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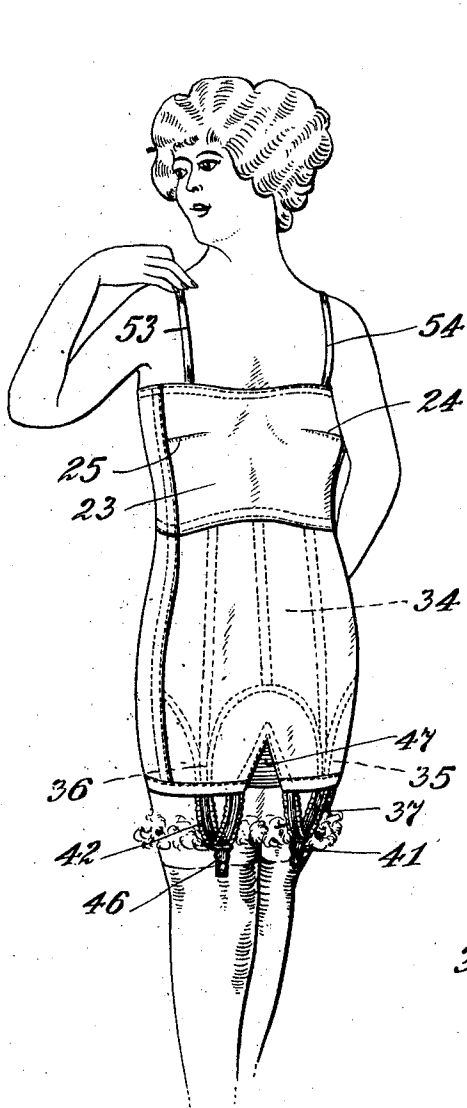


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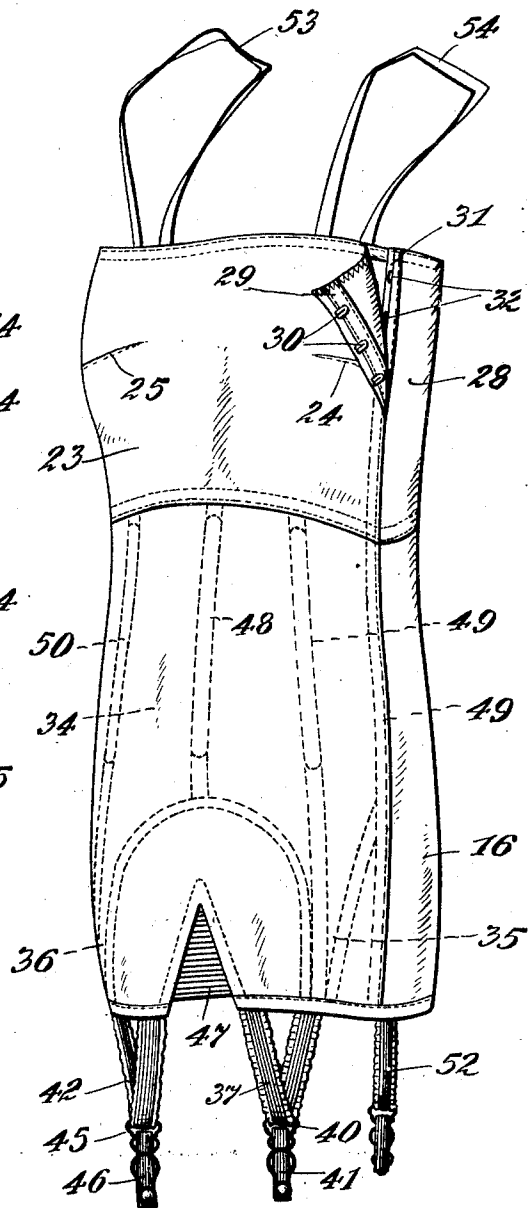


Fig. 2.

