

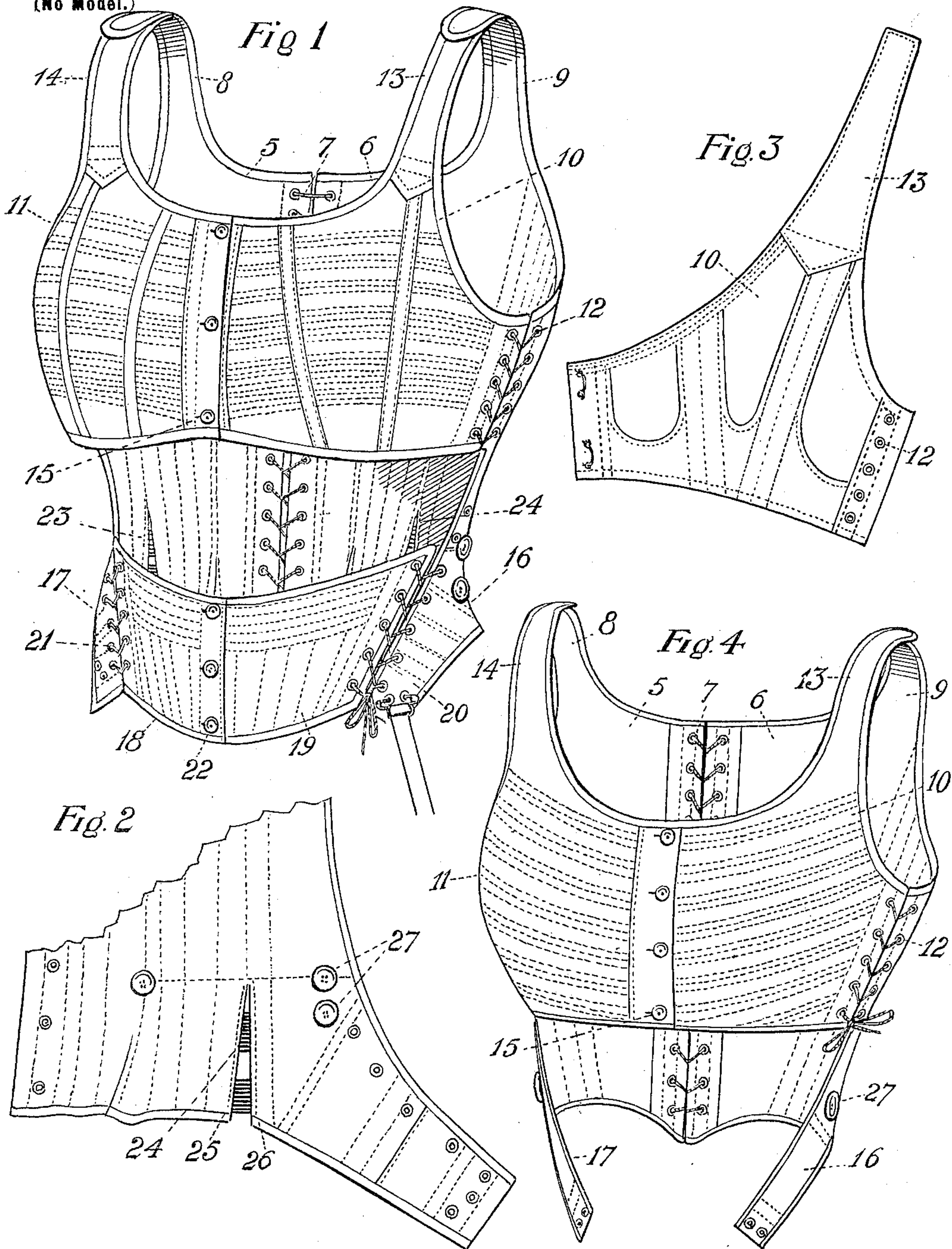
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE ATKINS REDICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to so construct a corset that it will sustain and preserve the form of the wearer without interfering with the freedom of action and without compressing and injuring the vital organs.

