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Fig. 1

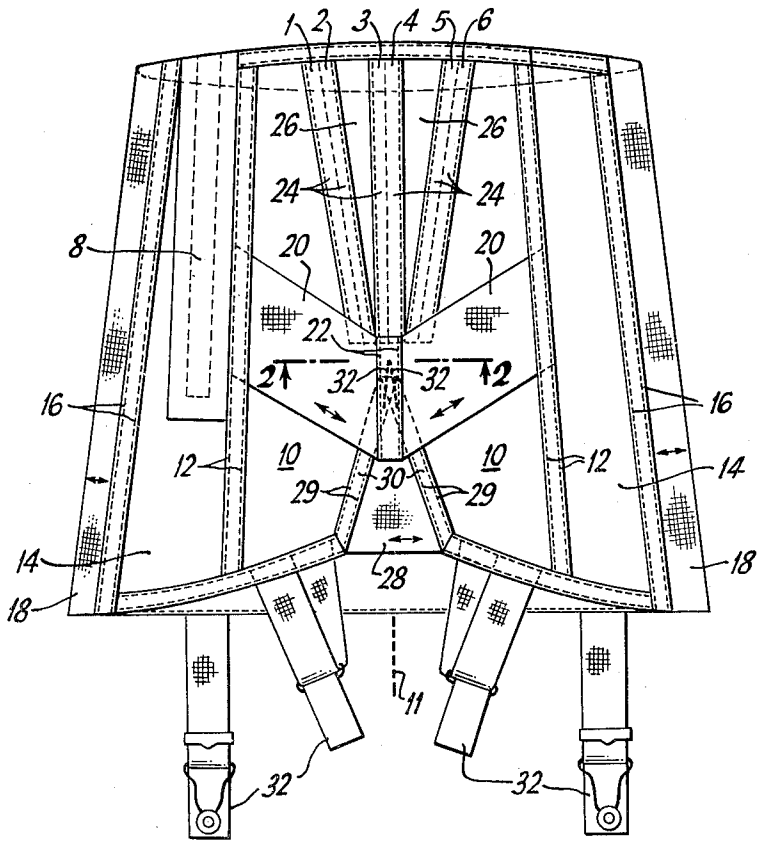
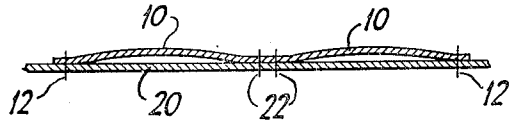


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to garments of the girdle or foundation type, and particularly to a garment designed to provide a narrow and well defined waist-line.

An object of the present invention is to provide a high waist-line girdle which will give firm but laterally elastic support to the abdomen.

Another object is to provide an improved girdle having separate longitudinal and lateral abdominal supports.

In accordance with the invention, the front of the garment, on the inside, is provided with a pair of inelastic panels on opposite sides of the center line extending the length of the garment; and superimposed on these panels in the region of the abdomen only are a pair of relatively short elastic straps which are yieldable laterally only of the garment. Each elastic strap has a length which is approximately one-quarter of an inch shorter than the width of the panel on which it is superimposed, measured along a line at right angles to the center line or seam. These short elastic straps draw the abdomen in and give upward support thereto. It is preferred that a plurality of longitudinally extending stays also be provided at the front of the garment, and which terminate at the region of the abdomen. The construction and location of the stays are such that they serve to flatten the abdomen by exerting an inward pressure. It will thus be seen that although the short elastic lateral straps and the longitudinal stays act independently of each other, they both combine to furnish different kinds of support for the abdominal region, as a result of which the waist-line is moulded gently, producing a well defined, trim figure.

A more detailed description of the invention follows in conjunction with a drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the girdle turned inside out, embodying the principles of the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a cross-section of Fig. 1 along the lines 2—2.

Referring to the drawing, there is shown a high waist-line girdle, seen from the inside, comprising an inelastic front panel portion having a pair of inelastic longitudinally extending front panel sections 10, 10 on opposite sides of the center line 11, joined by seams 12 to inelastic longitudinally extending panels 14, 14. Panels 14, 14 are joined by seams 16, 16 to side sections or panels 18, 18 which are formed of material arranged to provide for lateral stretch; viz., for elasticity circumferentially of the girdle. The directions of stretch of the several panels or sections of material are indicated by the arrows. The back panels are preferably made of inelastic material.

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The front is preferably provided with a slide fastener which may extend from the top of the garment downwardly and is accessible from the exterior of the garment. This fastener is covered on the interior by a relatively narrow strip of soft material. Other forms of fastener may be employed if desired, and where the slide fastener is employed it may be supplemented by hooks and eyes or other fasteners arranged to initially engage the edges of the openings to assist in the application of the garment to the wearer.

Suitable garter attachments 32 may be provided at the lower edge of the garment.

Superimposed on each inelastic front panel 10 in the region of the abdomen or lower stomach of the wearer is a laterally elastic strap 20 which is offset in an upward direction from a true right angle with respect to the center line 11. The straps 20 are stitched together at their adjacent edges by a double row of stitching 22 and at their opposite ends to the double rows of stitching 12. That edge of each strap 20 which is connected to stitching 12 is positioned half-way between the top and bottom of the garment, while the other end is lower down on the garment.