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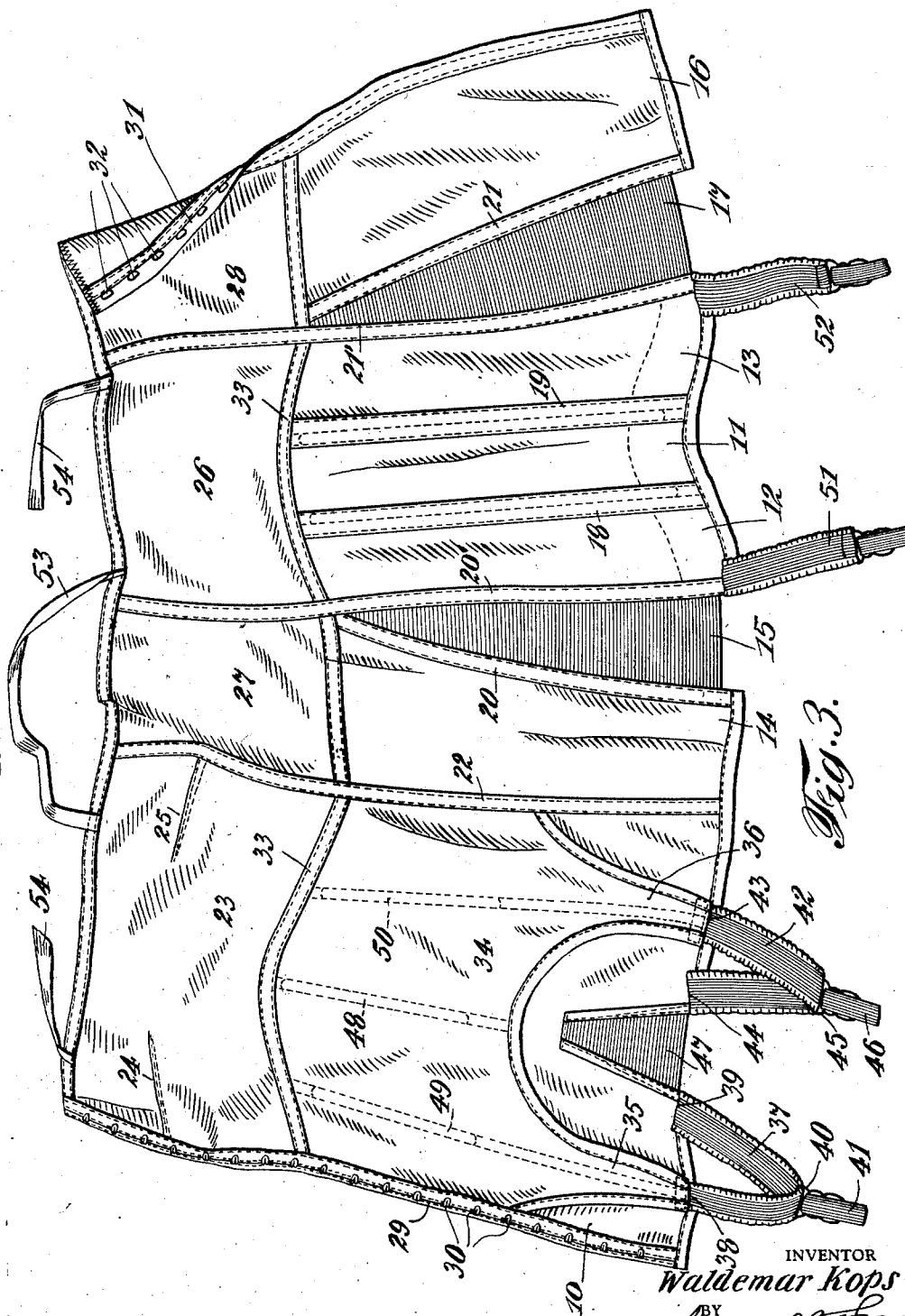


