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Fig 1.

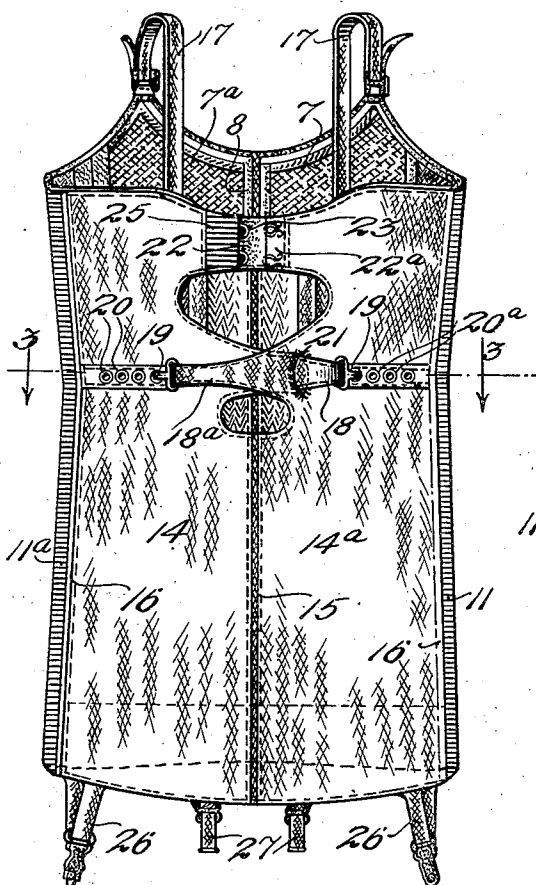
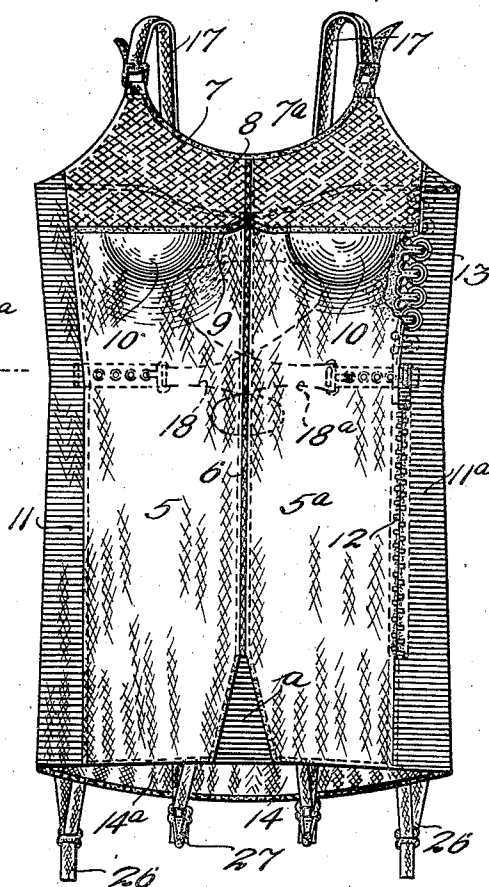


Fig. 2.



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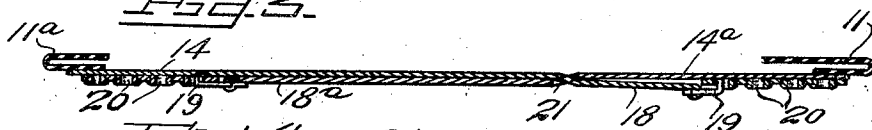
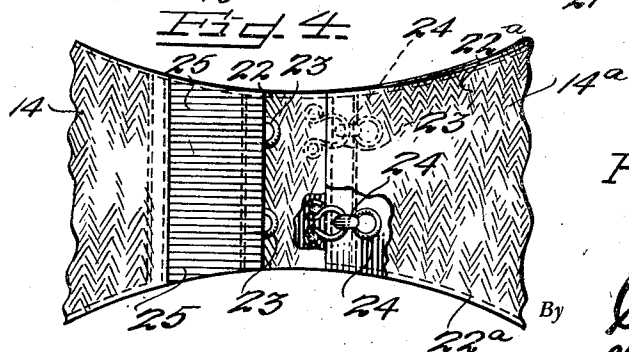


Fig 4



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This invention relates to foundation garments of the corset, girdle or combined brassière and girdle types.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a foundation garment of the above kind, in which effective support for the breasts and diaphragm is provided.

The invention contemplates the provision of a foundation garment of the above kind wherein the body portion of the garment has a portion to be disposed over the diaphragm of the wearer below the breast cups, said diaphragm overlying portion including a pair of inelastic overlapping flap extensions extending in opposite directions and adjustable as to extent of overlap, whereby said overlying portion may be drawn smoothly and with a selected degree of tautness or tension over the diaphragm.

More specifically the invention contemplates the provision, in a garment of the character described, of an adjustable diaphragm covering portion wherein pressure is exerted in a direction transversely of the body and across the diaphragm, and whereby upward creeping of the garment is avoided.

