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Fig. 1.

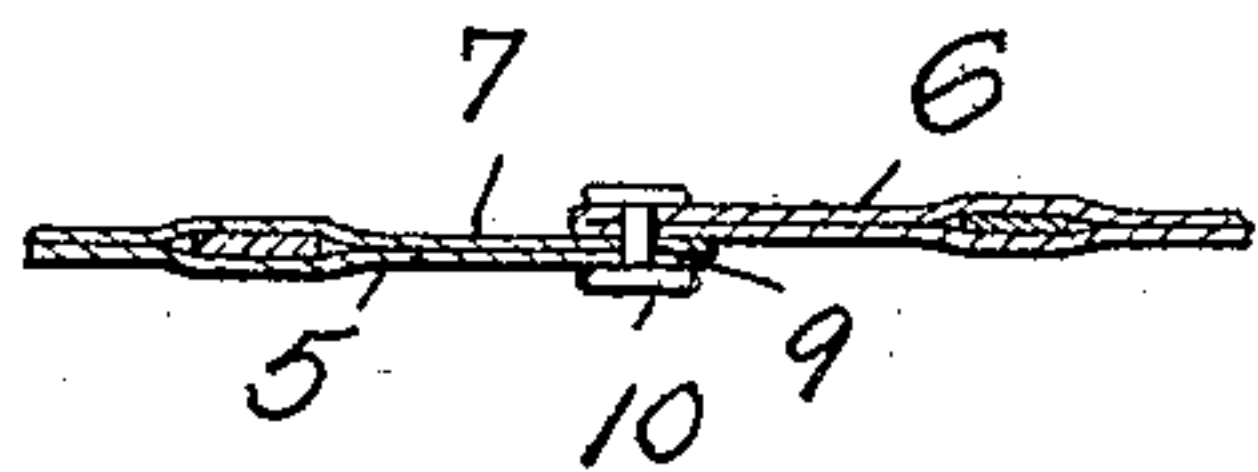
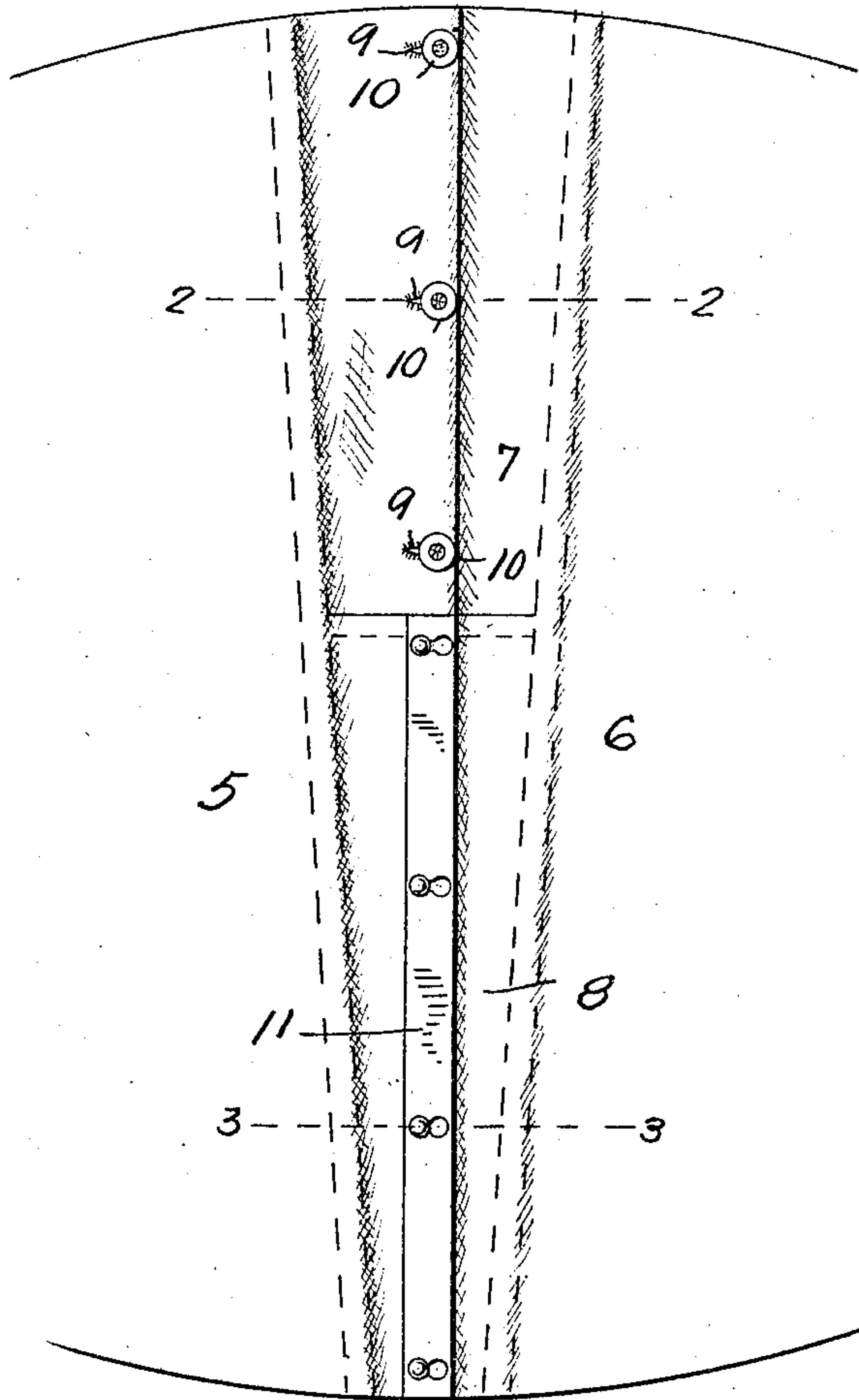
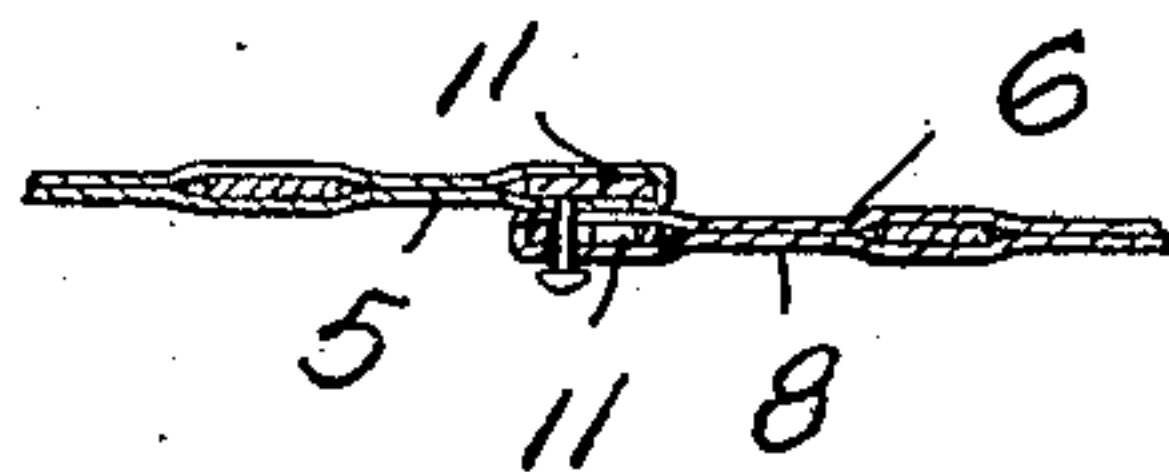


