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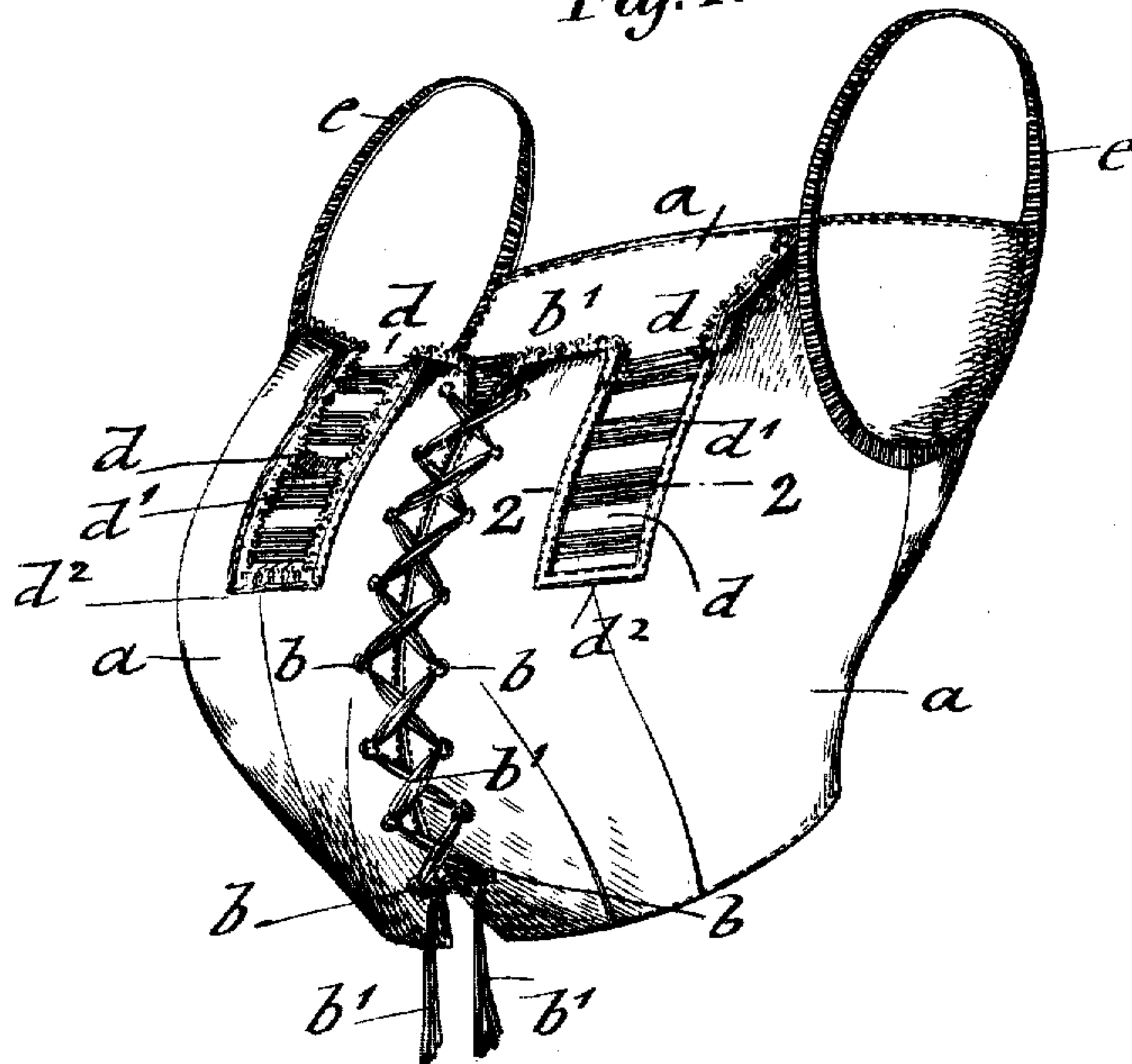


