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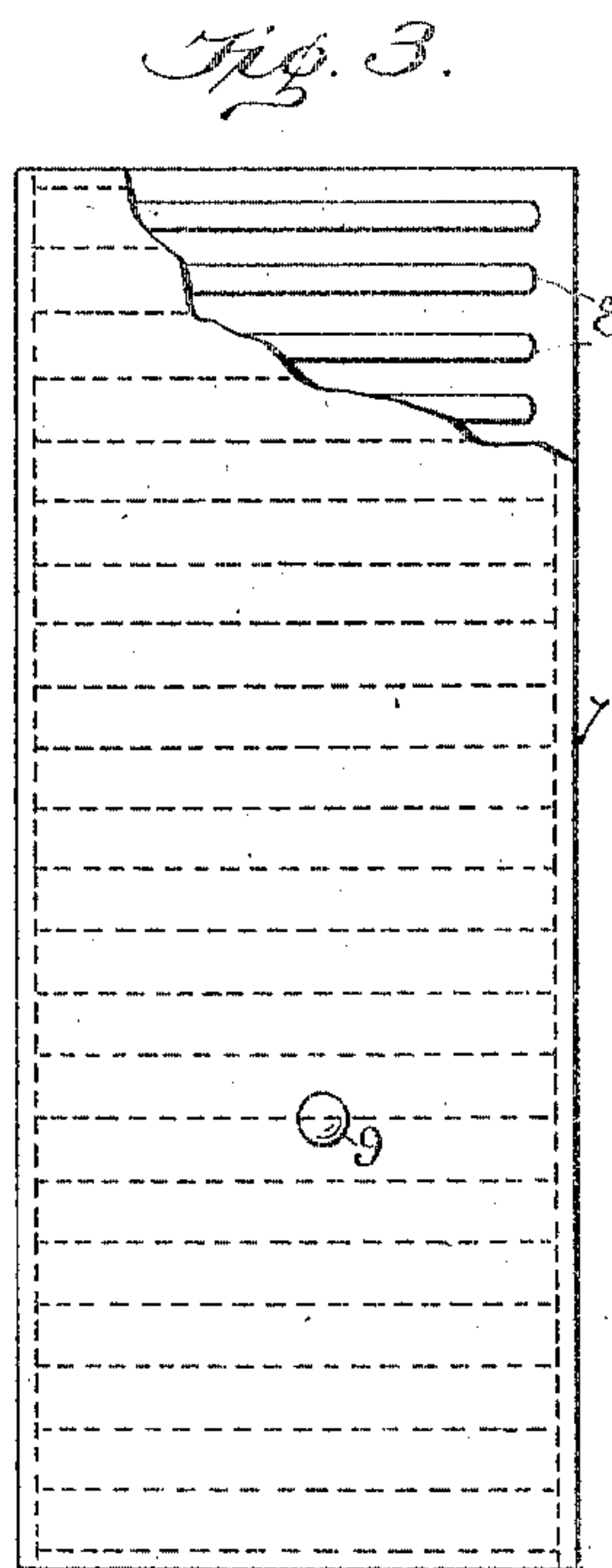
