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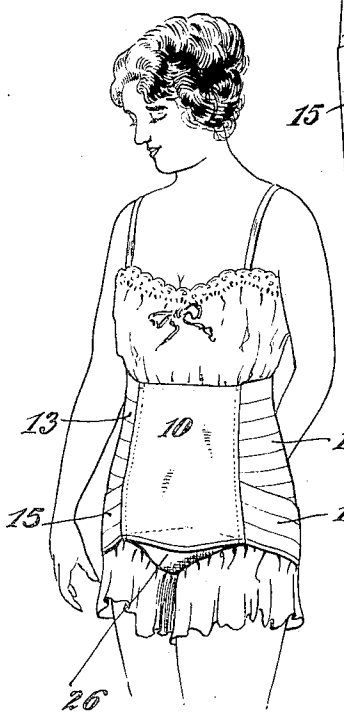
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Fig. 1.



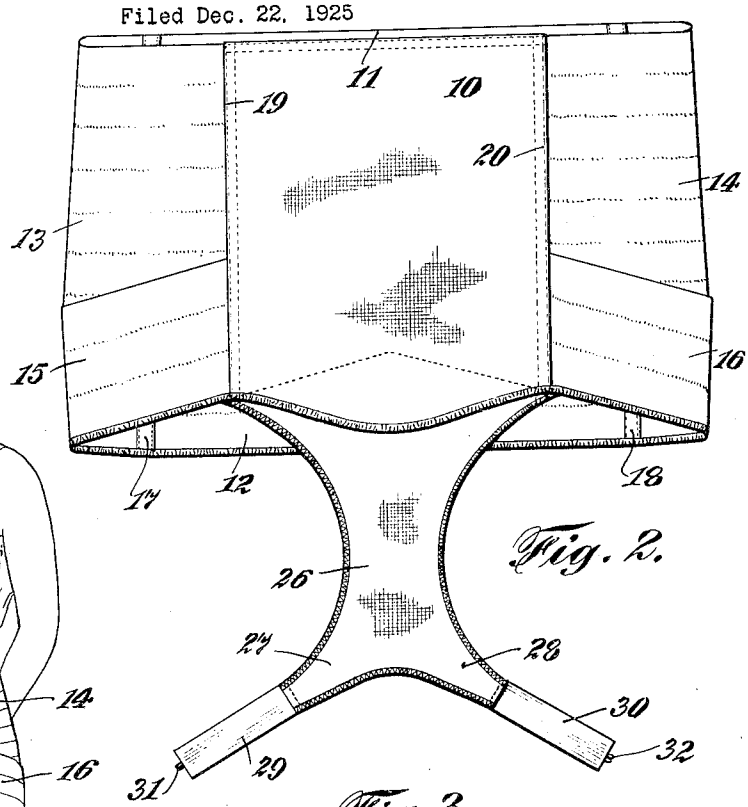
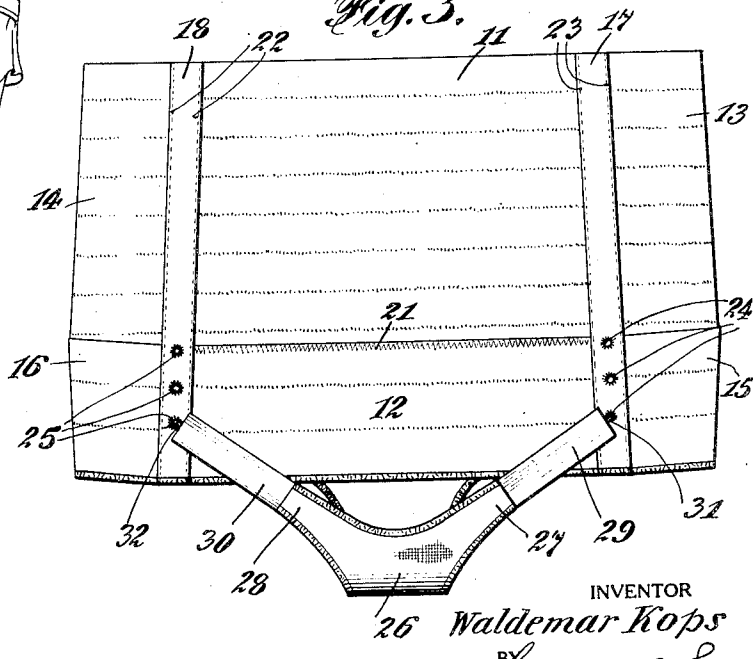


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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My present invention relates to an apparel garment and more particularly to an abdominal girdle adapted to surround the body of the wearer, overlying the abdomen and also the buttocks of the wearer. At the present time in view of the fact that in many instances at least, the use of hose supporters is dispensed with, the garment in the present case is designed to be maintained in the intended position on the body without the employment and resultant assistance of hose supporters.