Other objects and features of the invention will become apparent from the following description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a foundation garment constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is an enlarged horizontal section through the back panel and adjacent portions of the side panels of the garment, taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary elevation, partly broken away, showing the flaps on the adjacent edge portions of the back panel sections above the flap extensions, together with the hook and eye members for adjustably and separably connecting said flaps.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the present foundation garment comprises a vertically elongated body portion adapted to extend over the hips and above the abdomen of the wearer to provide a girdle, which body portion includes a front panel composed of inelastic sections 5 and 5a sewed together along adjacent side edges as at 6, and an elastic triangular gusset a between the adjacent side edges of the sections 5 and 5a at the bottom of the panel. A lace or other suitable front brassière portion composed of breast pocket sections 7 and 7a are sewed

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together along adjacent side edges as at 8, and sewed at their lower edges to the upper edge of the front panel as at 9. Adjacent portions of the sections 5 and 7 and 5a and 7a are provided with fullness to provide breast cups at 10.

The body portion further includes elastic side panels 11 and 11a joined to the outer side edges of the front panel from the top to the bottom of the latter, the major upper portions of the panels 5a and 11a being suitably separably joined as by a slide fastening at 12 and hooks and eyes at 13, to facilitate donning of the garment. The body portion still further includes a back panel composed of suitable sections 14 and 14a, preferably inelastic, sewed together along the major lower portions of their adjacent side edges as at 15 and to the side panels at 16.

Adjustable shoulder straps 17 connect the upper edges of the first brassière portion and the back panel to properly support said brassière portion.

The body portion of the garment provides an upper portion to be disposed over the diaphragm of the wearer, and this portion includes a pair of inelastic overlapping flap extensions 18 and 18a on adjacent edges of the back panel sections, said flap extensions having tapered ends extending in opposite directions and carrying an attaching element 19, preferably in the form of a hook member. Spaced eyelets 20 and 20a are provided on the outer faces of the back panel sections for receiving the attaching elements 19 in any one of several selected positions to thereby govern the degree of overlap of the flap extensions. One of the back panel sections has a slit 21 through which the flap extension of the other back panel section is extended to reach the securing means on said one back panel section.

The adjacent edge portions of the back panel sections above the flap extensions 18 and 18a are provided with adjustably connected flaps 22 and 22a. As shown, the flap 22 is provided with laterally spaced rows of eye members 23, and the flap 22a is provided with hook members 24 adapted to coact with either row of eye members 23 to adjustably connect the flaps 22 and 22a and thereby govern the snugness of the garment in the region of the breasts. The flap 22 has an elastic insert 25 to allow transverse stretch of the garment in this region.

In use, the garment is donned and partially fastened about the wearer's body by means of the fasteners 12 and 13. The overlapping flap extensions 18 and 18a are adjusted to the proper tautness across the diaphragm of the wearer by en-

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gagement of the hooks 19 with selected ones of the eyelets 20. By the disposition of the overlapped flap extensions in the diaphragm area of the garment, suitable tension will be imposed transversely of the wearer's body and across the diaphragm area to restrain outward bulge of these portions of the body. At the same time, upward creeping of the garment is prevented without an objectionable downward pull on the garment other than that ordinarily provided by the use of ordinary supporters 26 and 27 provided on the lower edge of the garment.

From the foregoing description, it is believed that the construction and advantages of the present invention will be readily understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art. Minor changes may be made in details of construction, such as fall within the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

1. A combined brassière and girdle comprising an inelastic front panel, a front brassière portion sewed to the upper edge of said front panel, adjacent parts of said front panel and said brassière portion being provided with fullness to form breast cups, horizontally yieldable elastic side panels, one side panel being sewed along one side edge to one side edge of the front panel and one side edge of the front brassière portion, means for separably connecting one side edge of the other side panel with the other side edges of the front panel and the front brassière portion, an inelastic back panel sewed at its side edges to the other side edges of the side panels, the upper portion of said back panel being centrally divided and provided with overlapping flap extensions and with flaps above said flap extensions, one of said flap extensions slidably extending through the other, an attaching element on the free end of each flap extension,

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sion, spaced means on the outer face of the back panel for securing said attaching elements in one of several selected positions to thereby govern the degree of overlap of the flap extensions and vary the tension imposed transversely of the wearer's body in the region of the diaphragm, and means to adjustably connect said flaps for governing the snugness of the garment in the region of the breasts.

2. A foundation garment comprising an inelastic front panel, horizontally yieldable elastic side panels, one side panel being sewed along one side edge to one side edge of the front panel, means for separably connecting one side edge of the other side panel with the other side edge of the front panel, an inelastic back panel sewed at its side edges to the other side edges of the side panels, the upper portion of said back panel being centrally divided and provided with overlapping flap extensions, one of said flap extensions slidably extending through the other, an attaching element on the free end of each flap extension, and spaced means on the outer face of the back panel for securing said attaching elements in one of several selected positions to thereby govern the degree of overlap of the flap extensions and vary the tension imposed transversely of the wearer's body in the region of the diaphragm.

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