Wedding corset
Place of origin: United Kingdom (made)
Date: early 1905 (made)
July 1905 (worn)
Artist/Maker: Unknown
Materials and Techniques: satin, machine made lace and artificial orange blossom
Credit Line: Worn and given by Mrs G. E. Dixon
Museum number: T.90-1928
Gallery location: In Storage

Public access description
This corset was designed and made for the wedding of Mrs G.E. Dixon in July 1905. It is an S-bend corset, typified by the straight busk that compelled the pelvis backwards and the bust forwards into an angled ‘S’ shape. The corset offered some light control around the lower abdomen with strategically placed whalebones; however, since corsets rely on boning and strong fabrics for rigidity, the insertion of Mechlin-style machine lace and fine silk satin between the bones show that its function is largely decorative. The neckline is high, and the entire bust area is made of transparent lace decorated with silk flowers. At the bottom of the corset are four long suspender ribbons, attached with small gathered silk rosettes.

Descriptive line
White satin wedding corset trimmed with machine made lace and orange blossom

Physical description
White satin corset trimmed with machine made lace and orange blossoms, hook fastening in front for S Bend silhouette.

Dimensions
Circumference: 54.5 cm waist (2.5cm gap), Circumference: 78 cm bust, Circumference: 64 cm diaphragm, Length: 37 cm to waist, Length: 57 cm overall, Circumference: 82 cm high hip, Length: 34.8 cm strap

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Object history note
Made for and worn by the donor, Marie Dixon, for her wedding, July 1905

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