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY BACHURA, a citizen of the United States, residing at Collyer, in the county of Trego, State of Kansas, 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.

The present invention relates to improvements in corsets, and aims to provide a device of that character so constructed as to permit a free expansion of the chest during respiration. To this end the opposite ends of the corset are connected by an elastic strip and an inelastic strip, arranged one above the other and secured together at their meeting edges, each of said strips comprising a pair of wings connected to the opposite sections or halves of the corset and likewise fastened together at their mutually-adjacent edges.

The invention will be readily understood from the following detailed description, and its preferred embodiment is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by corresponding reference numerals in the several views.

Of the said drawings—Figure 1 is a front elevation of a corset constructed in accordance with the present invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are transverse sections taken on the lines 2—2 and 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the sections or halves 5 and 6 of the corset are shown as provided with an elastic wing 7 and an inelastic wing 8, secured to their front edges and arranged one above the other, the elastic strips extending from the waist line of the corset upwards, and the inelastic strips from the same point downwards. The mutually-adjacent edges of the wings of each corset half are sewed or otherwise fastened.

The outer side edge of one of the elastic wings 7 is provided with a vertical series of

buttonholes 9, while the opposite elastic section carries a correspondingly arranged series of buttons 10, by means of which the elastic wings are fastened together. The inelastic wings are, however, fastened by means of steels 11, of the type ordinarily used in corsets.

It will be apparent from the foregoing that the provision of the elastic wings permits the necessary expansion of the chest during respiration, while the provision of the particular fastening means carried by said wings avoids the cramping pressure incidental to the use of steels or ribs. At the same time it will be noted that the provision of the lower inelastic wings and the metallic clasps carried thereby will not interfere in any way with the pressure of the corset requisite to cause it to conform to the hips of the wearer.

What is claimed, is—

1. A corset having an upper elastic wing and a lower inelastic wing secured to each of its front edges, non-resilient fastening means located upon the adjacent edges of said elastic wings, and mutually engaging resilient fastening members terminating at the meeting point between the elastic and inelastic wings.

2. A corset having an upper elastic wing and a lower inelastic wing secured to each of its front edges, one of said elastic wings being provided with a vertical series of button-holes located at its outer edge, and a correspondingly-arranged series of buttons carried by the other elastic wing, and a pair of mutually engaging metallic clasps secured to the adjacent edges of said inelastic wings, said clasps terminating at the meeting point between the elastic and inelastic wings.

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

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