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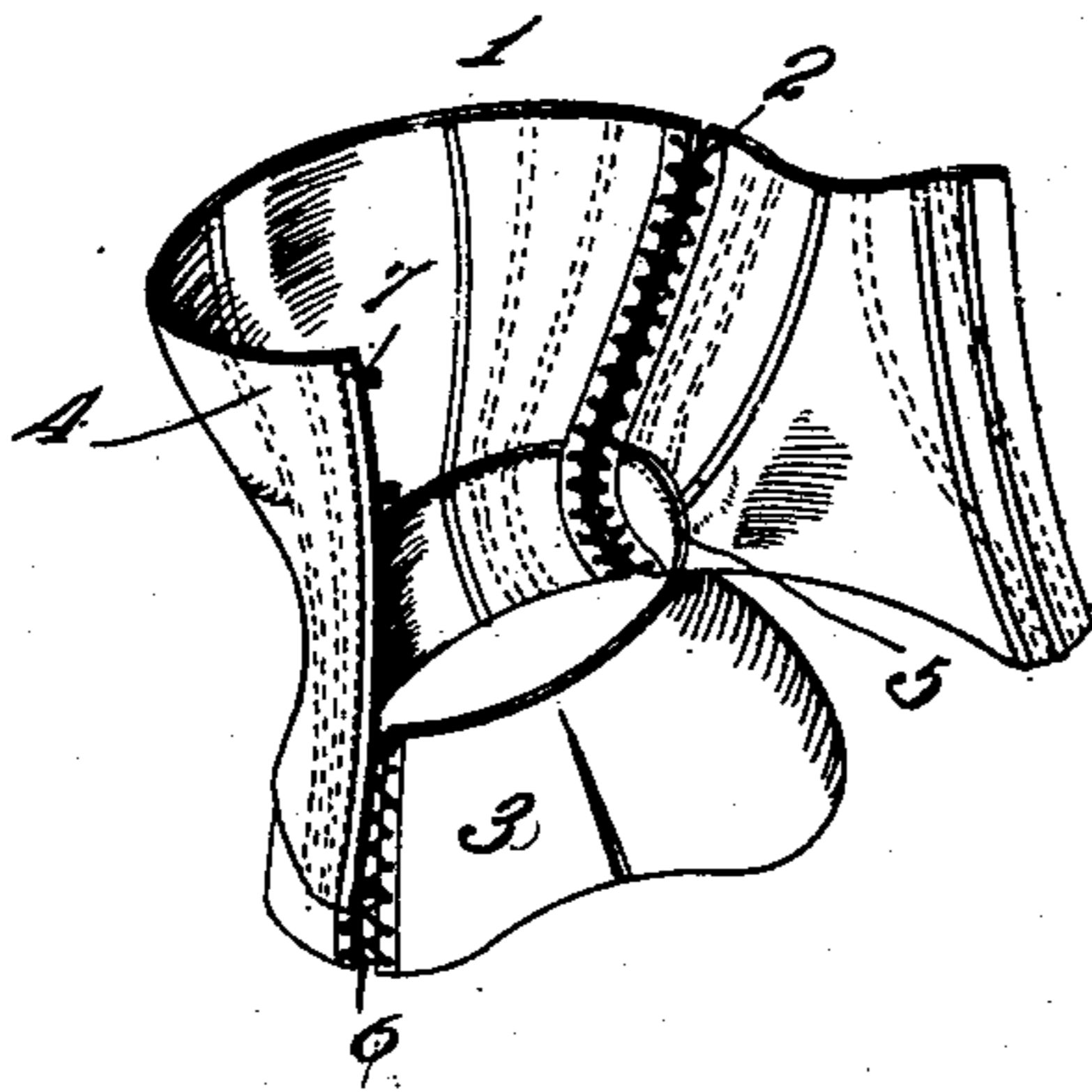
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Fig. 1.



