

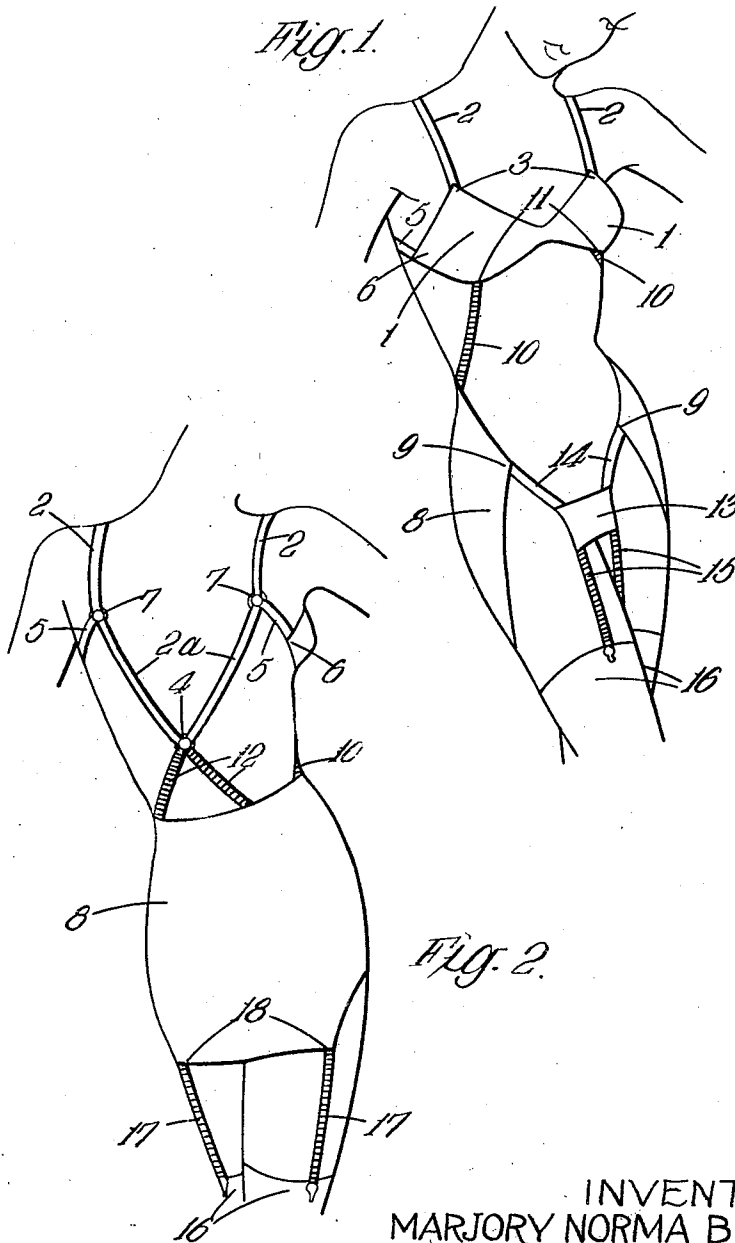
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This invention relates to a suspender garment for ladies, and has for its chief object to provide a form of garment which is adapted to support the stockings and to serve as an alternative to the present brassière and suspender belt. A further object of the invention is to provide a garment designed in such a manner that it affords complete freedom of movement to the body without placing undue strain upon the stockings.

A garment according to the invention comprises a brassière portion, a seat panel supported from the brassière portion, and a plurality of suspenders by which the stockings can be supported directly or indirectly from the seat panel.

In order that the invention may be more clearly understood and readily carried into effect, reference is now made to the accompanying drawing which illustrates one embodiment of the improved garment, and in which:

Figures 1 and 2 are perspective views shewing how the improved garment appears from the front and rear respectively when worn.