My invention consists of two back pieces adjustably laced together, a strap extending upwardly from each of said two pieces, two bust-supporting pieces adjustably laced to said back pieces and adapted to be buttoned or otherwise secured together, a strap extending upwardly from each of said bust-supporting pieces and adapted to be adjustably secured to each of the first-mentioned straps, hose-supporting straps extending forwardly and downwardly from the lower ends of the back pieces, abdominal supporting-pieces adjustably laced one to each hose-supporting piece and adapted to be buttoned or otherwise secured together, and elastic sections inserted horizontally into the lower edges of said back pieces.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a corset embodying the principles of my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view of the lower end of one of the back pieces, the upper part being broken away. Fig. 3 is a modified form of one of the bust-supporting pieces. Fig. 4 is a modified form of a corset designed for the use of young or undeveloped persons.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the back pieces 5 and 6 are adjustably secured together by the lacing 7, and the straps 8 and 9 extend upwardly from said back pieces. The bust-supporting pieces 10 and 11 are adjustably secured to the back pieces by lacings 12, and the straps 13 and 14 extend upwardly, one from each of the bust-supporting pieces, and said pieces are adapted to be secured by the buttons 15 or other suitable means. The upper ends of the straps 8 and 9 and 13 and 14 may be adjustably secured together in any suitable way.

The hose-supporting straps 16 and 17 extend forwardly and downwardly from the lower ends of the back pieces, and the ab-

dominal supporting-pieces 18 and 19 are adjustably secured to the front edges of said straps by the lacings 20 and 21 and are secured together by the buttons 22 or in any suitable way. The elastic sections 23 and 24 are inserted horizontally into the slits 25 and 26, formed from the lower edges of the back pieces. The buttons 27 form supports for the undergarments.

The lacings 12, connecting the bust-supporting pieces to the back pieces, not only allow the form to expand horizontally, but allow the bust and its supports to move freely up and down relative to the back pieces.

The hose-supporting straps 16 and 17 extend from the back pieces forwardly over the hips and then downwardly, thus putting the weight of the hose upon the hips and back.

The elastic sections 23 and 24 allow the hips to move freely and at the same time the form is preserved.

The abdominal supporting-pieces are not only adjusted horizontally by the lacings 20 and 21, but they may be raised or lowered, and the lacings not only allow adjustment, but freedom of action. The abdominal supporting-pieces are furnished where the corset is to be used in maternity or by a fleshy person and are omitted, as in Fig. 4, when the corset is to be used by a young or undeveloped person.

Bust-supporting pieces, like that shown in Fig. 3, may be substituted for those shown in Fig. 1 when it is desired to have the corset low in the neck or when the bust is low. The bust-supporting pieces are adjusted up and down by the straps which go over the shoulders and connect to the back pieces.

Special attention is called to the fact that it is impossible to so lace the corset that it will compress and injure the stomach or other vital organs and that the construction is such that the body may move and bend freely in all directions.

I claim—

1. In a corset, a back portion, hose-supporting straps extending forwardly and downwardly from said back portion, and abdominal supporting-pieces adjustably attached to said straps by lacing on diagonal lines, as required to adjust the said supports horizontally and vertically, substantially as specified.

2. In a corset, a back portion, bust-supporting pieces connected to the back portion, and the hose-supporting straps 16 and 17 extending forwardly and downwardly from the lower end of the back portion, as required to put the weight of the hose upon the hips and across the back, substantially as specified.

3. In a corset, a back portion, bust-supporting pieces connected to the back portion, hose-supporting straps extending forwardly and downwardly from the lower end of said back portion, and abdominal supporting-pieces adjustably attached to said straps by lacing on diagonal lines, as required to adjust said abdominal supporting-pieces horizontally and vertically, substantially as specified.

4. In a corset, a back portion in two pieces laced together, elastic sections inserted horizontally into the lower part of the back portion, bust-supporting pieces connected to the back portion, hose-supporting straps extending downwardly and forwardly from the lower

end of said back portion, and abdominal supporting-pieces adjustably attached to said straps by lacing on diagonal lines, as required to adjust said abdominal supporting-pieces horizontally and vertically, substantially as specified.

5. In a corset, a back portion, bust-supporting pieces connected to the back portion, the elastic sections 23 and 24 inserted horizontally into the slits formed from the lower edge of the back portion and hose-supporting straps extending forwardly and downwardly from the lower end of the back portion, as required to put the weight of the hose upon the hips and across the back, said elastic sections being in the line of the strain of the hose, substantially as specified.

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