the corset portions *a b* and around the hips and through the eyelets 4 5 at the back portions of the corset, said tapes being tied to the rear edges of the corset at the said eyelets.

Sufficient length should be provided in the tapes for a slight vertical adjustment of the tabs *f g* to conform to the ideas of the wearer as to location. I also prefer to employ narrow guide-straps *e'* on the lower edges of the corset portions *a b*, beneath which the said tabs *f g* also pass. The elastics forming the hose-supporters and on one end carrying fastening devices for connecting them to the hose are to be connected to the lower ends of the tabs by pins; but these devices form no part of my present invention. It will thus be seen that the tension applied by the hose-supporters to the tabs *f g* has a twofold effect—first, to keep the flap extensions *c d* toward the figure of the wearer, and, second, to cause the weight, as the result of said tension, to be carried by the portions or halves of the corset *a b* and the lacing connecting the same at the back, this weight not being localized

at the waist, but being distributed by the laces throughout the vertical length of the corset, so that the wearer is not inconvenienced by the said weight.

5 In the modification shown in Fig. 4 the extension *c'* is in one piece, shaped approximately to conform to the figure of the wearer and sewed to the corset portion or half *a* and connected to the corset portion or half *b* by
10 snap-fasteners 6 7 along the lower edge of the portion *b*, and on this extension *c'* I have shown several guide-straps *e'*, sewed down to the said flap extension and having vertical lines of sewing to form pockets for the pas-
15 sage therethrough of the tabs *f g*. While not as perfect in operation or advantageous as the extensions *c d*, the single extension *c'* is a fair substitute therefor.

The flap extensions *c d* and the snap-fastenings 2 3, connecting the same, are preferably arranged so that the vertical overlapping edges come together in a direction opposite to the direction of fastening the halves of the corset *a b* together, so that the tendency of the snap-fastenings of the flaps *c d*
25 is to prevent the corset portions becoming detached, or, in other words, the eyes of the corset portion *a* overlapping the edge of the corset portion *b* in connecting the steels together, while the edge of the flap extension *d*
30 overlaps the edge of the flap extension *c* for the aforesaid purpose.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination with the half portions
35 of a corset, of a flap extension connected to and extending below the lower front edge of the corset, a guide-strap extending horizontally across the face of the same and connected thereto by lines of stitching which
40 form pockets whereby supporting straps or tapes may be passed through the said pockets at either side of the vertical center of the corset and over the surface of the corset to a connection upon the respective halves of the
45 corset, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the half portions of a corset, of flap extensions connected to and extending below the lower front portion of the corset, fastenings for connecting the
50 said flap extensions together at their vertical edges, guide-straps extending horizontally across the face of the said extensions and connected thereto by lines of stitching which form pockets whereby supporting straps or
55 tapes may be passed through the said pockets at either side of the vertical center of the

corset and over the surface of the corset to a connection upon the respective halves thereof, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination with the half portions 60 of a corset, of flap extensions connected to and extending below the lower front portion of the corset, fastenings for connecting the said flap extensions together at their vertical edges, guide-straps extending horizontally 65 across the face of the said extensions and connected thereto by lines of stitching which form pockets, and straps or tapes passing through the said pockets at either side of the vertical center of the corset and over the sur- 70 face and hips of the corset to independent connections upon the respective half portions of the corset, substantially as set forth.

4. The combination with the half portions of a corset, of flap extensions connected at 75 their upper edges to the lower edges at the front portion of the corset and having overlapping vertical edges and snap-fastenings for connecting the same together, guide-straps extending horizontally over the surfaces of 80 said flap extensions and sewed thereto so as to form pockets, straps or tapes passing through the said pockets at either side of the vertical center of the corset and over the surface and hips of the corset to independent connections 85 upon the respective half portions of the corset, substantially as set forth.

5. The combination with the half portions of a corset, of the flap extensions *c d* connected along their upper edges to the lower 90 edges of the corset portions at the front of the corset and having overlapping vertical edges and snap-fastenings for connecting the said flap extensions together in a direction opposite to that of fastening the halves of the cor- 95 set together at the stud-eyelets to prevent accidental unfastening, guide-straps placed horizontally upon the surfaces of said flap extensions and connected thereto by lines of stitching forming substantially-vertical pock- 100 ets and straps or tapes passing through the said pockets at either side of the vertical center of the corset and over the surface and hips of the corset to independent connections upon the respective halves of the corset, sub- 105 stantially as set forth.

Signed by me this 18th day of April, 1900.

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