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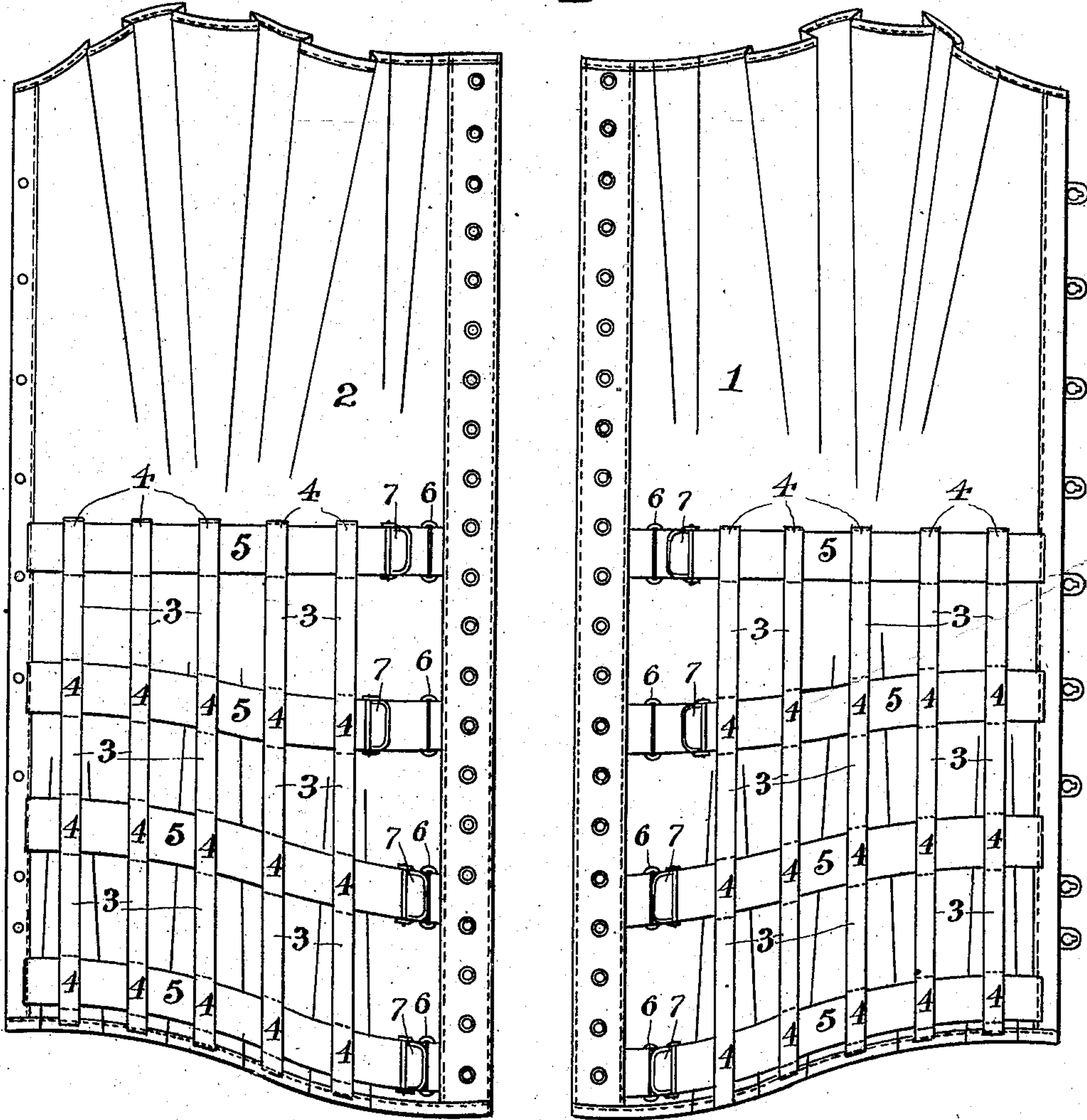
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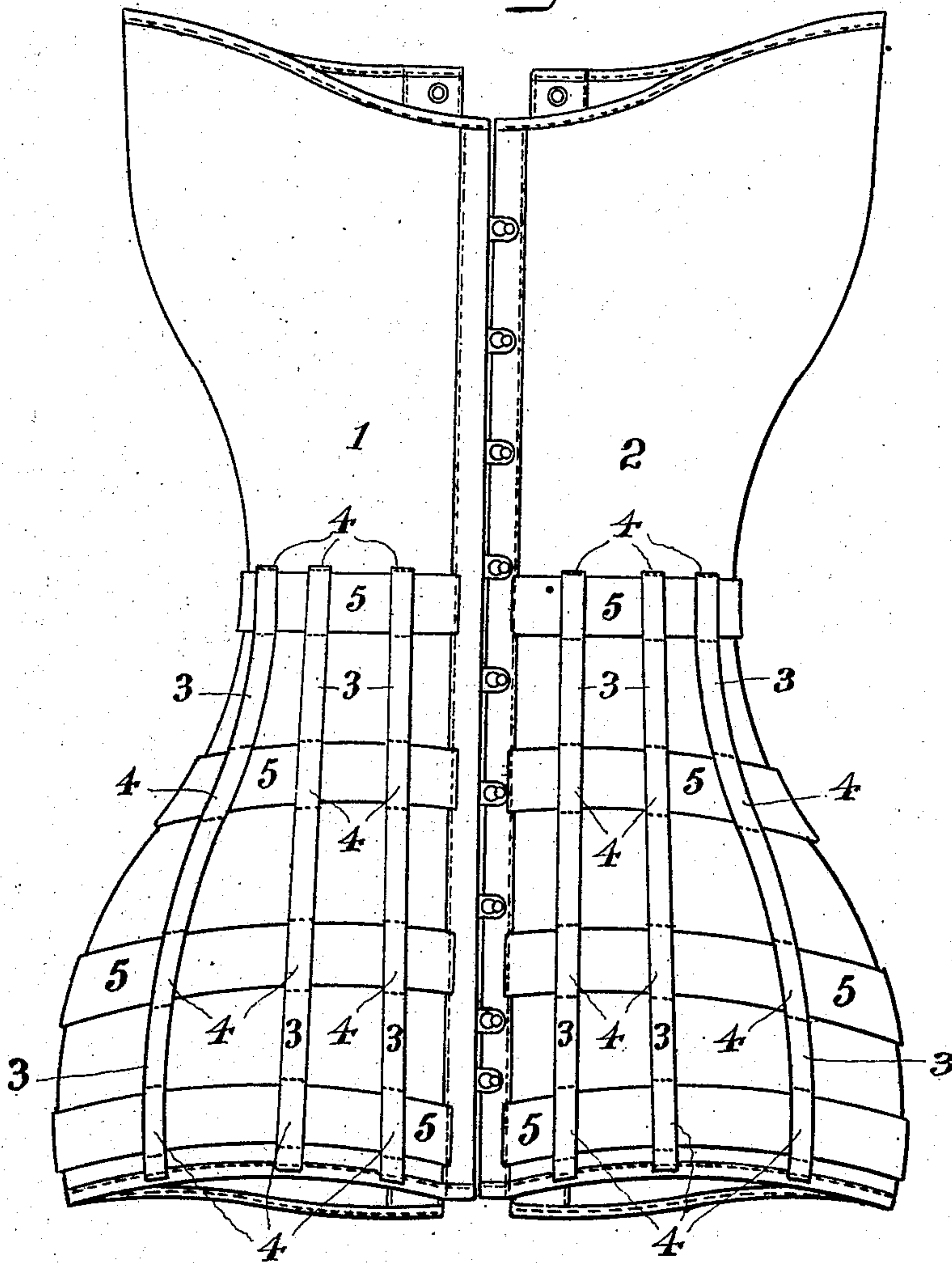
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Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK JAMES DIGNEY and NELLIE LENNON DIGNEY, both citizens of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Corsets; and we 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.

