To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BEULAH GYBBON SPIESBURY, a citizen of the United States, resident of Minneapolis, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Display Supports, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a display support by means of which articles, such as ladies' undergarments, can be conveniently displayed, the garment assuming substantially the same position or form that it would on the person of the wearer, thus enabling the prospective purchaser of the garment to determine approximately how it would fit and the general appearance of the garment.

A further object is to provide a display support which can be easily and quickly inserted into a garment and as readily removed.

The invention consists generally in various constructions and combinations, all as hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a front view of a garment display support embodying my invention, showing the garment in position thereon.

Figure 2 is a perspective view with the garment removed from the support.

Figure 3 is a detail view showing the device folded.

Figure 4 is a detail sectional view, showing the relative position of the front and rear portion of the display support when in use.

In the drawing, 2 represents the back or rear portion of the support, having preferably a raised central portion 3 wherein sufficient space is provided for advertising matter. This rear portion is made of flexible material, preferably card or straw-board, that is adapted to bend and conform substantially to the curve of a human figure. A plate 4 forms the front of the display support and at the ends the rear and front portions are connected by flexible means, such as hinges 5. These are formed preferably of cloth or other suitable fabric and have end portions or straps 6 and 6' which are secured to the sections 2 and 4 by suitable means, as an adhesive or by stitching, if preferred. These hinges allow the ends of the plate 4 to be bent inwardly to the position shown in Figures 2 and 4, the ends of the plate bearing against the surface of the rear section 2, the middle portion of the plate being curved outwardly or forwardly to fit snugly against the front of the garment and cause it to assume substantially the shape or form that it would take on the person of the wearer. The flexible front and rear portions 65 are held in their open or display position by the band of the garment, into which the display support is inserted.

The long, flexible hinge 5 between the rear and front members of the support allows the ends of the member 4 to be adjusted in the position shown in Figure 2, or, if preferred, these ends may be arranged to project past the ends of the member 2 so that the position of the ends of the members will be reversed. In some instances it may be desirable to arrange the members in that way instead of as shown in the drawing and it will be understood that the parts may be adjusted in either position at the option of the user.

The tension of the front and rear portions of the display device when they are bent to the position shown in Figure 1 causes them to exert a sufficient outward pressure to grip the inner face of the garment band and hold the garment and the display device together. In other words, there is sufficient friction between the band and the supporting member to prevent their slipping out of their proper relative position when the display device is in use.

The straps 7 of the garment which pass over the shoulders of the wearer may be utilized for suspending the display device and the garment from a rod 8 or other suitable suspending means.

I claim as my invention:

1. A garment display support comprising forward and rear flexible members hinged together at the ends and adapted to fit within and exert an outward pressure on the band of the garment, the forward member exerting an outward pressure on the forward portion of the band and the rear member on the rear portion of the band.

2. A garment display support comprising a rear member, a forward member, hinges loosely connecting the ends of said members,
sac members being bowed outwardly to have an expanding effect on the garment, the ends of one member being seated against the opposite faces of the other member when the support is in use.

3. A garment display support comprising a rear flexible member, a forward flexible member, fabric straps loosely connecting the abutting ends of said members, said straps permitting the ends of the forward member when it is bowed to fit the back of the garment and swing inwardly and bear on the inner face of the rear member.

4. A garment display support comprising two strips of cardboard, with means for connecting their abutting ends, the ends of one strip when the device is in use being seated against the face of the other strip and both strips exerting an outward pressure on the band of the garment.

5. A garment display support comprising forward and rear flexible members, means flexibly connecting the abutting ends of said members, said flexible means permitting the ends of the forward member when it is bowed to fit the back of the garment and swing inwardly and bear on the inner face of the rear member.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of May, 1921.

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