In carrying out the invention the garment preferably includes a front member and a member connected thereto and adapted to encircle the body of the wearer together with thigh straps preferably connected at their forward ends to the front member and extending in a downwardly inclined position and connected at their opposite ends to the body of the garment so as to maintain or assist in maintaining the lower portion of the garment at the back thereof in place over the buttocks of the wearer, and additional means in the form of a crotch strap which may be employed to assure the proper maintenance of the garment in place on the body, as will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the use of the garment made in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged front elevation of the garment, and

Fig. 3 is a back or rear elevation of the same.

Referring to the drawing the garment made in accordance with this invention comprises a front member 10 which is preferably made of an inelastic fabric and of sufficient extent to overlie the front abdominal portions of the body of the wearer. The garment also includes a back member 11 having a rear base strap 12 at the lower portion thereof and side members 13 and 14. The back member 11 and the rear base strap 12 may be made integral with each other or suitably connected along the lower edge of the back member and upper edge of the strap, and, as will be understood, the back member 11 and the side members 13 and 14 may also be made of one piece of material. Irrespective of the particular manner in which these parts of the garment are made and connected they are all preferably of an elastic material. The garment also includes thigh and buttocks straps 15 and 16. In positions appreciably at the rear of the axillar lines of the garment there are reinforcing strips 17 and 18. As illustrated, the forward ends of the side members 13 and 14 are secured to the side edges of the front member along suitable lines of stitching 19 and 20 and the lower edge of the back member is secured to the upper edge of the strap 12 along a line of stitching 21. The reinforcing strips 17 and 18 are secured to the sections of the garment along lines of stitching indicated at 22, and 23. The forward ends of the thigh straps 15 and 16 are connected to the side edges of the front member 10 in the same lines of stitching 19 and 20 in which the corresponding edges of the side members are connected thereto. These thigh straps extend downwardly and rearwardly from the front member and at their opposite or back ends are connected to the reinforcing strips 17 and 18 by the lines of stitching 23 and 22 so that the thigh straps form continuations of the back strap 12.

In the lower portions of the reinforcing strips 17 and 18 there are provided suitable eyelets 24 and 25. Connected to the lower edge of the front member there is a crotch strap 26 which at one end is secured to the lower portion of the front member and at the opposite end is provided with diverging extensions 27 and 28 having tapes 29 and 30 suitably secured thereto and provided with hooks 31 and 32 adapted respectively to engage the eyelets 24 and 25, after the crotch member has been passed between the limbs of the wearer.

The garment as hereinbefore described is adapted to yieldingly conform to the body of the wearer so that the front member overlies the abdominal section of the body and the lower portion of the back member overlies the buttocks of the wearer, and in view of the manner in which the thigh straps are secured in the garment the tendency of the same is to maintain the garment in its desired position. This however, may be assured by the use of the crotch strap 26 which as will be appreciated, may be adjusted to position by attaching the hooks 31 and 32 in any one of the pairs of eyelets 24 and 25 so as to prevent the garment from creeping upwardly on the body, and also to exert a predetermined downward tension in the

front member to assist the same in providing an adequate support for the abdomen.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a garment of the type described, a front member, a sides and back member connected to the front member to form a continuous structure, a thigh and buttocks strap extending downwardly from the lower side portions of the front member to points at the rear of the axillar lines of the garment between which the said strap forms a lower continuation of the back member, and a crotch strap extending from the lower portion of the front member, to which the crotch strap is permanently attached, to the lower portions of the sides and back member to which said crotch strap is adjustably connected.

2. In a garment of the type described, a front member if inelastic material, a sides and back member of elastic material connected to the edges of the front member to form a continuous structure, a thigh and buttocks strap of elastic material, reinforcing strips extending longitudinally of the garment appreciably at the rear of the axillar portions thereof, the said thigh and buttocks strap extending downwardly from the lower edge portions of the front member to the said reinforcing strips and continuing between the said reinforcing strips to form a lower continuation of the back member, a crotch strap secured at one end in the lower portion of the front member, and means for adjustably connecting the other end of the crotch strap in the said reinforcing strips.

Signed by me this 9th day of December, 1925.

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