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Fig. 1.

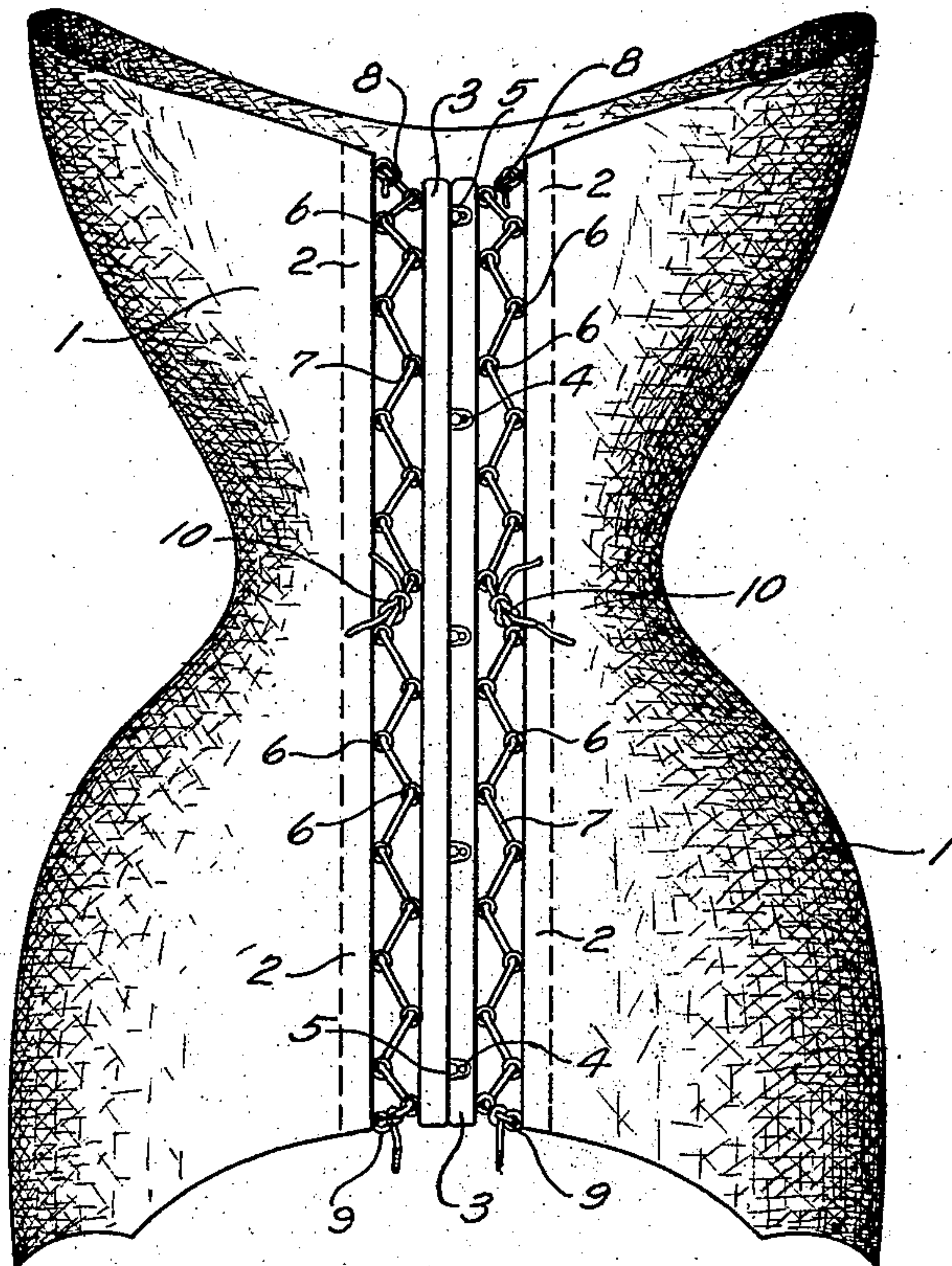


Fig. 2.

