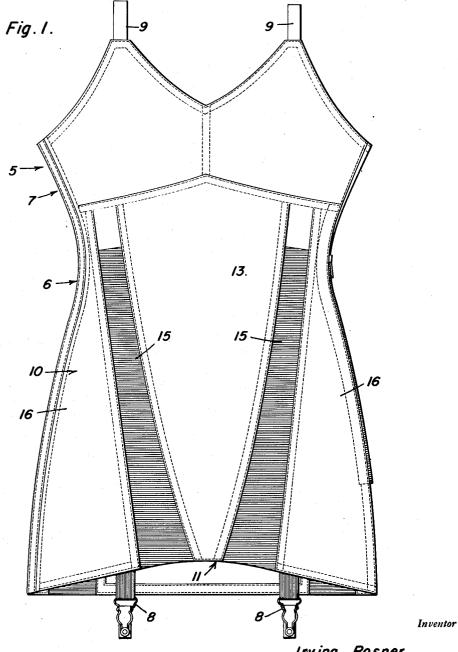
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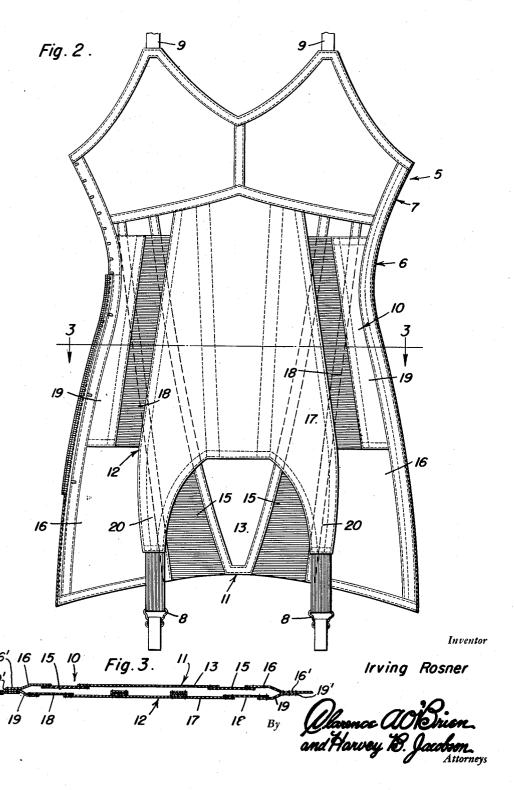


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This invention relates to form constricting and molding garments, such as a combination girdle and brassière, a girdle, or a brassière having an under-breast control panel.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a garment of the above kind having an improved front control panel which secures a maximum lateral distribution of resilient and constrictive effort for the quantity of elastic material employed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a control panel which will provide an excellent local constrictive effect on the body while affording maximum comfort.

A further object of the invention is to provide 15 an improved garment of the above kind which comprises relatively few and simple parts and is economical to manufacture.

The exact nature of the present invention will when considered in connection with the accompaning drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view showing the outside of the front portion of a combined vention;

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view thereof showing the inside of said front portion;

Figure 3 is a horizontal section taken on the line 3-3 of Figure 2.

Referring in detail to the drawings, 5 indicates a combined brassière and girdle composed of a girdle section 6 and a brassière section 7, respectively having hose supporters 8 and shoulder straps 9. The girdle section 6 has a front control 35 panel 10 comprising an outer layer 11 and an inner layer 12. The outer layer includes a central downwardly tapered vertically extending area or strip of flexible inelastic material 13, such as plain woven cloth. The outer layer also has a narrow substantially straight inclined strip 15 of flexible elastic material stitched at one edge to each vertical edge of the inelastic area or strip 13, and an upwardly tapered vertically extending strip 16 of flexible inelastic material 45 stitched at one edge to the other or outer edge of each elastic strip 15. The other or outer edges of the strips 16 form the side edges of the outer layer !!. The upper edge of the outer layer !! is stitched to the lower edge of the front portion of 50 the brassière section 7.

The inner layer 12 includes an upwardly tapered central vertically extending area or strip or inelastic flexible material 17, narrow inter-

inclined areas or strips 18 of flexible elastic material, and narrow side areas or strips 19 whose outer edges form the side edges of said inner layer. The layers are of similar width, and each side edge 19' of the inner layer is stitched to the matching or registered side edge 16' of the outer layer. The area or strip 17 is extended above the strips 18 and 19 and stitched at its upper edge to the lower edge of the front portion of the brassière section 7. Also, the lower edge of the inner layer terminates above the lower edge of the outer layer and the supporters 8 are attached to depending tabs 20 provided on the lower end and at the sides of strip 17. Otherwise, the inner layer is free of connection with the outer layer.

The elastic strips 15 and 18 of the outer and inner layers are of substantially equal widths and each consists of a minor portion of its layer. Also, said strips are arranged so that each strip become apparent from the following description 20 15 is registered with a strip 18. However, the registered strips 15 and 18 of the layers are oppositely inclined so that they cross each other. This provides a wide distribution of the elastic and secures a maximum lateral distribution of girdle and brassière embodying the present in- 25 resilient and constrictive effort for the quantity of elastic material used. As shown, the elastic areas 15 of the outer layer 11 are disposed in downwardly converging relation and the elastic areas or strips 18 of the inner layer 12 are disposed in downwardly diverging relation.

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

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

In a form constricting and molding garment, a front central panel comprising an inner layer and an outer layer superposed thereon, side edges of the two layers being stitched together, said outer layer comprising a central inelastic member having downwardly convergent lateral edges, a pair of relatively narrow elastic strips disposed in downwardly convergent relation and secured to the respective lateral edges of said central member, and a pair of inelastic side members having downwardly convergent inner side edges secured to the respective elastic strips, said inner layer comprising a central inelastic member having downwardly divergent lateral edges, a pair of relatively narrow elastic strips disposed in downwardly divergent relation and secured mediate substantially straight and oppositely 55 to the respective lateral edges of the last mentioned central member, and a pair of inelastic side members having downwardly divergent inner side edges secured to the last mentioned respective elastic strips, the upper edges of the central members of the layers being stitched together, and the elastic strips of the inner layer extending obliquely across upper portions of the respective elastic strips of the outer layer, whereby lower portions of the strips of the outer layer overlie lower portions of the central member of the inner layer.

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