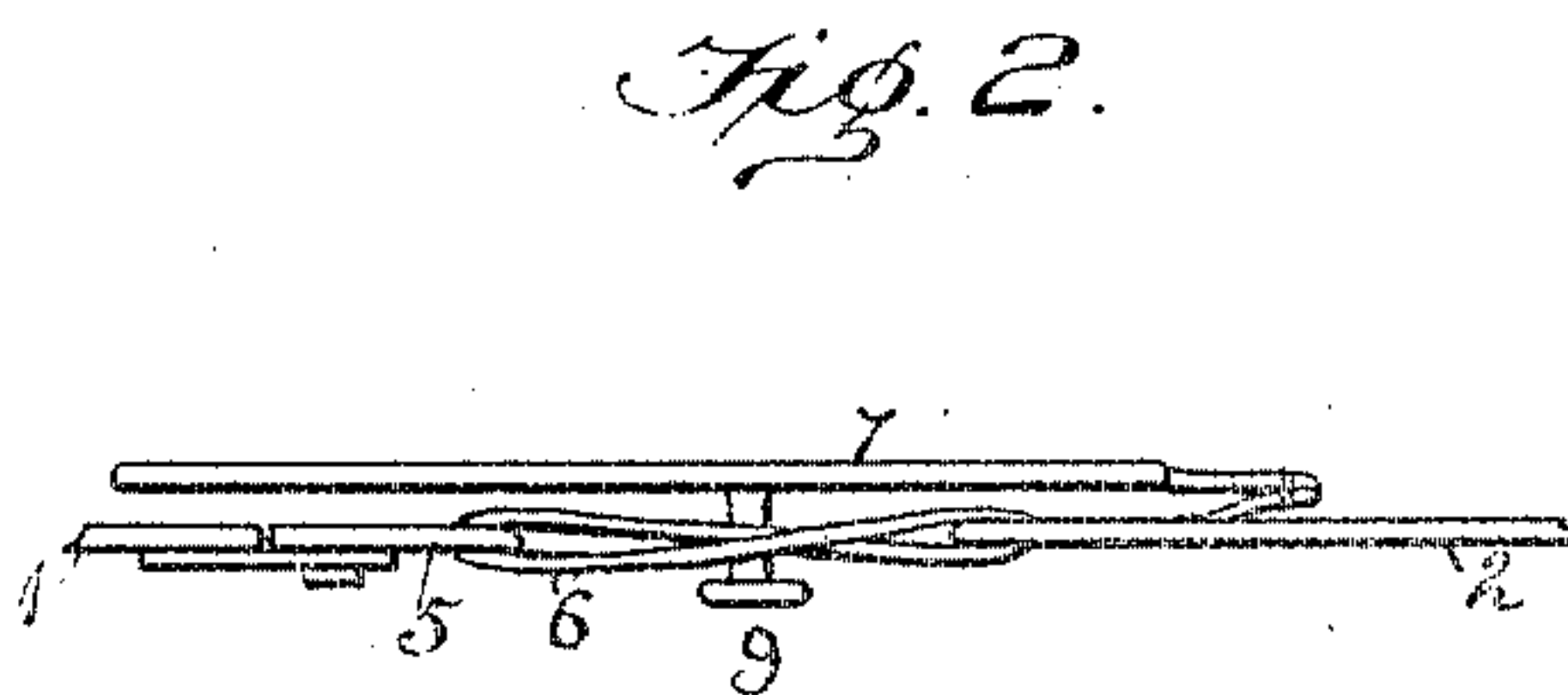
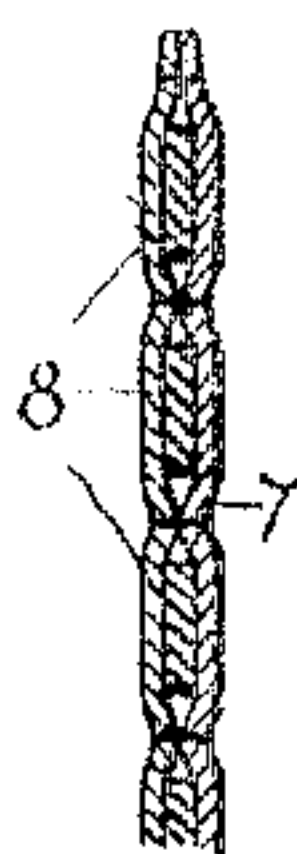