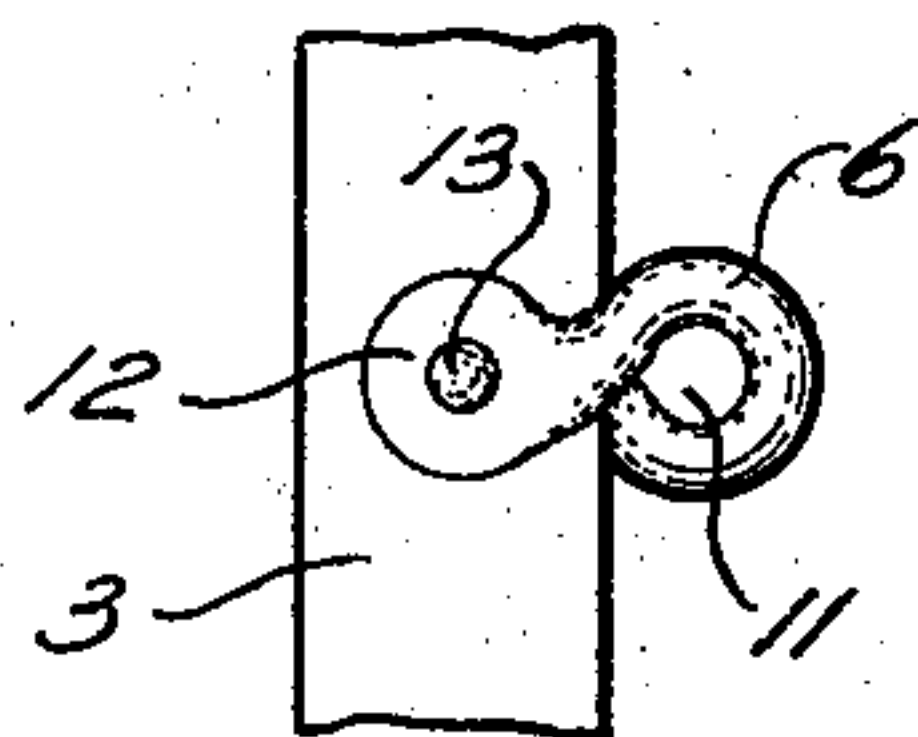
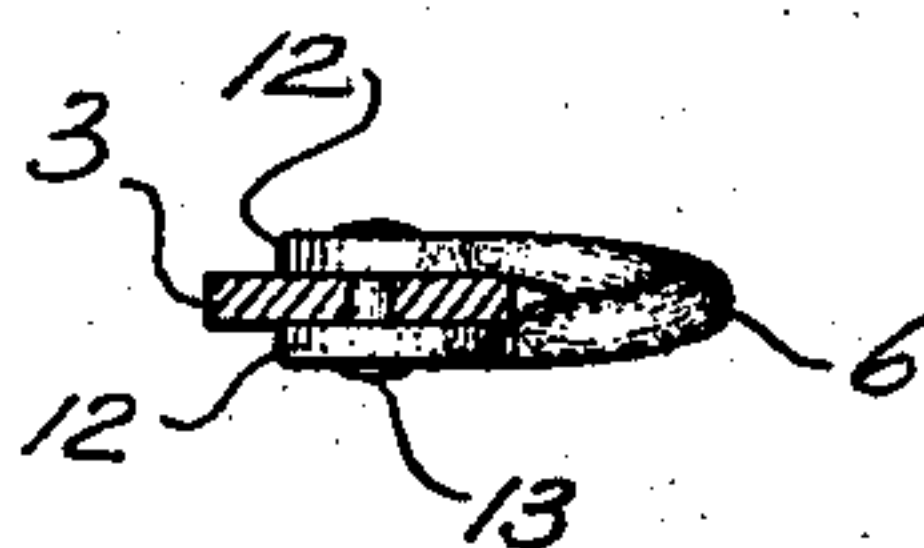


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEONA S. FOERSTER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Chicago, in the county of Cook
5 and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to means for fastening corsets and adjusting same to
10 different sizes.