*Fig. 2.*

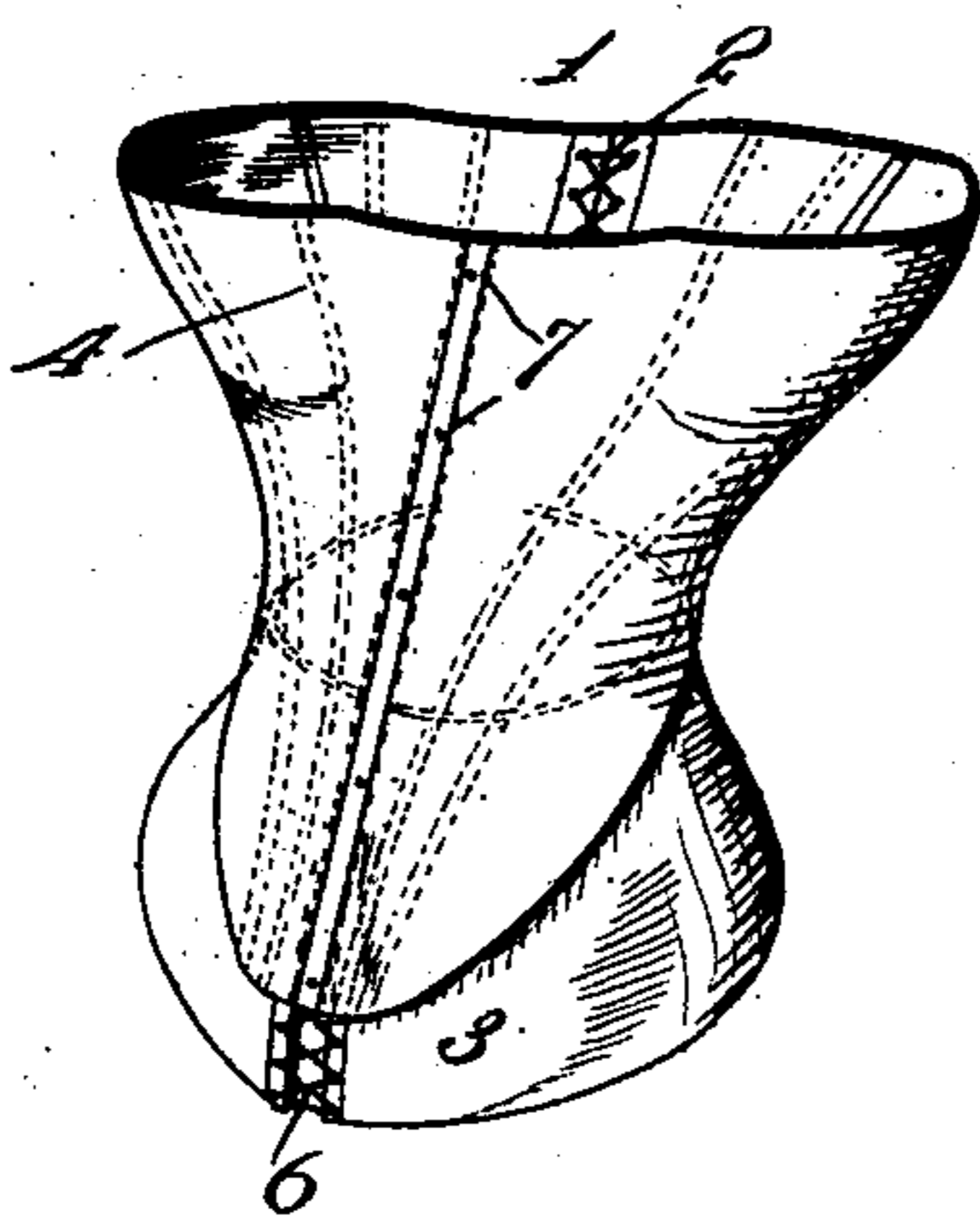
