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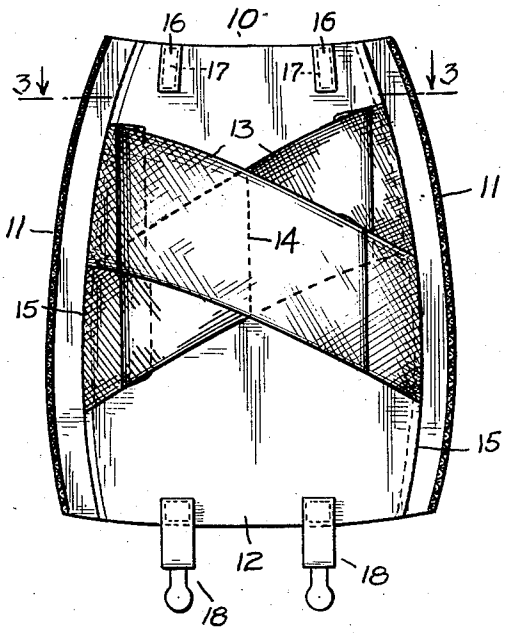
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FIG. 1.

FIG. 2.



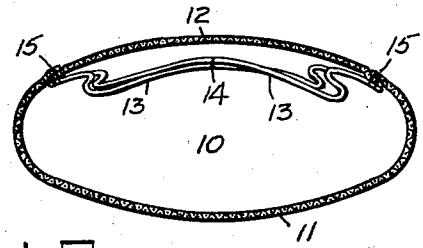


FIG. 3.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—27)

This invention relates to improvements in the so-called corset or girdle type foundation garment, which is particularly designed as a control for the junior figure so as to maintain the diaphragm and stomach of the wearer in flat position without regard to her posture.

It is known to construct a girdle type garment of two-way elastic material and various devices have been used in the construction of such garments to restrain the diaphragm and stomach from protruding and spoiling the desired flat effect which is essential with modern dress models.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved flexible foundation garment with a novel control for the diaphragm and stomach of the active young figure without in any way detracting from the extreme flexibility of the garment.

A further object of my invention is to provide means in the waist band of the garment to prevent rolling.

I accomplish these objects by means of a foundation garment of flexible or two-way elastic material having an inner bias X-shaped belt at the front to control the stomach of the wearer and hold it in flattened condition irrespective of the posture of the figure. As a further accomplishment of the object of this invention, I provide the upper marginal portion of the garment with spaced stiffening pieces which prevent waist-line roll.

One embodiment of my invention is described in the following specification, set forth in the appended claim and illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the garment as it appears on the wearer;

Fig. 2 is a substantially longitudinal sectional view of the garment looking towards the inside of the front panel;

Fig. 3 is a substantially transverse sectional view taken on lines 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, 10 denotes a tubular foundation garment consisting of a back and side panel 11 and a front panel 12. The two panels are made preferably of two-way elastic material in order to give a maximum of flexibility to the garment so necessary for the support of the active junior figure. However this same flexibility allows the diaphragm and stomach of the wearer to assume a more or less rounded contour which is particularly accentuated and undesirable when the wearer is seated. It is therefore in the means used to restrain the stomach that the present invention resides.

The means by which I bring about this restraining condition, comprises two strips of one-way elastic webbing 13, which are arranged one over the other in the form of an X and stitched together by a row of stitching 14 running between the upper and lower points where the strips cross. The two strips 13 form a belt which is longer than the width of the front panel and which has its ends stitched in the seams 15 formed by the joints between the two panels 11 and 12. This brings the line of stretch of the strips 13 on a bias with respect to the transverse lines of the garment and allows two folds to form adjacent the ends of the strips 13 when the garment is off the wearer. The position of the belt is closer to the top of the garment than to the bottom and it is disposed on the inside and against the front panel 12 in the area of the diaphragm and stomach of the wearer, so as to exert a four-way control or flattening effect upon the diaphragm and stomach by allowing the back and side panel 11 to take up and support the ends of the belt while the flexibility of the garment and particularly that of the front panel 12 is unimpaired.

The upper end or top of the garment 10 is provided with circumferentially spaced longitudinally arranged pockets 16 accommodating stiffening pieces 17 which form stays to prevent waist-band rolling. The usual flat garters 18 are secured to and depend from the bottom of the garment.

By arranging an X-shaped bias belt 13 on the inner side of the front of a flexible girdle of the style described, the diaphragm and stomach of the wearer is firmly controlled and maintained in flat condition regardless of the posture assumed by the wearer.

Having described my invention and the manner in which the same is worn, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A garment of the character described comprising a front section and a back section, both of two-way stretch material, and an elastic support for the abdomen and diaphragm of the wearer extending transversely inside the front section, said support consisting of two strips of one-way stretch elastic webbing crossing one another at an angle, the ends of said strips being arranged in pairs, the ends of each pair being disposed contiguous and in substantially longitudinal alignment and being attached to the front section along lines substantially longitudinally thereof, the length of the strips being greater than the distance between their points of attachment.

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