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to an apparel garment of the type which is made to include a girdle and a brassière. Furthermore, the invention particularly relates to the construction of the front member of the girdle in such a manner that the same is adapted for use to both flatten and support the abdomen of the wearer. In carrying out the invention the garment made in accordance therewith includes a front member preferably made of inelastic material, a back member also made of inelastic material, side members comprising sections of both inelastic and elastic material, the latter being employed to exert the desired circumferential tension in the garment, and a brassière extending upwardly on the girdle together with a liner member associated with the front member of the girdle which latter members are fitted with hose supporters in such a way that co-acting with the circumferential tension there is a downward tension exerted upon the abdomen by the front upper and the underlying liner member in such a manner as to effect the desired results in the use of the garment.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of the apparel garment made in accordance with this invention,

Fig. 2 is an elevation on a larger scale illustrating the garment, and

Fig. 3 is a plan looking at the inner side of the garment and showing the same in a flat or extended position.

Referring to the drawing the garment made in accordance with this invention is constructed to include a girdle and a brassière. As illustrated, in the girdle there is a front member 10 adapted to extend downwardly from approximately the waist line so as to overlie the abdomen of the wearer. The girdle also includes a back member which, as illustrated, consists of a central section 11 and lateral sections 12 and 13. The garment is adapted to have the parts thereof connected at one side of the wearer. Consequently, one side member is positively connected to the girdle and the other side member is constructed to be connected to the front member. As illustrated, the right hand side member comprises sections 14 and 15, the former of which is made of inelastic material and the latter of which is made of elastic material. Furthermore, the elastic section 15 preferably converges upwardly so that it terminates at a point at the upper edge of

the girdle, making the stretch of the garment greater at the lower portion than at the top thereof. The left hand side member of the girdle is similarly constructed to include an inelastic section 16 and an elastic section 17. The sections of the back member are connected by reinforcing strips 18 and 19 and suitable lines of stitching. Associated with these reinforcing strips I also may employ stay members, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The sections 14 and 15 of the right hand side member are connected to each other by a reinforcing strip 20 and suitable lines of stitching while the elastic section 15 of this side member is connected to the section 12 of the back member by a reinforcing strip 20' and suitable lines of stitching. In a similar manner the sections of the left hand side member of the girdle are connected by a reinforcing strip 21 and suitable lines of stitching while the elastic section 17 of this side member is connected to the section 13 of the back member by a reinforcing strip 21' and suitable lines of stitching.

The section 14 of the right hand side member is connected to the adjacent edge of the front member 10 by a reinforcing strip 22 and suitable lines of stitching.

The garment is constructed to include a brassière member which may be made in sections, as illustrated, so as to include a front section 23 in which darts 24 and 25 may be made, a back section 26, and side sections 27 and 28. The material of which the brassière member of the garment is made may vary from that of the body of the girdle as may be necessary to best adapt the garment for use.

One edge of the front member 10 of the girdle and the continuing edge of the front section 23 of the brassière are provided with a reinforcing strip 29 connected to which in spaced positions there are hooks 30. In a like manner an edge of the section 16 on the left hand side member and the continuing edge of the side section 28 of the brassière are provided with a reinforcing strip 31 connected to which there are spaced eyes 32. As the number of these eyes correspond to the number of hooks, each hook is adapted to engage an eye in connecting the garment for use on the body of the wearer. The upper edges of the parts of the girdle are provided with a reinforcing strip indicated at 33 by means of which and suitable lines of stitching the parts of the brassière are connected to the members

of the girde, it being understood that the reinforcing strips 20', 21' and 22 are continued from the parts of the girdle so as to extend to the upper edge of the sections of the brassière so that by means of suitable lines of stitching the sections of the brassière are connected to each other through and by these reinforcing strips.

