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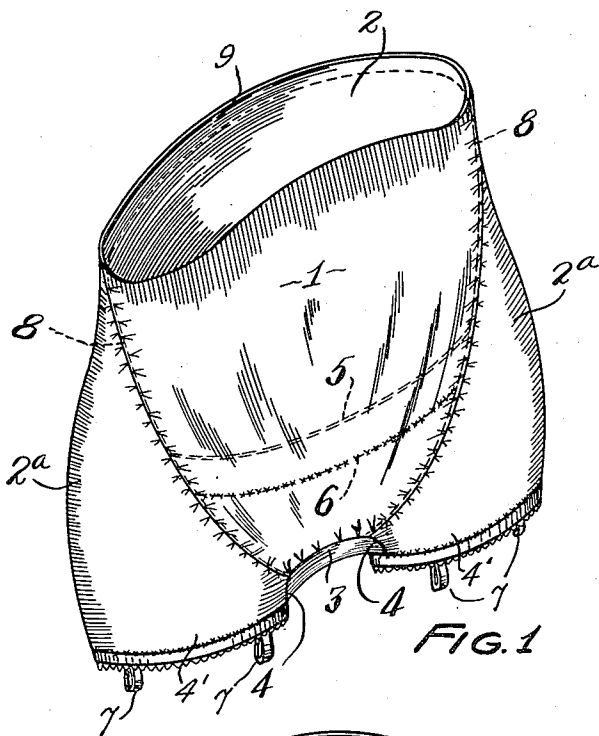


FIG. 1

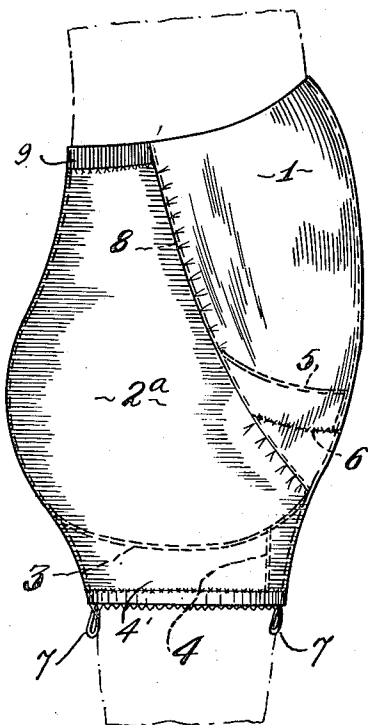


FIG. 3

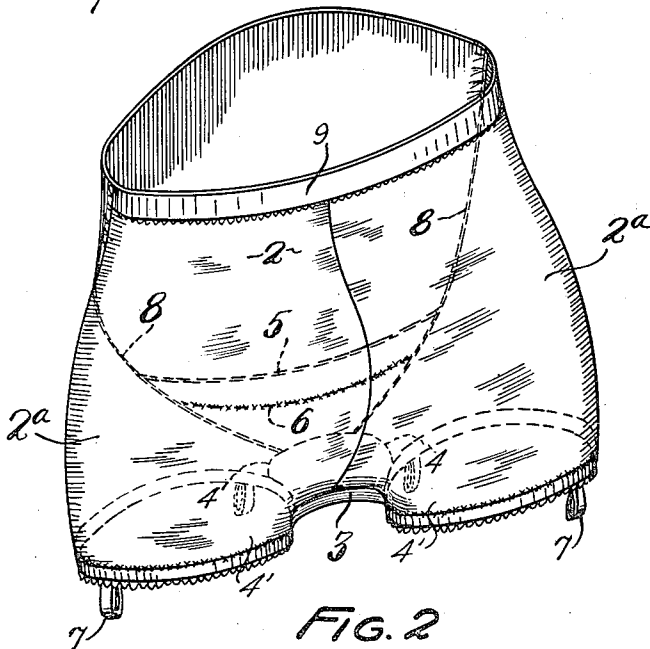


FIG. 2

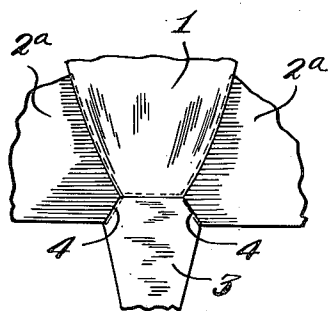


FIG. 4

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This invention relates to the general art of women's wearing apparel and, more specifically, is for an improved form of panty.

One object of my present invention is to devise a panty which may be worn either with or without garters and stockings and with the same complete comfort and satisfaction in either case.