The main object of my invention is to provide a new and improved corset which may be readily fastened and adjusted to different sizes by means suitable to be located at the
15 front of the corset, where said means are most easily accessible. I accomplish this object by the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2
20 is an elevation of a lacing-eye, such as is used in the device shown in Fig. 1, showing the method of attaching same to one of the corset-steels. Fig. 3 is a plan of same, the steel
25 being broken away on the line of the rivet.

In the device shown in the drawings, 1 is a corset, open at the front. Each edge of the opening is reinforced by a steel or stiffening-strip 2. Located midway between the strips
30 2 and substantially parallel thereto is a second pair of steels 3. The strips 3 are secured together by the detachable stud-and-socket connection, which is commonly used in garments of the class described, consisting of a
35 headed stud 4 on one of the members and a slotted socket-piece 5 on the other member. The adjacent edges of the fastening-strips 2 and 3 are provided with a series of eyelets 6. Each of the fastening-strips 3 is secured to
40 its adjacent strip 2 by a lacing 7. This lacing consists, preferably, of two parts, starting, respectively, at the extreme upper and lower eyes 8 and 9 and meeting at the waist-line at 10. The eyelets 6 are preferably made
45 of wire, bent to form a loop 11, and having the ends 12 flattened and secured to opposite sides of the fastening-strips 2 and 3 by the rivet 13. The loop is made in such form that it will lie
50 slightly twisted from such plane, as will be seen in Fig. 3, so as to allow a free lead for

the lacing-cord. This will allow the cords to readily adjust themselves, so as to avoid the concentration of strain at any particular point. The eyelet being of wire is of a form that is
55 least likely to cut the fastening-cord.

To operate my fastening device, each of the fastening-strips 3 is laced to its corresponding strip 2 in approximately the desired position. The garment is then adjusted to the wearer,
60 the strips 3 being secured together by the clasps 5 and the lacings tightened until the garment fits the wearer. It will be seen that the lacing is at the front of the corset, where it is most conveniently adjusted, while the
65 usual quick means for unclasping the parts is retained. It will also be seen that there is no need of lacing at the back of the corset, thus permitting same to be perfectly smooth and avoiding the appearance of ridges in a
70 tightly-fitting outer garment.

It will be seen that some of the details of the device shown may be altered without departing from the spirit of my invention. I
75 therefore do not confine myself to such details except as hereinafter limited in the claims.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A corset comprising a body, four fasten-
80 ing-strips of stiff resilient material arranged so as to lie substantially parallel, the outer pair being permanently connected with the body, the inner pair being provided with means for detachably connecting their adja-
85 cent edges, each of the inner pair having rigidly secured along its outer edge a series of projecting eyelets, each of the outer pair having rigidly secured along its inner edge a corresponding series of projecting eyelets, and
90 lacing for adjustably connecting the eyelets of each of the inner strips with the eyelets of the adjacent outer strip; said eyelets each consisting of a loop 6 lying substantially in the plane of the fastening-strip to which same
95 is secured, but being twisted from such plane to give a free lead to said lacing, substantially as shown.

2. A corset comprising a body, a pair of flat fastening-strips of stiff resilient material each
100 secured to an adjacent part of the garment, each of said strips having rigidly secured to

the edge adjacent to the other strip a series of projecting eyelets, and suitable lacing connecting the eyelets on one strip with those on the other; said eyelets each consisting of a
5 loop 6 lying substantially in the plane of the fastening-strip to which same is secured, but being twisted from such plane to give a free lead to said lacing, substantially as shown.

3. The corset-fastening comprising a flat-
10 tened strip of stiff resilient material having a series of projecting eyelets rigidly secured to one edge, said eyelets each consisting of a wire loop, rounded in cross-section, having

its ends flattened on opposite faces of the strip and secured together through said strip, said 15 loops lying substantially in the plane of said strip, but being twisted from such plane, to give a free lead to a lacing, substantially as shown.

Signed at Chicago this 15th day of October, 20 1901.

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