In the drawing, the brassière portion is indicated at 1. This portion can be made to any desired pattern and of any chosen material. The brassière portion is supported on the body by means of a series of straps. For this purpose there are two shoulder straps 2 of ribbon or tape or other suitable material, preferably of a non-stretch nature, these straps being secured to the upper front points 3 of the brassière portion and, after passing over the shoulders, being connected at the back to rings 7 of metal, bone or other suitable material, said rings lying against the shoulder blades as indicated in Figure 2. From the rings 7 extend downwardly two auxiliary straps 2a which are joined to a ring 4 of metal, bone or other suitable material lying at the centre of the back and just above the waist-line. The auxiliary straps 2a may be of the same material as the straps 2. There are also two side straps 5 of ribbon or tape or other suitable material, preferably of a non-stretch variety, these straps being secured to the end corners 6 of the brassière portion, then extending rearwardly and upwardly part-way over the shoulder blades and being secured to the rings 7. The rings 7 are preferably situated at a point higher than the outer corners 6 of the brassière portion so that the straps 5 tend to give a slightly upward pull to the brassière portion.

The shoulder straps 2 and the side straps 5, as well as the auxiliary straps 2a, may have suitable means for adjustment if desired.

The seat panel is indicated at 8. It covers

the posterior and, in the vertical sense, extends downwardly from about the waist-line to a point just below the posterior, while in the lateral sense it extends over the sides towards the front of the body ending in points 9 which are spaced from each other so as to leave the panel open at the front. The seat panel is made of any suitable material, either stretchable or non-stretchable, or part-stretchable and part-non-stretchable, and lined with some extra-strong non-stretch material or otherwise according to choice.

The seat panel 8 is supported from the brassière portion 1 by means of a series of straps. There are two straps 10 secured to the lower front edge of the brassière portion at the points 11 (Figure 1), these straps extending downwardly and joining the upper edge of the seat panel at the sides, so that they diverge as indicated in Figure 1. There are also two straps 12 at the back (Figure 2), these straps being secured to the ring 4 and thence extending downwardly and outwardly and joining the upper edge of the seat panel.

If desired, the two straps 12 may be replaced by a single strap extending vertically downwards from the ring 4 to the upper edge of the seat panel 8.

The straps 10 and 12 for positioning the seat panel relatively to the brassière portion are preferably of elastic fabric. They may have means for adjustment.

The rings 7 and 4 may be dispensed with, in which event the joining together of the various straps at the places occupied by the rings will be effected by sewing or by other suitable means in place of said rings. In this case, each of the shoulder straps can be extended so that their lower portions take the place of the auxiliary straps 2a.

To retain the seat panel 8 against the posterior, there is provided a small panel 13 of suitable material, which may be of a stretchable or non-stretchable character (Figure 1). This panel is arranged centrally at the front of the garment and is situated below the points 9 of the seat panel, being held in position by means of two straps 14 of any suitable material, either non-stretchable or elastic fabric, which extend from the points 9 of the seat panel to the top corners of the panel 13. The straps 14 may be adjustable.

The garment illustrated has four suspenders for the stockings. Two of these suspenders, indicated at 15 in Figure 1, hang from the lower

corners of the small front panel 13 and are adapted to be fastened by means of suspender clips to the upper parts of the stockings 16 at the front thereof, while the remaining two suspenders 17 (Figure 2) hang from the corners 18 of the lower edge of the seat panel 8 and are adapted to be fastened by like means to the upper parts of the stockings at or towards the back thereof.

The suspenders 15 and 17 may be of any suitable construction. Preferably they are of conventional form, namely, of elastic fabric with the usual stocking clips and means for taking up slackness due to repeated stretching.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A suspender garment for ladies, comprising in combination a brassière portion, a seat panel open at the front, shoulder straps connected to the upper part of the brassière portion and joined to rings at the back, side straps connected to the lateral parts of the brassière portion and joined to said rings, auxiliary straps extending from said rings and joined to a centrally disposed

ring, at least one strap extending from the centrally disposed ring to the seat panel, straps connected to the lower part of the brassière portion and to the seat panel, a front panel connected to the seat panel and adapted to retain the latter against the posterior, and suspenders carried by the seat panel and front panel for supporting the stockings.

2. A suspender garment for ladies, comprising in combination a brassière portion, a seat panel open at the front, a pair of shoulder straps connected to the upper part of the brassière portion and joined together at the back, side straps connected to the lateral parts of the brassière portion and joined to the shoulder straps at the back, at least one strap secured to the shoulder straps at their juncture and to the seat panel, straps connected to the lower part of the brassière portion and to the seat panel, a front panel connected to the seat panel and adapted to retain the latter against the posterior, and suspenders carried by the seat panel and front panel for supporting the stockings.

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