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BRASSIERE

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This invention relates to brassières, and more particularly to a garment of this kind having resilient means to yieldingly support the breasts. Brassières are previously known which in the lower parts of the breast-pockets have arranged therein smaller pockets that by means of straps can be lifted or lowered within said breast-pockets so as to form a support for the breasts. Such a kind of brassière requires three sizes, viz. one for big breasts, one for breasts of normal size and one for small breasts.

This invention has relation to improvements in such a brassière. More particularly the invention refers to a brassière having resilient means within the pockets for the breasts which means, when the brassière is in use, is adapted to resiliently press against the breast with the side turned from the pocket and in a way to lift the breast. The main feature of the invention is to be seen in the fact that lower portions of the breast pockets are attached to each their elastic gusset forming a part of the central front portion of the brassière so that said elastic gusset with its upper portion extends at the centre up into the lower portion of the breast pockets, the latter in a way known per se being provided with a support of a suitable material, e.g. rubber foam, for maintaining the form of the pocket.

The invention gives inter alia the following advantages. It fits extremely well. The brassière can be used for different sizes of the breasts. The stitches for attaching the breast pockets to the elastic gussets can hardly be felt by the person wearing the brassière as the elastic gussets prevent the stitches from being pinched over the breasts. The support which preferably is composed of rubber foam and which is situated on the inside of the breast pockets at their lower portion gives a beautiful contour line also to a person having small breasts.

Thus, the essential feature of the invention is to be seen in the combination of the elastic portion of the elastic gusset extending into the respective breast pocket and extending also on both sides of the lower portion of the breast pocket and the support inside the latter.

The invention will now be elucidated with reference to the accompanying drawing. In the drawing:

FIG. 1 shows the inside of a so-called long brassière according to the invention,

FIG. 2 shows the outside of a so-called short brassière according to the invention,

FIG. 3 shows vertical sections through one pocket of a brassière according to the invention, whereas section A shows the form of the pocket when used for a big breast, section B when used for a breast of normal size, and section C when used for a small breast, and

FIG. 4 shows a vertical section through a breast pocket of conventional shape.

The brassière shown comprises as usual a central portion 1, two end or back portions 2, 3, with hooks 4 and eyes 5 and two shoulder straps 6. The central portion 1 is composed of two elastic gussets 7 separated from each other by means of a central part 8 of a rather non-elastic fabric or analogous textile material. The lower part of the central portion 1 is composed of an elastic edging braid 9. On the outside of each one of the elastic gussets 7 there is by means of stitches attached a breast pocket 10 which according to the shown embodiment comprises a lace material. The shoulder straps 6 are in usual man-

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ner attached to the upper portion 11 of the breast pockets 10. The lower portions 12 of the breast pockets 10 are essentially shaped as a sector with its point directed downwards. The breast pockets have each their inner support 13 preferably composed of an elastic material, e.g. rubber foam. The support is heart-shaped and has the notch 14 in the heart-shape situated below the point 15 of the pocket 10.

The lower portions 12 of the breast pockets are stitched to the elastic gussets 7 in such a way that the latter with their upper portions 16 extend a certain distance into the pockets. This portion has an upper border 17 which at its central portion is shaped as a downwards directed bow and the same is here situated at a considerable distance from the point 15 of the breast pockets 10. The distance from the point 15 of the breast pockets to the border line 17 is approximately equal with the distance from this border line 17 to the lower end of the breast pocket.

The back portions 2, 3 are in the embodiment according to FIG. 1 each composed of two parts 18, 19 overlapping each other. These parts 18, 19 are attached to the central portion 1 in such a way that at the wearing of the brassière the tension force will be applied in the lower breast line as indicated by reference letter 20, i.e. a line extending through a point where the breasts continue in the chest.

When the brassière is worn, the elastic gussets 7 are tightened and the elastic portions 16 are bent (shown with dash and dot lines in FIG. 3) out by the breasts in the lower portions of the breast pockets. It is obvious from FIG. 3, section A how a big breast completely fills the pocket 10 simultaneously as the breast is kept in lifted position by the resilient portions 16 of the elastic gussets 7. A normal breast (see FIG. 3, section B) the portions 16 are pressed only partly into the lower parts of the pockets in such a way that there is obtained a space 21 between the supports 13 and the portions 16. Due to the supports 13 the lower portions of the breast pockets will maintain their original form in spite of the space 21 and thus the wearer is given a beautiful contour line. The result will be the same also when the brassière is used on small breasts (FIG. 3, section C). In this case the space 21 will of course be greater but the contour line will be almost the same as in the case with the breasts of normal size.

A comparison between FIGS. 3 and 4 will without further explications show the advantages obtained by means of the invention. The brassière shown in FIG. 4 can only be used for normal breasts.

The short brassière shown in FIG. 2 corresponds principally with the long brassière shown in FIG. 1. The breast pockets 10 are in both cases equally shaped.

From the foregoing description, it is believed that the construction and advantages of the present garment, as well as the manner in which the same functions, will be readily understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art. The garment is simple and efficiently provides the desired characteristics. Modifications may be made in the form and construction of parts illustrated and described, such as will fairly fall within the scope of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A brassière comprising a front medial portion of non-elastic textile material and of generally triangular shape having an apex portion extending upwardly, a pair of gussets of elastic fabric secured at the respective lateral marginal portions of the medial portion, a pair of breast pockets upper of the respective gussets and stitched onto and at least partially over the exterior of the gussets whereby the upper portion of the gussets extend into the lower portions of the pockets, said lower portions of the pockets being substantially sector shaped having the point

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thereof directed downwardly, the upper portions of the gussets extending on the sides of each breast pocket in the lower portions thereof and adapted to resiliently tend to turn from the breast pocket against the breast to lift the breast, the breast pocket being provided with a soft rubber-like support for maintaining the shape of the breast pocket.

2. A brassière comprising a front medial portion of non-elastic textile material and of generally triangular shape having an apex portion extending upwardly, a pair of gussets of elastic fabric secured at the respective lateral marginal portions of the medial portion, a pair of breast pockets upper of the respective gussets and stitched onto and at least partially over the exterior of the gussets whereby the upper portion of the gussets extend into the lower portions of the pockets, said lower portions of the pockets being substantially sector shaped having the point thereof directed downwardly, the upper portions of the gussets extending on the sides of each breast pocket in the lower portions thereof and adapted to resiliently tend to turn from the breast pocket against the breast to lift the breast, the breast pocket being provided with a soft rubber-like support for maintaining the shape of the breast pocket, the upper border portions of the gussets within the pockets being of inverted arch shape.

3. A brassière comprising a front medial portion of non-elastic textile material and of generally triangular shape having an apex portion extending upwardly, a pair

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of gussets of elastic fabric secured at the respective lateral marginal portions of the medial portion, a pair of breast pockets upper of the respective gussets and stitched onto and at least partially over the exterior of the gussets whereby the upper portion of the gussets extend into the lower portions of the pockets, said lower portions of the pockets being substantially sector shaped having the point thereof directed downwardly, the upper portions of the gussets extending on the sides of each breast pocket in the lower portions thereof and adapted to resiliently tend to turn from the breast pocket against the breast to lift the breast, the breast pocket being provided with a soft rubber-like support for maintaining the shape of the breast pocket, the upper border portions of the gussets within the pockets being of inverted arch shape, said support being heart-shaped and having the point directed downwardly and the notch of the heart below the sector point of the pocket.

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