In the front of the garment and associated with the front member 10 of the girdle I employ a liner member 34. The upper edge of this liner member is preferably coincident with the upper edge of the front member 10 and is connected thereto by the same reinforcing strip and lines of stitching which connect the front member 10 of the girdle and the front section 23 of the brassière. At its opposite sides the edges of this liner member 34 are connected respectively to the front member by the reinforcing strip 29 and the reinforcing strip 22 together with the lines of stitching passing through the same. These side edges of the liner member extend from the upper edge of the front member downwardly for an appreciable distance toward the bottom of the front member 10. In spaced positions in the lower portion thereof this liner member 34 is provided with downwardly extending tension straps 35 and 36 which terminate in lines which are substantially coincident with the lower edge of the front member of the girdle. Associated with these tension straps and the lower edge of the girdle there are hose supporter straps and hose supporters. As illustrated, a hose supporter strap 37 at one end is connected to the lower extremity as indicated at 38, of the tension strap 35 while the other end of this hose supporter strap 37 is connected to the lower edge of the front member 10, as indicated at 39. Fitted to slide on the hose supporter strap 37 there is a loop 40 to which is connected a suitable hose supporter 41. At one end the hose supporter 42 is connected to the lower extremity of the tension strap 36, as indicated at 43. The opposite end of this hose supporter strap 42 is connected to the lower edge of the front member 10 of the girdle, as indicated at 44. The hose supporter strap 42 is provided with a loop 45 to which is connected a hose supporter 46. As illustrated, in the lower front portion of the front member 10 of the girdle there is an inverted V shaped gore 47 of elastic material.

The ends of the hose supporter straps 37 and 42 are preferably connected to the lower edge of the front member 10 at the immediate sides of the lower end of this elastic gore 47. By this structure, as will be understood, there is an exerted downward pull in converging directions in the liner member 34 and the front member 10 of the girdle whereby the downward tension co-acting with the circumferential tension is provided for supporting and flattening the abdomen of the wearer.

Except at the top and at the sides, as herebefore described, the liner member 34 is not connected to the front member 10 of the girdle. This liner member 34 may be provided with a centrally disposed stay 48 and also with stays 49 and 50 which are fixed in suitable pockets provided therefor in the positions indicated or otherwise. It will be noted, however, that the stay 49 is in substantial alignment with the tension strap 35 while the stay 50 is in substantial alignment with the tension strap 36. Obviously also the garment at the rear thereof may be provided with the usual hose supporters, as indicated at 51 and 52, while at its upper edge the brassière member of the garment may be fitted with the customary shoulder straps as indicated at 53 and 54.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a garment of the type described, a girdle including a front member of inelastic material adapted to extend entirely over the abdomen of the wearer, a back member of inelastic material, side members each having an elastic insert therein for creating a circumferential tension in the garment, a liner member underlying the front member, coextensive therewith circumferentially, and having its upper edge connected to the upper edge portion of the front member of the girdle and the side edges thereof also permanently connected in the garment, the lower portion of the liner member terminating in downwardly extending tension straps which terminate at substantially the lower edge of the front member of the girdle at positions materially distant from the center thereof, hose supporter straps each connected at one end to the extremity of a tension strap and at the other end to the lower edge of the front member of the girdle at a distance appreciably spaced from the center thereof, the said hose supporter straps providing downwardly converging tensions in the liner member and downwardly diverging tensions in the front member which coacting with the circumferential tension applied to both the front member of the girdle and the liner member cause the same to flatten and support the abdomen of the wearer, and means for securing the garment in position on the body.

2. In a garment of the type described, a girdle including a front member of inelastic material adapted to extend entirely over the abdomen of the wearer, a back member of inelastic material, side members each having an elastic insert therein for creating a circumferential tension in the garment, a liner member underlying the front member, the liner member being coextensive circumferentially with the front member and having its upper edge substantially coincident with the upper edge of the front member of the girdle and the side edges thereof permanently connected in the garment, the lower portion of

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Signed by me this 7th day of January, 1928.

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