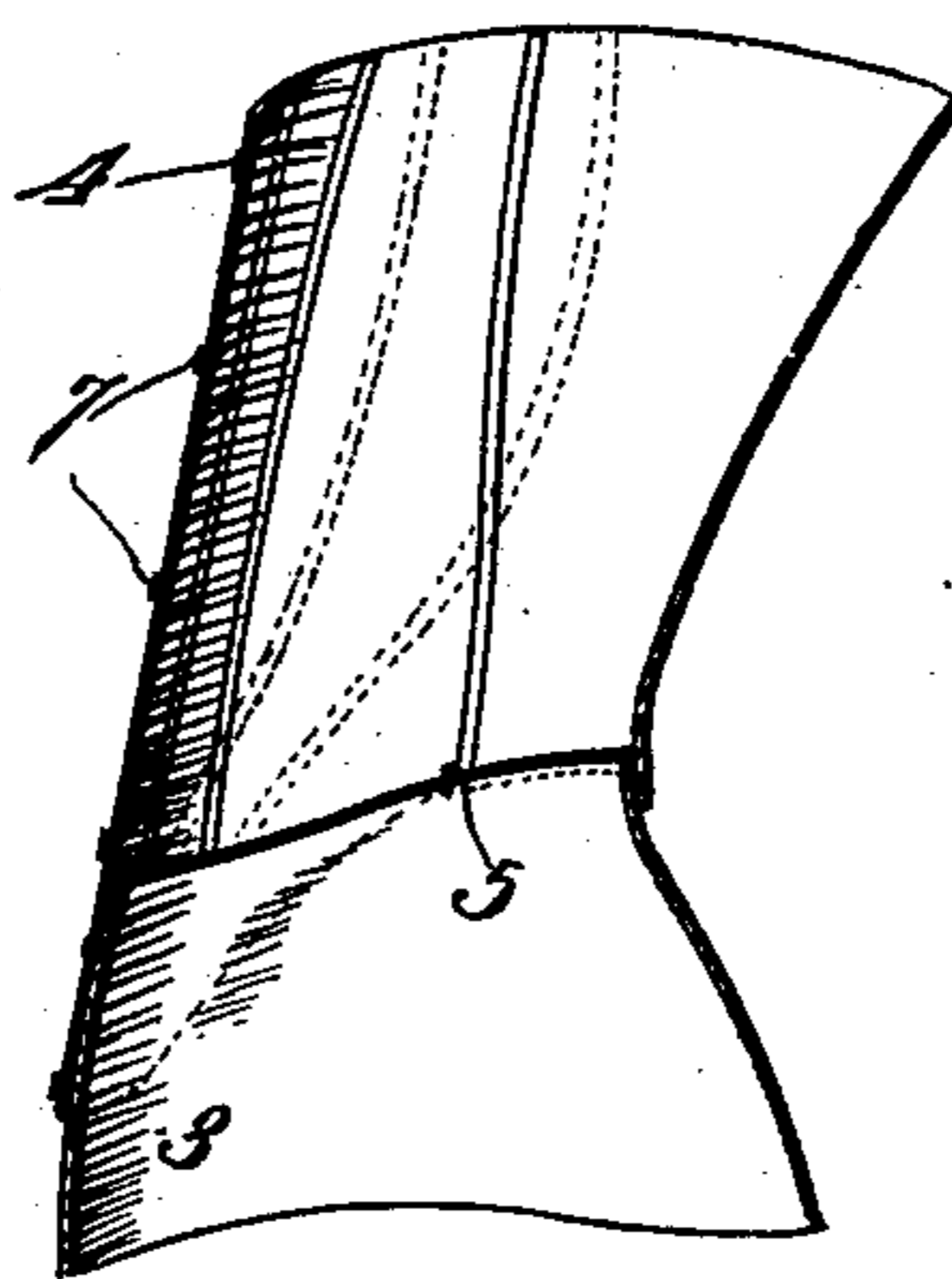