Another object is to devise a panty with means forming a unitary part thereof for affording efficient and comfortable supporting or uplifting engagement beneath the lower part of the abdomen of the wearer during the period of pregnancy.

Another object is to devise a panty with leg-shielding means as a unitary part thereof so as to prevent chafing of the wearer's legs or binding in the region of the crotch of the wearer's body.

Another object is to devise a panty with a built-in elastic means for supporting or uplifting engagement beneath the abdomen of the wearer's body during pregnancy and in which the front part of the panty is provided with suitable added fulness in the region above the abdomen-supporting elastic means and with a snug fit in the region below the built-in elastic means so as to supplement the same in affording most efficient uplifting engagement beneath the abdomen of the wearer, while at the same time there is provided suitable added fulness in the lower part of the panty at the rear thereof.

Another object is to devise a panty with horizontally elastic front and rear-and-side parts which are joined along lines corresponding to the groins of the body of the wearer and which are gathered along longitudinally elastic strips within such joints or seams so as to provide elasticity or stretch in a vertical direction also.

Other objects will appear from the following description and claims when considered together with the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of my present improved panty removed from the body of the wearer;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the same under the same condition;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the panty when applied to the body of the wearer; and

Fig. 4 is a partial view illustrating how the parts are joined together at the front to form the leg-shielding portions in the region of the crotch of the wearer.

It is to be understood that the present form of disclosure is merely for the purpose of illustration and that there might be devised various modifications thereof without departing from the spirit of my invention as herein set forth and claimed.

Referring now to the accompanying drawing in detail, my present panty includes a front part 1, a rear-and-side part 2 and a crotch part 3. As will be seen from the accompanying drawing, the rear part 2 has forwardly extending portions 2a which are adapted to extend about the hip regions of the wearer's body and, as a matter of convenience, this combined part is here referred to as the rear-and-side part.

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The front part 1 may be made of a material known in the trade as "Halenca" which consists of nylon and which has elasticity in only one direction, that is transversely in the present case. The front part 1 is designed to extend over the entire abdominal region of the body of the wearer and is attached by sewing to the rear part 2 along lines corresponding approximately to the groins of the wearer's body.

The rear-and-side part may be made of soft light-weight fabric that has elasticity in only the horizontal direction in the present case; and the crotch part 3 may be made of the same material as just mentioned, the crotch part being connected at its two ends to the front and rear-and-side parts, respectively, and possessing elasticity in only the horizontal direction.

The rear-and-side and crotch parts are connected together so as to form leg openings which have elastic tape about the edges thereof, with gathered fulness thereabout so as to provide effective and comfortable engagement of the same about the legs of the wearer. The edges of the leg openings have the garter attachments 7 to which garters may or may not be detachably connected according to whether it is desired to wear stockings.

The adjacent portions of the rear-and-side and crotch parts at the front are extended downwardly at the seams 4 therebetween, which accordingly extend downwardly along the upper parts of the thighs of the wearer's body so as to thereby provide leg-shielding portions 4' to points below the crotch region of the wearer's body and so as to thereby avoid any chafing or binding in this region, the rear end of the crotch part being sufficiently wide to co-operate towards this accomplishment although of less width than the front end thereof.

Built in as a unitary part of the front part 1, I have provided the longitudinally elastic strip 5 that is attached at its two ends at the seams between the front part 1 and the rear-and-side part and has only its lower edge attached to the front part 1 with gathered fulness, as indicated by reference numeral 6. The elastic strip 5 is so located as to have uplifting engagement with the underside of the abdomen of the wearer's body when the panty is in position thereupon. When the panty is removed from the body of the wearer, the elastic strip 5 will extend along a downwardly curved path from its two ends, as indicated in Fig. 1 of the accompanying drawing, although its direction of extent will be changed somewhat when the front part and the strip 5 are distended upon application to the body of the wearer, as indicated in Fig. 3 of the present drawing.

The top edge of the rear-and-side part has attached thereabout a longitudinally elastic strip 9 with gathered fulness so as to ensure firm but comfortable engagement about and upon the sacroiliac region of the body of the wearer for support of the garment in proper position. The combined elasticity of the upper edge portions of the front and rear-and-side parts of the panty may be sufficient as a means for maintaining the panty in proper position about the body of the wearer. When not in position upon the body of the wearer, the upper edge portion of the front part 1 may naturally roll upon itself as a reserve; but, when in normal position upon the body of the wearer, this rolled edge portion may be unrolled so as to extend upwardly over and about the enlarged abdomen of the wearer's body in a somewhat peaked manner as illustrated in Fig. 3 of the accompanying drawing.