Fig. 4.



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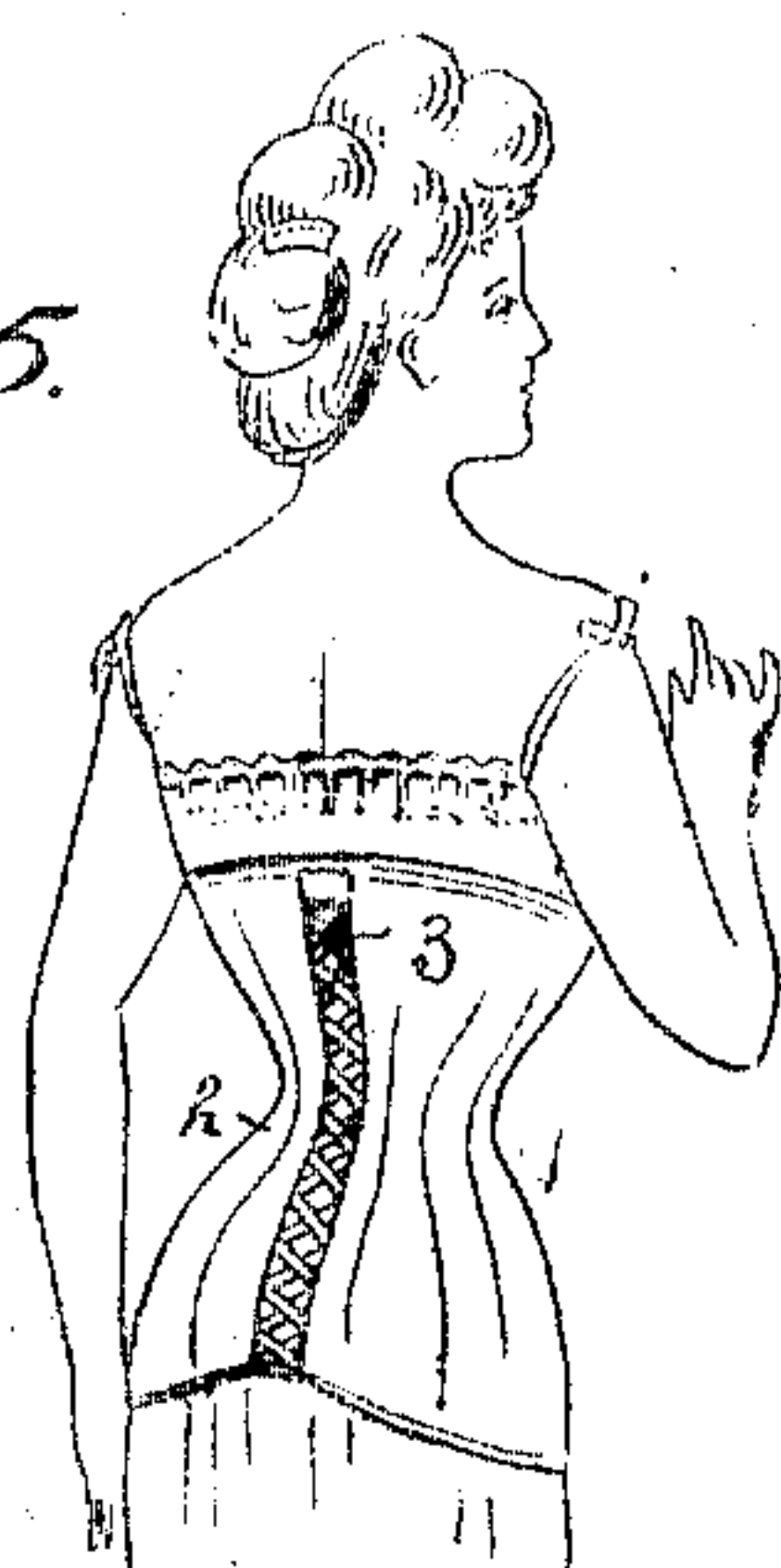
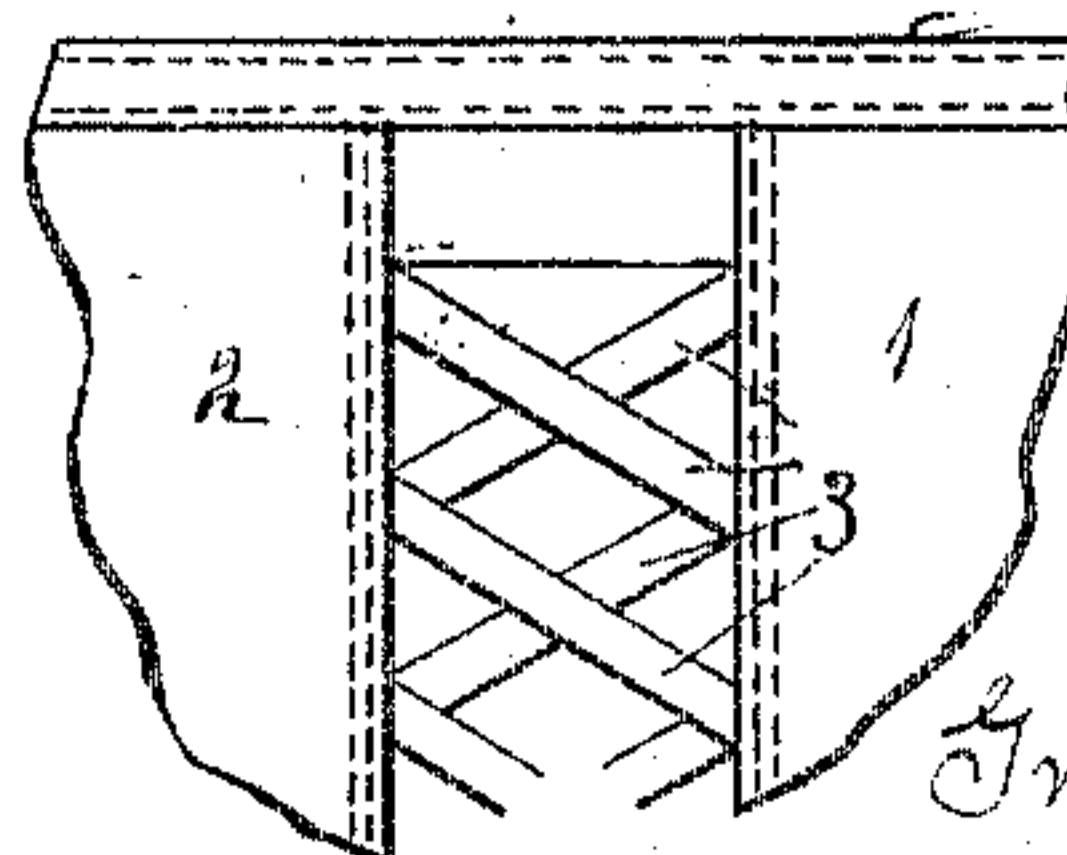


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GRACE PFEIL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corsets, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is to construct a front lace corset with a shield or protector secured to the corset along one edge of the open front and adapted to underlie the lacing, in order that the body of the wearer will be held in proper form.