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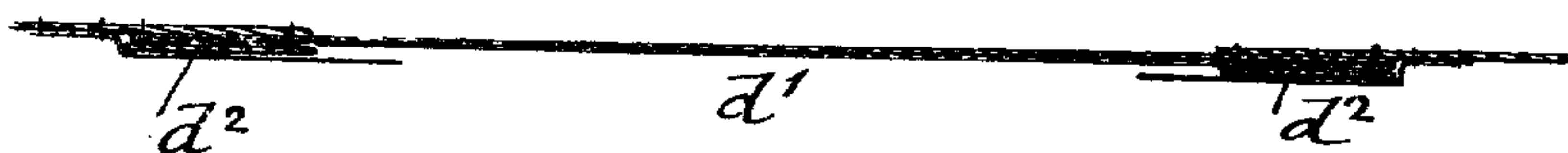
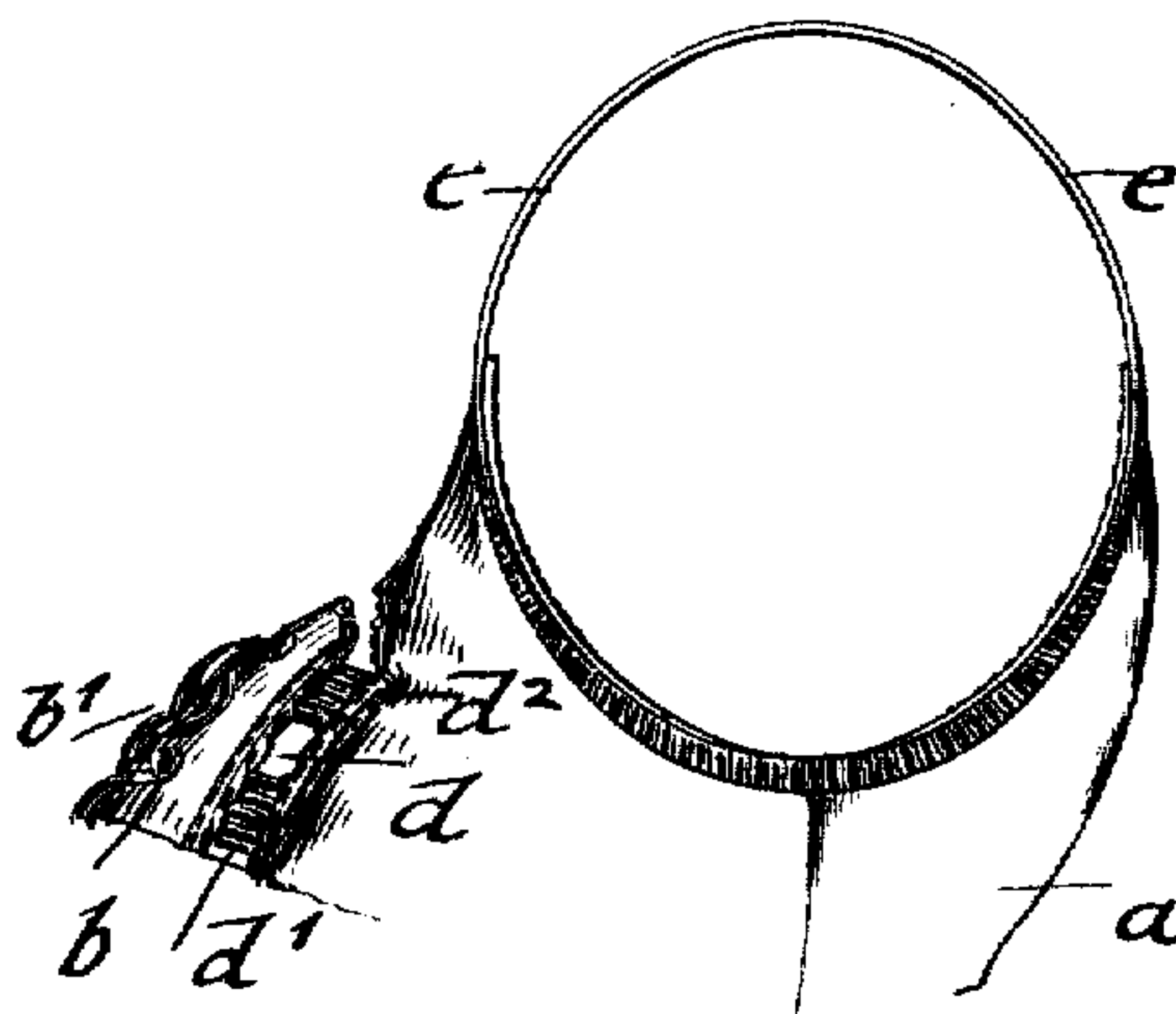


Fig: 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JENNIE M. BODENSIEK, a citizen of the Kingdom of Sweden, residing at New York, in the borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bust-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved bust-supporter which is mainly intended for the use of stout women, and which has a certain degree of elasticity so that it fits the bust in a comfortable manner and acts in the nature of a bust-reducer; and for this purpose the invention consists of a bust-supporter which is laced at the front and provided at each side of the front-lacing with recesses having a plurality of transverse elastic bands, and which is provided along the edges of the armholes with loop-shaped elastic shoulder-straps that are stitched at their lower portions to the supporter, as will appear from the following description and claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bust-supporter, Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on line 2, 2, Fig. 1, drawn on a larger scale, and Fig. 3 is a side-view of the bust-supporter showing the shoulder-strap of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents a bust-supporting unstiffened waist-like garment which is made of suitable light material and according to the bust measurements. The garment *a* is closed at the back and provided with eyelets *b* in the front and lace-strings *b*¹ so as to be tightly fitted to the body. In the upper breast portion of the waist *a*, at each side of the lacing-strings *b*¹, are arranged recesses *d*, preferably of rectangular shape, which extend downwardly in said breast-portion. The side-edges of said recesses are unstiffened and connected by a number of transverse elastic

straps *d*¹ that are stitched at the ends to the waist *a* and covered by a strip *d*², the edges of the recesses being preferably ornamented by suitable lace or trimming. At both sides of the waist *a* are arranged openings for the arms and along the edges of the arm-openings are stitched elastic shoulder-straps *e* of loop shape. The elastic shoulder-straps are placed over the shoulders and serve to support the waist *a* on the shoulders in such a manner that the shoulders can be freely moved without being inconvenienced by the tension of the waist. The elastic front-straps of the waist *a* serve to support the bust, without discomfort, and permit in connection with the lacing-strings *b*¹ the close fitting of the waist body, while reducing at the same time the bust, which is the general desire of stout women. The bust-supporter serves thereby two objects, namely, to give a comfortable fit for and obtain the reduction of the bust. As the bust-supporter is made of soft flexible and attractive material and trimmed with lace, it serves also as a corset-cover, so as to dispense with this garment.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A bust-supporter consisting of an unstiffened waist-like garment cut away at the upper part and provided at each side of the upper breast-portion with a recess having unstiffened side-edges extending downwardly in the breast-portion from the upper edge of the garment, a plurality of transverse elastic straps extending across each recess and connecting the edges thereof, and elastic shoulder-straps attached to the arm-openings of the garment.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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