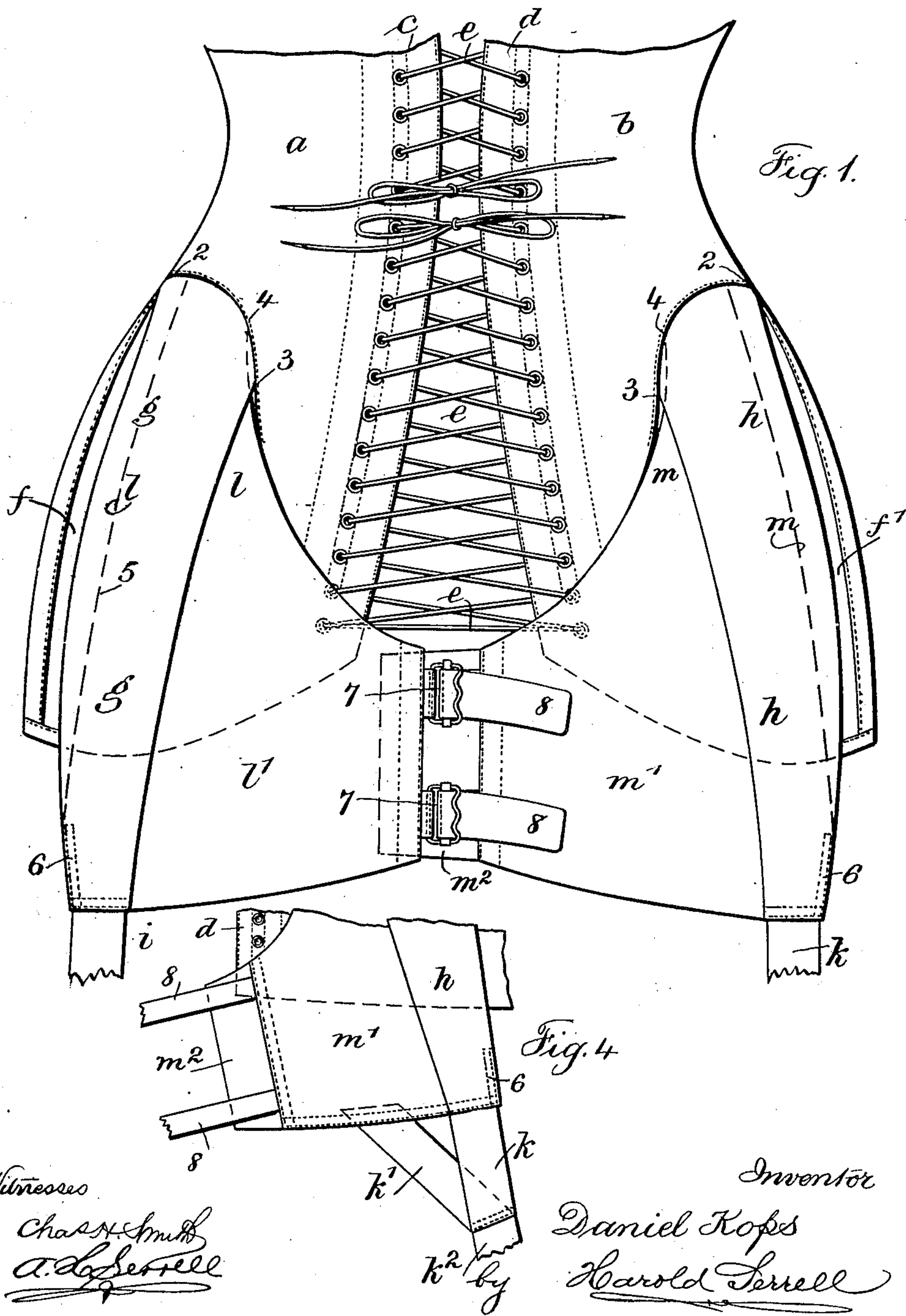


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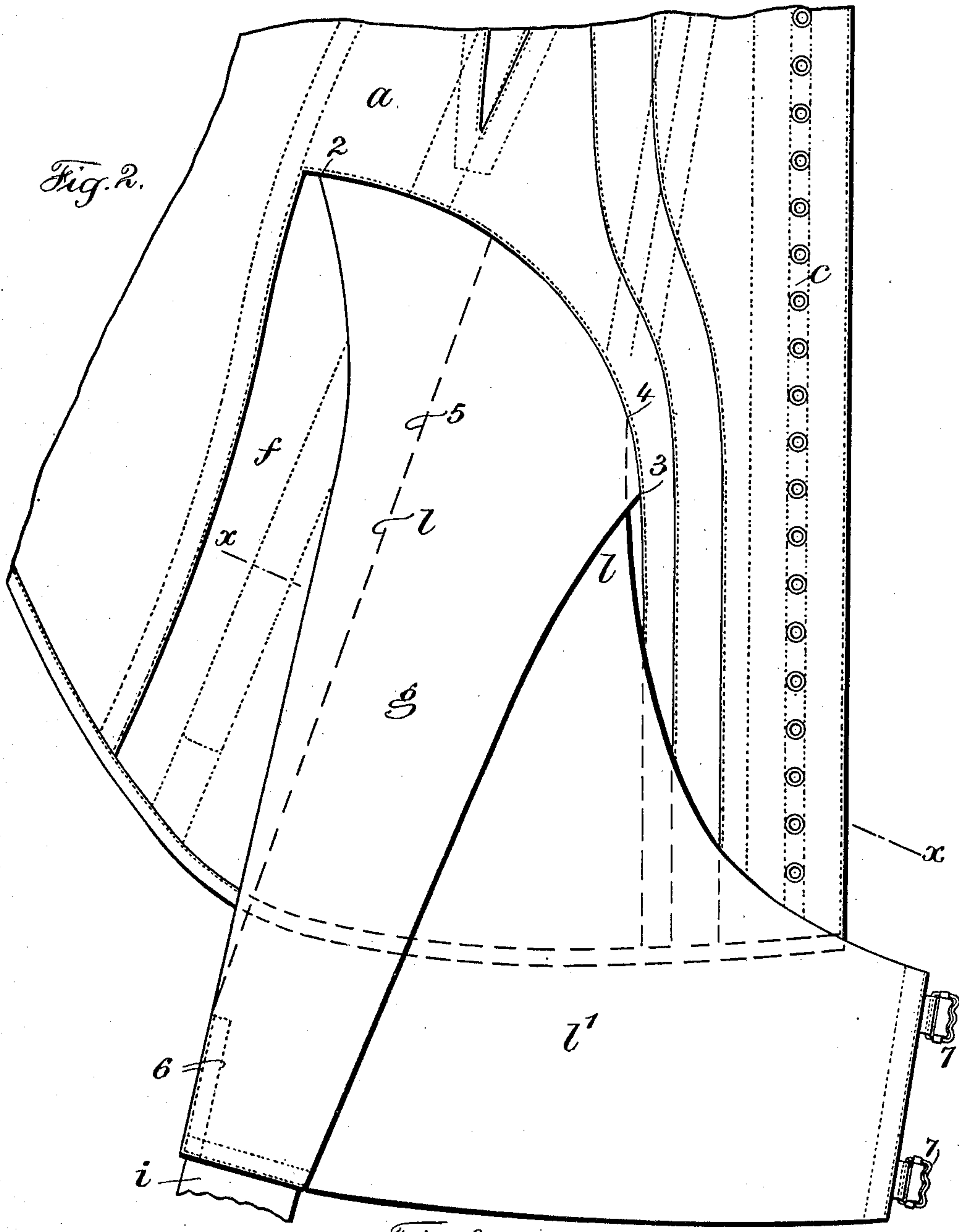
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL KOPS, a citizen of the United States, residing at the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Apparel-Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention is designed as an improvement upon and addition to the devices shown and described in Letters Patent granted to me August 16, 1904, #767,415 and in my application for Letters Patent filed November 4, 1907, Serial #400,492.

The fashion in women's wear especially relating to corsets has been the production of a flat front effect, whereas the newest fashion is the production of a flat back effect just as desirable in some figures as the flat front effect is in others. In my application aforesaid, a form of my invention shown and described had special reference to a flatter back effect, and my present invention is a direct improvement thereon.