The further object of this invention is to construct a front lace corset with a shield or protector located beneath the lacing and secured to one side of the opening, the shield corded or boned cross-wise in order that it may be held from bulging between the lacing.

The further object of this invention is to construct an attachment to the shield which receives the belt for producing a dip front.

The further object of this invention is to provide an open back to a side or front lace corset in order that proper ventilation may be had.

The further object of this invention is to form a side or front lace corset with an open back which will give ease to the wearer.

The further object of this invention is to form the back of a front lace corset open and connecting the sides of the corset with tapes permanently attached to the ends and connecting them.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the corset as seen from the front. Fig. 2 is a top view of the front portion of the corset. Fig. 3 is a face representation of the shield in which a portion is broken away to show the stiffening bones. Fig. 4 is a lengthwise section of a portion of the shield. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the corset as seen from the back. Fig. 6 is a rear view of the upper portion of the corset.

The corset is formed of two sections 1 and 2 connected in the back by cross-tapes 3 which leave an opening between the sections. The front of section 1 is formed with the usual steel edge 4 to which is connected a narrow section 5 having a steel edge; the steel edges being connected in the usual manner. The narrow section 5 is connected to the section 2 by the lacing 6 in the usual manner. To the section 2 along its front edge, and to its inner face is permanently at-

tached a shield or protector 7 which extends the length or nearly the length of the section, and is of a width to underlie the front lacing 6, and extend under the narrow section 5 and in some instances will extend under the section 1. The shield or protector is formed with bones 8 extending cross-wise of the shield and held in place by stitching, and if deemed better the shield can be quilted cross-wise in order to give sufficient firmness.

In front lace corsets there has been no provision made to hold the body of the wearer from protruding through the lacings, and my invention overcomes this defect.

To the lower portion of the shield I secure a hook or button 9 under which the belt for producing a dip front may be secured.

As will be seen, the edges 4 and 5 lie in approximately the same plane, or, in other words, these parts are in alinement; furthermore the shield 7 not only extends beneath the lacing 6 but is of a sufficient width to also extend beneath the connecting edges of the steels, thereby providing superposed layers of material of substantially equal thickness at spaced points between the body of the wearer and the garment located over the corset, these layers presenting no substantially bulky projections either on the inner or outer sides of the corset which would affect either the wearer or the appearance of the garment which is in contact with the corset. Furthermore the fact that the stud 9 extends through the spaces between the adjacent strands, places on the shield a member which serves to position the shield and corset relative to each other to prevent relative movement in use.

I claim as my invention.

1. A corset comprising a body portion having fastening means permanently secured at one end and a strip having complementary fastening means laced to the other end, said strip and the opposing end of the corset being in substantial alinement, and a shield secured to the inner face of the corset and underlying the lacing and fastened ends of the corset, said shield providing a body protecting element intermediate the connecting portion of the corset and the body of the wearer, the outer face of the corset being substantially free from projections along the line of connection.

2. A corset comprising a body portion having fastening means permanently secured at one end and a strip having complementary

fastening means laced to the other end, said strip and the opposing end of the corset being in substantial alinement, and a shield secured to the inner face of the corset and underlying the lacing and fastened ends of the corset, said shield providing a body protecting element intermediate the connecting portion of the corset and the body of the wearer, the outer face of the corset being substantially free from projections along the line of connection, said shield having a stud projecting through the lacing connection, said stud and the lacing cooperating to prevent material relative movement of the shield and corset.

3. A corset comprising a body portion having fastening means permanently secured at one end and a strip having complementary fastening means laced to the other end, said strip and the opposing end of the

corset being in substantial alinement, and a shield secured to the inner face of the corset and underlying the lacing and fastened ends of the corset, said shield providing a body protecting element intermediate the connecting portion of the corset and the body of the wearer, the outer face of the corset being substantially free from projections along the line of connection, said shield having a stud projecting through the lacing connection, said stud and the lacing cooperating to prevent material relative movement of the shield and corset, and a permanent open work portion located intermediate the ends of the corset to provide ventilation therefor.

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