Our invention relates to corset attachments but more particularly has reference to an appliance to the corset whereby the latter may be tightened or relaxed at various locations below the waist line, so that the corset may not only fit the person of the wearer but will exert the proper pressure against the abdomen and hips so as to reduce undue prominence thereof.

With these ends in view our invention consists in the details of construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described and then particularly pointed out in the claims which conclude this description.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is an elevation of a corset spread out and equipped with our improvement, and Fig. 2 a front view of a corset with our improved attachment as it appears when on the person of the wearer.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in both figures of the drawing.

Very long corsets have, at the present time, come into fashion, and it is very desirable that the lower portion of the corset below the waist line shall fit the person of the wearer, since otherwise, the corset stays are apt to prod the flesh and cause annoyance and possible injury. A long corset may be made to order to fit the person of the wearer, but ready made corsets of this description do not fit below the waist line since they are sold by sizes which refer only to the waist line and have no reference whatever to the hips or the abdomen.

Our improvement enables a corset to be fitted closely to the person of the wearer below the waist line, and as the figure of the wearer changes by the decrease or increase of the prominence of the abdomen or the hips, the pressure of the corset may be increased or decreased as the occasion may demand.

1, 2, are the corset sections to the outside of which below the waist line vertically dis-

posed tapes 3 are secured by fastening the upper and lower extremities of said tapes firmly to the corset and tacking the intermediate portions of the tapes at regular intervals to the corset either by stitching, eye-letting or otherwise, so that a series of loops 4 will be formed that are in substantially parallelism. The openings formed by these loops are substantially in a horizontal plane when the corset is on the person of the wearer and separate strips 5 of elastic webbing are run through each series of loops, these strips being preferably secured at one end to either the front or rear edges of the corset sections, the other ends of said strips being adjustably secured to the other edges of said sections in any well known manner, in the present instance, these ends of the strips being passed through rings 6 fastened to the corset and then secured to any suitable adjusting buckles 7 that are arranged to slide along the webbing in the usual manner. These elastic strips 5 being horizontally disposed one above the other at intervals from below the waist line to the lower edges of the corset cover substantially the entire portions of the corset below the waist line, and each of these strips 5 may be independently tightened or relaxed according to the pressure required, and the corset may thus be made to conform closely to the person of the wearer. We prefer to make these strips elastic, since a yielding pressure is thereby given greatly contributing to the comfort of the wearer, but of course these strips may be made non-elastic, and we do not wish to be limited in this respect. Also, by the use of our improved attachment the great difficulty heretofore experienced in the fitting of long corsets is overcome, and the webbing strips may be so adjusted that there can be no possible danger of any uncomfortable prodding of the flesh by the stiffening elements of the corset.

As a corset equipped with our improvement is worn from day to day, it will necessarily adapt itself to the peculiar contour of the body of the wearer, and as circumstances dictate the wearer can adjust the various strips until the fitting of the corset below the waist line becomes perfect. As a means for reducing undue prominence of the abdomen, our improvement, in connection with a long corset, is a success, and this reduction may be accomplished without discomfort to the wearer.

In the accompanying drawing the series of loops through which the elastic webbings are disposed are shown on the outside of the corset but of course these loops may be disposed on the inside of the corset, if desired, without any material difference in the arrangement of the parts of my improvement.

The strips may be made adjustable at both the front and back edges of the corset sections by a mere duplication of the adjustment feature already described but we prefer a single adjustment since it is sufficient in our estimation for all practical purposes. While we very much prefer that these strips should be made adjustable, still it is perfectly obvious that said strips may be secured at a predetermined tension to the front and rear edges of the corset sections without any adjustment whatsoever, which construction would accomplish substantially the same results as that in which the adjustable feature was utilized, except that it would not be so advantageous in the matter of making allowance for increase or decrease of size of the wearer's person. The adjusting feature therefore being adjunctive rather than necessary we do not wish to be limited in this respect.

Having thus described our invention what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A corset attachment comprising a series of horizontally disposed parallel loops secured to the corset below the waist line, and strips of webbing extending loosely through said series of loops and having their extremities secured to the front and rear edges of the corset sections.

2. A corset attachment comprising a series of loops secured to the corset sections below the waist line and extending in parallel series one above the other from the front to the rear edges of said sections, and separate elastic webbings passed through each of said series, the ends of said webbings being secured at the front and rear edges of said sections and capable of adjustment whereby an increased or decreased tension may be obtained.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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