Within the seams between the front part 1 and the side portions 2a of the rear-and-side part I have provided the longitudinally elastic narrow strips 8 which will serve still further to hold the garment in upright position especially as the front part 1 is extended upwardly

during the advancing stages of pregnancy. Both the front part 1 and the side portions 2a will be gathered along the elastic strips 8 throughout the entire extent thereof so as to permit the strips 8 to function in the manner intended; and there will be provided still further fulness in the upper portion of the front part 1 and in the lower portion of the rear-and-side part 2—2a even when the elastic strips 8 have been stretched to the full extent permitted. Thus the up-and-down elasticity that is afforded by the strips 8 supplement the horizontal elasticity of the front part 1 and the rear-and-side part 2—2a and of the elastic strip 7 in maintaining the garment in proper position upon the body of the wearer during the progressive stages of pregnancy.

Since the front part 1 in the region below the strip 5 is adapted for snug engagement about and beneath the abdomen of the body of the wearer at all times during the period of pregnancy and without any such additional fulness as above referred to, the lower portion of the front part 1 will co-operate with the elastic strip 5 in providing an uplifting or supporting effect beneath the under-surface of the abdomen of the wearer's body. As above noted, the lower portion of the rear-and-side part 2—2a is provided with added fulness even when the elastic strips 8 have been stretched to their full extent and is gathered about the elastic strips at the leg openings, such fulness and elasticity facilitating the manipulation of the rear part of the panty for personal use.

Thus I have devised a panty with effective and comfortable means of support about the waist portion of the body of the wearer and with a marked degree of effective uplifting engagement beneath the lower part of the wearer's abdomen so as to produce a combined supporting engagement for the panty about the abdominal region of the body of the wearer.

Also, there is provided suitable fullness in the front part of the panty for accommodation of the enlarged abdomen during all stages of the period of pregnancy; while at the same time the lower front part of the panty is adapted to co-operate with the special means for the uplifting engagement beneath the abdomen of the wearer. This panty may be put on or taken off by the wearer with utmost convenience by virtue of the combined elasticity, as above described, in spite of the abnormally enlarged contour of the abdominal region of the wearer's body during the period of pregnancy.

The comfort in the wearing of this panty is still further enhanced by the provision of the leg-shielding portions to prevent chafing or binding in the region of the crotch of the wearer.

With the effective engagement of the elastic strip 5 and the lower portion of the front part 1 beneath the abdomen of the wearer, there will be ensured proper position of the panty upon the wearer's body whether or not garters and stockings are worn; and thus the wearing of stockings with this improved form of panty is entirely a matter of choice upon the part of the wearer. Such

proper positioning of the panty at all times and under any and all conditions is further ensured by the elasticity afforded by the strips 8 in the seams between the front part 1 and the side portions 2a.

5 Still further advantages may suggest themselves to those who are familiar with the art to which this invention relates.

What I claim is:

1. A panty comprising a rear-and-side part of laterally elastic soft fabric, a front part of laterally elastic fabric that is heavier than said rear-and-side part and that is joined thereto along lines corresponding approximately to the groins of the body of the wearer and that extends upwardly to the waist region of her body, a crotch part of soft fabric connected at its ends to said rear-and-side part and said front part, respectively, and providing therewith leg openings, and a longitudinally elastic strip of substantial width attached throughout its length to the inner surface of said front part and extending laterally across the lower abdominal-covering portion of the panty and above the bottom of said front part thereof so as to afford an uplifting engagement beneath the abdomen of the wearer, and the adjacent portions of said crotch and rear-and-side parts being extended downwardly with the seams therebetween adapted to extend downwardly along the upper parts of the wearer's thighs so as to thereby provide shielding portions for the inner parts of the wearer's legs in the region of her crotch.

2. A panty comprising a rear-and-side part of laterally elastic fabric, a front part of laterally elastic fabric that is joined to said rear-and-side part along lines corresponding to the groins of the body of the wearer and extending upwardly to a point corresponding to the waist region of her body, and a crotch part of substantial width throughout its entire extent having its front and rear ends attached to said front and rear-and-side parts, respectively, the adjacent portions of said crotch and rear-and-side parts that correspond to the inner sides of the wearer's legs extending downwardly substantially below the crotch so as to provide downwardly extending leg-shielding portions for the inner parts of the wearer's legs in the region of the crotch of her body.

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