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Fig. 1.

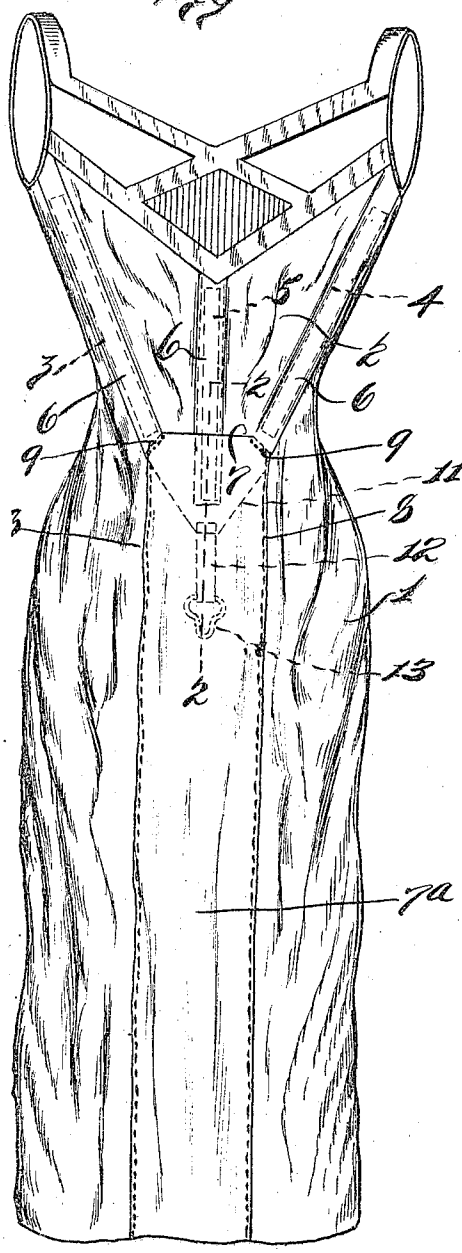


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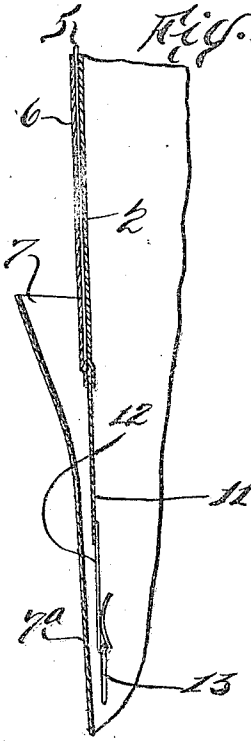
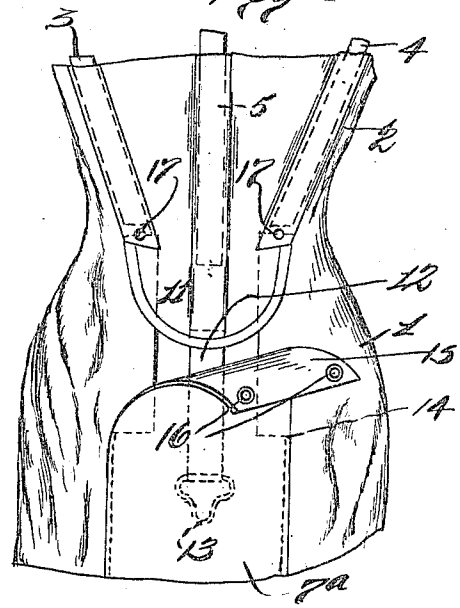


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH HEIMLICH, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, borough of Manhattan, county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in One-Piece Brassières and Princess-Slips, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a combination garment, that is to say, two garments combined into a so-called one-piece garment, to-wit, a princess-slip provided with steels to adapt the slip to perform a double function, that of a brassière and a petticoat.

While it is common to sew or otherwise secure a petticoat and a brassière together, such combination is not satisfactory, for the reason that a seam is formed which produces a ridge in the outer garment, and as both a brassière and princess-slip are nowadays used in place of more bulky garments in order that a tight fitting dress can be worn, the result of sewing the two together is not satisfactory.

I will now proceed to describe my invention in detail, the novel features of which I will point out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved garment; Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view, the section being taken on a line 2—2 in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of a portion of the front of a modified form of my invention.

As herein embodied, my invention comprises a princess-slip consisting of a skirt or petticoat portion 1 and a corset covering or waist portion 2. To adapt the slip to perform the function of a brassière or, more properly speaking, to convert the waist portion into a brassière, I sew, or otherwise secure, to the waist portion steels or whalebones 3, 4 and 5. These may be sewed or inserted into the seam 6, or they may be covered by a separate piece of fabric.

One of the main features of my improvement is a special provision to facilitate the manipulation of the fastening device which acts to hold the waist portion or brassière over the bust. The provision referred to consists of an opening 7 located adjacent the waist line of the garment, through which the hands can be passed in order to hook the fastening device to the corset. In order to equalize the pull on the brassière, I provide a tab 11 which underlies the upper end of the front section or gore 7^a. The tab 11 extends considerably below the opening 7. To produce the opening 7, the gore 7^a is sewed along its edges, as at 8, to the remainder of the garment, the upper end being free or unsecured; hence an opening is provided for the passage of the hands. In the form illustrated in Fig. 3, the gore 7^a is not sewed to the remainder of the garment throughout the full extent of its edges, so that a flap 15 is provided, which is yieldable or flexible from the point 14 up. The flap 15 is provided with sockets 16 which will snap onto buttons 17. In other respects the two forms of garments are practically identical.

To manipulate the fastening device 13, the flap will be unfastened. After the fastening device has been secured, the flap can be raised and snapped into position. In both instances, the strap 12 is secured to the tab 11. The lower end of the strap carries the fastening device 13. To reinforce the garment at the points where the pull on the garment is strongest as illustrated in Fig. 1, I sew the gore 7^a and seams 6 together as at 9. It will also be seen that the entire garment is made up of full lengths of fabric and that, although it comprises all the advantages of an independent separate brassière and a princess-slip, I have dispensed with the jointure of two independent garments into one, and have made the one so as to perform all the functions of the two.

Having now described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A princess-slip, consisting of a skirt-portion and a waist-portion in one piece, the skirt-portion having a gore secured thereto along and throughout the edges thereof, the upper end of said gore being free to yield whereby an opening is formed at the waist line of the slip, steels or whalebones secured to said waist portion and extending from the waist line upward, the front of said waist-portion terminating in a tab extending below said opening, and a securing device carried by said tab.

2. A princess-slip consisting of a skirt-portion and a waist portion in one piece, the skirt-portion having a gore secured thereto along the edges thereof, the se-

curement of said gore extending throughout a portion of the length of said gore only, whereby a flap is formed, a fastening device carried by said flap, catches carried by the waist-portion adapted to engage the fastening devices on said flap, steels or whalebones secured to said waist-portion extending from the waist-line upward, a tab carried by said waist-portion and located adjacent said flap, and a fastening device carried by said tab.

3. A princess slip, consisting of a skirt-portion and a waist-portion in one piece, the waist-portion being provided with a slit near the waistline, and a tab carried by the waist-portion adjacent the waistline and projecting below said slit.

4. A princess slip, consisting of a skirt-portion and a waist-portion, and provided with a slit at or near the waistline thereof, the front of the waist-portion terminating in a tab extending below the said slit and underlying the same, the tab being adapted to receive a hose supporter.

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