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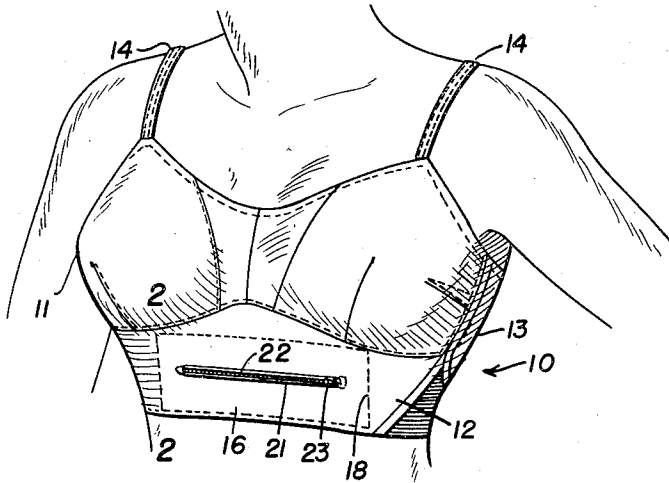


Fig. 1.

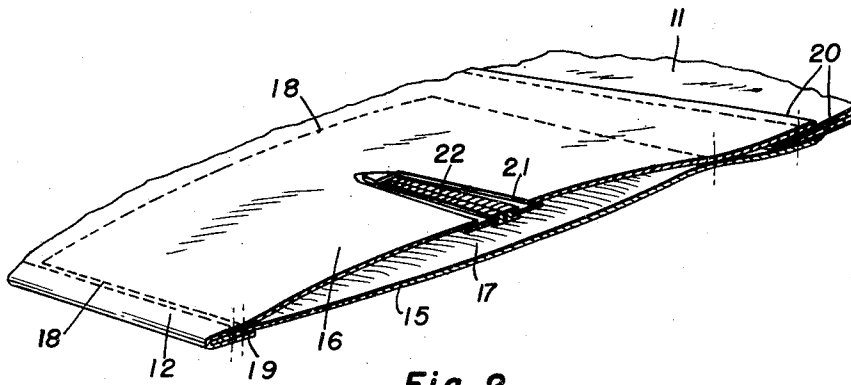


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in brassières, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a brassière of the character herein described which embodies in its construction what may be called a pocket, such as may be conveniently and effectively employed for the storage of money and other valuables which are being carried upon the person of the wearer.

As is customary in current styles, the outer feminine garments are usually devoid of pockets in which valuables could be stored, so that ladies, particularly when traveling, are inclined to "hide" such valuables in the upper end portion of their stockings, "inside" their brassières, or in other poorly accessible locations, rather than safekeeping the valuables in their handbags, purses, or pocket books, which are often subjected to loss or theft.

However, the "security" of valuables hidden in stockings or inside of brassières is often overestimated, since such articles of clothing demand occasional adjustment and care is not always exercised in adjusting the position of the stocking or brassière as well as of the valuables contained therein. As a result, the valuables are frequently lost or misplaced, as will be clearly understood.

It is, therefore, a further object of the instant invention to eliminate the above disadvantages by providing a brassière which includes, as aforesaid, a "built-in" pocket in which the valuables may be placed for secure safekeeping, regardless of the amount and extent of adjustment which the brassière, in itself, may occasionally demand.

Another object of the invention is to provide a brassière equipped with a safekeeping pocket which is simple in construction, in which the pocket is quickly and easily accessible, and which, notwithstanding the provision of the pocket and the presence of the valuables therein, will not cause discomfort and will not be obtrusive so as to impair the appearance of the user.

With the above more important objects in view, and such other objects as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

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Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention, illustrating the same in use, and

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view, taken substantially in the plane of the line 2-2 of Figure 1.

Like characters of reference are used to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a brassière, designated generally by the reference character 5, the same being of more or less conventional type and embodying in its construction pieces of fabric material forming, inter alia, a breast-receiving portion 11, a lower chest portion 12, a back portion 13, and a pair of straps 14 whereby the entire brassière is supported in the required position on the person of the wearer.

The essence of novelty in the invention resides in the provision of inner and outer walls 15, 16 which constitute the intermediate, frontal portion of the chest portion 12, the walls 15, 16 defining an elongated, transversely extending pocket 17 therebetween, as will be clearly apparent.

Suitable lines of stitching 18 are employed, of course, for securing the edge portions of the walls 15, 16 together and, if desired, the lower edge portion of the wall 16 may be doubled behind itself so as to overlap the adjacent edge portion of the wall 15, as indicated at 19. Similarly, the upper edge portion of the walls 15, 16 may "straddle" the lower edge portion of the breast-receiving portion 11, as indicated at 20.

For purposes of convenient accessibility, the pocket 17 is provided with a slot or opening 21 which is formed in the outer wall 16 and extends transversely of the brassière and longitudinally of the pocket, substantially at the center of the latter, as shown.

The edges of the opening 21 may, in turn, be equipped with coacting members of a slide fastener 22, equipped with a pull tab 23, so that the pocket may be easily and quickly opened or closed.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly apparent from the foregoing disclosure, and accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention, it is to be understood that minor

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changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A brassière having breast cups and a body encircling band below said breast cups, said band including a front portion composed of inner and outer layers of material stitched together to form a pocket closed along top bottom and sides for the reception of articles, the outer layer of said front portion having a horizontal slit providing an entrance opening to said pocket, and means for separably connecting portions of said outer

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layer at opposite sides of said slit for closing said opening.

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