The front of the garment is provided with a triangular gore at its lower edge to receive a circumferentially elastic crotch section 28 which is connected thereto by double rows of stitching 29 on tapes 30. It should be noted that tapes 30 are stitched to the laterally elastic straps 20 only at an intermediate triangle on these straps represented by lines 32. Those portions of the straps 20 which are located along the center line 11 above and below lines 32 are not stitched to the gore 28 or to the front panels 10.

Each laterally elastic strap 20 has a length measured at right angles to the center line 11, between stitches 12 and 22, which is one-quarter of an inch shorter than the width of the panel 10 on which it is superimposed, measured along this same dimension. This is shown clearly in Fig. 2. Such construction is an important feature of the present invention and enables the abdominal region to be supported in a somewhat upward direction over the relatively wide area of the straps and serves to draw the stomach inwardly.

In the front of the garment, pairs of stays 1, 2; 3, 4; and 5, 6 are preferably employed. These stays are carried in suitable pockets formed by tapes 24 stitched to the front panels 10 and to wedge-shaped inelastic sections 26, and extend from the top of the garment to a point in the abdominal region. The action of these vertical stays is to exert an inward pressure on the abdomen so as to flatten the stomach and give sup-

port thereto. This is another feature of the present invention.

The improved girdle of the invention provides two different kinds of support for the abdominal region which cooperate to mould the waist-line firmly, yet comfortably to the wearer, and to furnish a strong degree of support lacking in prior garments of this general type.

What is claimed is:

1. A foundation garment comprising a body encircling member having at its front an inelastic panel portion, a vertical stay extending along the center line from the top to approximately the center of said garment, a stay on either side of said central stay and substantially coextensive with the central stay and terminating above the bottom of the garment and approximately in the region of the lower end of said central stay, a narrow strip of inelastic material separating said central stay from each of said other stays, a V-shaped laterally elastic crotch section also at the front of said garment and having an apex positioned adjacent the lower terminations of said stays and along said center line, and a pair of oppositely disposed and substantially horizontally positioned interiorly located laterally elastic straps in the approximate region of the abdomen of the wearer joined at adjacent edges to the center line of the garment and at opposite edges to the respective side edges of said inelastic panel portion.

2. A foundation garment in accordance with claim 1, characterized in this, that said pair of oppositely disposed laterally elastic straps slant upwards from the center line to the side edges.

3. A foundation garment comprising a body encircling member having at its front an inelastic panel portion, a vertical stay extending along the center line from the top to approximately the center of said garment, a stay on either side of said central stay and substantially coextensive with the central stay, said stays on opposite sides of said central stay slanting inward toward the center line of said garment and terminating above the bottom of the garment and approximately in the region of the lower end of said central stay, whereby the lower ends of said stays are closer together than the upper ends, a narrow strip of inelastic material separating said central stay from each of said other stays, a V-shaped laterally elastic crotch section having an apex positioned adjacent the lower terminations of said stays and along said center line, a substantially horizontally positioned interiorly located laterally elastic portion in the approximate region of the abdomen of the wearer and effective at said center line and covering the lower ends of said stays and joined at its opposite edges to the respective side edges of said inelastic panel portion.

4. A foundation garment comprising a body encircling member having at its front an inelastic panel portion, a vertical stay extending along the center line from the top to approximately the center of said garment, a stay on either side of said central stay and substantially coextensive with the central stay, said stays on opposite sides of said central stay slanting inward toward the center line of said garment and terminating above the bottom of the garment and approximately in the region of the lower end of said central stay, whereby the lower ends of said stays are closer together than the upper ends, a narrow strip of inelastic material separating said central stay from each of said other stays, a V-shaped laterally elastic crotch section having an apex positioned adjacent the lower terminations of said stays and along said center line, and a pair of substantially horizontally positioned interiorly located elastic straps oppositely disposed relative to said center line and located in the approximate region of the abdomen of the wearer, said pair of straps being joined at adjacent edges to the center line of the garment and at opposite edges to the respective side edges of said inelastic panel.

5. A foundation garment comprising a body encircling member having at its front an inelastic panel portion, a vertical stay extending along the center line from the top to approximately the center of said garment, a stay on either side of said central stay and substantially coextensive with the central stay, said stays on opposite sides of said central stay terminating above the bottom of the garment and approximately in the region of the lower end of said central stay, a narrow strip of inelastic material separating said central stay from each of said other stays, a V-shaped laterally elastic crotch section having an apex positioned adjacent the lower terminations of said stays and along said center line, a substantially horizontally positioned interiorly located laterally elastic portion in the approximate region of the abdomen of the wearer and effective at said center line and covering the lower ends of said stays and joined at its opposite edges to the respective side edges of said inelastic panel portion.

6. A foundation garment comprising a body encircling member having at its front an inelastic panel portion, a vertical stay extending along the center line from the top to approximately the center of said garment, a stay on either side of said central stay and substantially coextensive with the central stay and terminating above the bottom of the garment and approximately in the region of the lower end of said central stay, a narrow strip of inelastic material separating said central stay from each of said other stays, a V-shaped laterally elastic crotch section also at the front of said garment and having an apex positioned adjacent the lower terminations of said stays and along said center line, and a pair of oppositely disposed and substantially horizontally positioned interiorly located laterally elastic straps in the approximate region of the abdomen of the wearer joined at adjacent edges to the center line of the garment and at opposite edges to the respective side edges of said inelastic panel portion, each of said laterally elastic straps having a length in the unstretched condition which is slightly less than the width of that portion of the inelastic front panel upon which it is superimposed.

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