In the carrying out of my invention, I employ at each side over and back of the hips a tapering strap occupying substantially a vertical position and secured just below the waist line and adapted for a direct pull by hose supporter devices secured to the free lower ends thereof, and in connection with these straps I employ inclined underlying straps at their lower ends secured to the lower ends of the direct tension straps and hose supporters; at their upper ends secured coincidentally with said direct tension straps and also on lines curved downward and rearward and said inclined straps are formed with rearwardly projecting skirt extensions to the free ends of which fastening devices are secured adapted to connect said free ends in an adjustable relation extending downward from and below the lower back edges of the corsets over the buttocks of the wearer. The flat back effect desired is to be in evidence when the wearer is in an upright position; then the tension of the hose supporters on the side straps applies tension to the skirt extensions around over the buttocks to hold in and down any undue protuberance and lend smoothness and grace to the figure.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation at the back of the corset showing the lower portion of the corset as in position on the figure and the features of my invention. Fig. 2 in enlarged size shows the lower back

portion of one half of the corset as laid out flat. Fig. 3 is a sectional plan on about the dotted line  $x, x$ , of Fig. 2, and Fig. 4 at one lower corner showing a modification of my invention.

$a b$  represent part of the halves of the corset at the back and of usual construction.  $c d$  the back edges with lacing eyelets.  $e$  the laces and  $f f^1$  gore sections of the corset over the hips and toward the back edges.

The tapering straps occupying substantially a vertical position are represented at  $g h$ . These are secured to the fabric body just below the waist line and advantageously to the upper sewed line of the gores  $f f^1$  each by a line of sewing extending from 2 to 3. Hose supporters  $i k$  are secured to the lower free ends of the straps  $g h$ . I provide in connection with these straps  $g h$  the inclined underlying straps  $l m$  and integral skirt extensions  $l^1 m^1$  secured to the fabric body on lines adjacent and coincident to the connecting lines of the straps  $g h$  preferably at the upper lines of the gores  $f f^1$  and by the lines of sewing extending from 2 to 4. The strap portions of the integral parts  $l l^1$  and  $m m^1$  being in reality between the forward edges 5 and lines drawn from the sewing ends 4 to the lower ends of the back lines of the parts or straps  $g h$ , where the said lower ends are connected together and also to the hose supporters  $i k$  for tension and pull from the corset body and are also connected on the vertical sewed lines 6 for strength and tension; it being understood that the straps  $g h$  are free below the sewed lines 2 3 and that the parts or straps  $l m$  are free below the sewed lines 2 4. Buckles 7 and straps or tapes 8 are secured substantially as shown or in any equivalent manner to the respective free ends of the skirt extensions  $l^1 m^1$  to overlie the guard flaps  $m^2$  and they are adapted to co-act in drawing together the skirt extensions at the central back portion over the buttocks in use and holding the same in place and applying tension coincidentally and simultaneously with the tension applied by the hose supporters  $i k$  so as to hold down, confine, and impart shape and contour to the parts covered thereby, which tension can of course be modified to the desired extent by the straps and buckles.

From the section Fig. 3 the separate character of the parts  $g$  and  $l l^1$  from the corset body will be apparent.

From the detached elevation Fig. 4 it will



be apparent that either hose supporter  $i$  or  $k$  may have associated therewith an elastic member as  $k^1$  at an inclination which is either a separate piece or a loop of the part  $k$ , extending to a separate union with the lower edge of the skirt and drawing by the single hose supporter  $k^2$  from two points of the skirt extension to assist the tension and insure conformation with the figure.

10 I claim as my invention:

1. In an apparel corset extending both above and below the waist, flexible skirt extensions permanently secured to, depending from and extending below the lower back portions of the corset only, detachable means for connecting the same and means for applying tension thereto.

2. In an apparel corset extending both above and below the waist, flexible skirt extensions permanently secured to, depending from and extending below the lower back portion of the corset only, means for connecting the same in an adjustable relation and means connected thereto and to the corset at about the sides thereof for applying tension thereto.

3. In an apparel corset, the combination with vertically disposed tension straps at

the sides of the corset over the hips and tension applying devices secured thereto, of strap and skirt extension devices connected to the corset adjacent to the connection of the tension devices and connected also to the said tension applying devices, the skirt extensions depending at the back below the lower edges of the corset and having means for connecting them at the center.

4. In an apparel corset, the combination with the vertically disposed tension straps  $g$   $h$  and supporter straps  $i$   $k$  connected at their upper edges by lines of sewing to the fabric body, of the combined tension straps and skirt extensions also secured to the fabric body adjacent to the connection of the straps  $g$   $h$  and to the lower ends of said straps and depending from the corset body and extending below and to the central portion at the back and means at the free ends for connecting the same together in an adjustable relation.

Signed by me this 28th day of August 1908.

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