



GARDINER-WHEELER CORSET (1869 - 1872)

GCV&M HISTORIC PATTERN DATABASE

Object description:

Corset of ivory sateen with blue silk embroidered details, blue silk ribbon binding on top with narrow lace edging. Steel bone closure in front, the loops marked C*P; light bones. Machine stitched. Gussets. Laces in back appear original. Appears fair to assert this is the wedding corset as the dealer claims. Fairly small size.

This corset is made of shaped gored panels, and does not, in fact, have any gussets. The seams of each of the panels are hidden beneath the external boning channels. 7 panels on each side, making 14 total. CF and CB are nearly straight, while all others are shaped and flared to create the shape of the corset, even before boning is added.

Boning is spring-steel, placed in 6 sets of three bones, with two separate bones at CB with eyelets in between. Busk in CF has four posts, with "C* P" on each of the loops.

Provenance information:

The company was actually called "The Batavia Wheel Company" and Caroline's husband Willian Gardiner acted as its Vice-President when formed in 1887. He was a dentist, Dr. Gardiner, in Ohio before he settled again in Batavia. Caroline was originally from Hamilton, NY, and their son) the one who took over after Caroline died) was named Charles.

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