Fig. 3.



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## CORSET.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SOLOMON SEARLES GAYLORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, 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 appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in corsets, and particularly to that class of corsets in which the corset is formed to act to some extent as an abdominal supporter; and it consists in a corset formed with a lower abdominal supporting portion and an upper corset, the bust portion closing at its lower part over the abdominal supporter.

The invention also consists in a corset formed integral at the back and severed transversely as it approaches the front, the lower portion being capable of acting as an abdominal supporter, while the upper portion folds over the same and secures a straight front to the form.

It also consists in certain other novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved corset, showing one-half of the upper portion thereof turned backwardly to reveal the manner in which the abdominal supporting portion is attached thereto. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the corset in its closed condition. Fig. 3 is a vertical central section passing through the front and rear portions of said corset.

This corset is designed to supply the need for a device which, acting to a great extent as an abdominal supporter and enabling corpulent people especially to compress or draw in the abdomen, at the same time by means of the upper portion of the corset secures the appearance of a straight front.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated a practical embodiment of the invention, in which is shown a corset 1, which is

provided with the usual lacing 2 at the back 50 for adjusting the fit and tightness of a corset and which is open at the front. The lower portion of the corset 3 is separated at the front from the upper or bust portion 4, while the lower portion of the bust part 4 laps over to a considerable degree the lower abdominal portion 3. At the rear the abdominal portion 3 extends to the rear busks or lacing 2, so as to draw directly upon the same. The outer or bust portion 4 also extends to the rear busks or lacing 2, so as to pull upon the same directly, as does the abdominal portion. The lower edge of the bust portion 4 and the upper edge of the abdominal portion 3 are preferably secured together for a short distance from the rear lacing of the corset, as shown at 5, though the parts may, if desired, be separated from front to rear without departing in the least from the spirit of the invention. The abdominal portion 3 is properly shaped to fit upon the hips and abdomen of the wearer and at the front is preferably formed with suitable eyelets and a lacing-cord, as at 6, so that the said abdominal portion may be adjusted to draw in and compress the abdomen of the wearer to a suitable or desired extent. This, it will be observed, can be done independently of the fastening of the upper or bust portion of the corset. The upper or bust portion is preferably formed with ordinary corset-fasteners, as 7, carried by busks secured in the material of the corset at the front edges thereof in the usual manner. As heretofore intimated, the front portion of the bust part 4 preferably projects downwardly from the sides of the corset a considerable distance from the abdominal portion 3.

In putting on the corset the wearer first adjusts the abdominal portion, making it snug or as loose as desired, and then the front of the bust portion is drawn together and fastened, the lower end thereof lying over the greater portion of the front part of the abdominal portion 3. By reason of the fact that the bust portion 4 is separated from the abdominal band or lower portion 3 at least to the sides of the corset, if not entirely around

the same, the securing of the said upper portion over the lower portion after it has been adjusted is facilitated.

The abdominal band may, if desired, be  
 5 folded over the lower front end of the bust  
 portion without departing from the spirit of  
 the invention; but it is preferable to place the  
 bust portion outside the abdominal band, as  
 shown and above described, for there is less  
 10 likelihood of the parts being puckered or  
 bunched one beneath the other, and, moreover,  
 the fastening of the front busks of the upper  
 bust portion over the abdominal portion 3  
 after it has been adjusted in position makes it  
 15 possible to secure the effect of a straight front  
 for the wearer. The device is especially well  
 adapted for the use of corpulent people and  
 makes it possible for such persons to attain a  
 neat and stylish form, and yet with comfort  
 20 to the wearer of the corset. It will be ob-  
 served that the pull both of the abdominal  
 portion 3 and the upper bust portion 4 of the  
 corset is directly upon the lacing at the rear  
 of the corset, making one portion to a great  
 25 extent independent of the other, and yet both  
 working conjointly for producing the desired  
 effect.

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

1. A corset comprising a lower abdominal  
 portion and an upper portion, the said upper  
 portion extending only to the upper edge of  
 the lower abdominal portion at the rear but  
 35 extending downwardly below the upper edge  
 of the said abdominal portion at the front.

2. A corset provided with a lower abdomi-  
 nal supporting portion extending from the  
 rear fastenings of the corset to the front fas-  
 tenings thereof, an upper bust-inclosing por- 40  
 tion secured at its lower edge at the rear to  
 the upper edge of the abdominal supporting  
 portion, the said bust-inclosing portion hav-  
 ing a downwardly-extending projection at the  
 front overlapping the front portion of the 45  
 abdominal supporting portion.

3. A corset comprising a lower abdominal  
 supporting portion extending from the rear  
 fastening of the corset unbrokenly to the front,  
 an upper bust-inclosing portion extending 50  
 unbrokenly from the rear of the corset to the  
 front, the upper edge of the abdominal por-  
 tion being connected with the lower edge of  
 the bust portion at the rear while the front  
 of the bust portion extends downwardly over 55  
 the front of the lower portion.

4. A corset comprising an upper bust-in-  
 closing portion and a lower abdominal sup-  
 porting portion, both portions extending un-  
 brokenly from the front fastening of the cor- 60  
 set to the rear fastening thereof and a front  
 downwardly-extending portion formed upon  
 the bust-inclosing portion, the said portion  
 being curved downwardly toward the sides of  
 the corset to the front and not interfering with 65  
 the relative adjustment of the parts.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my  
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