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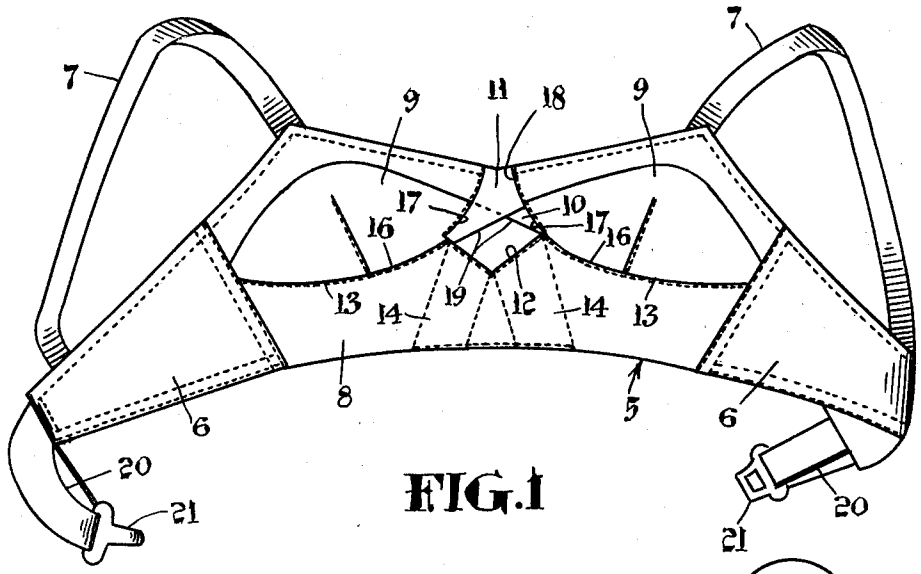

FIG. 1

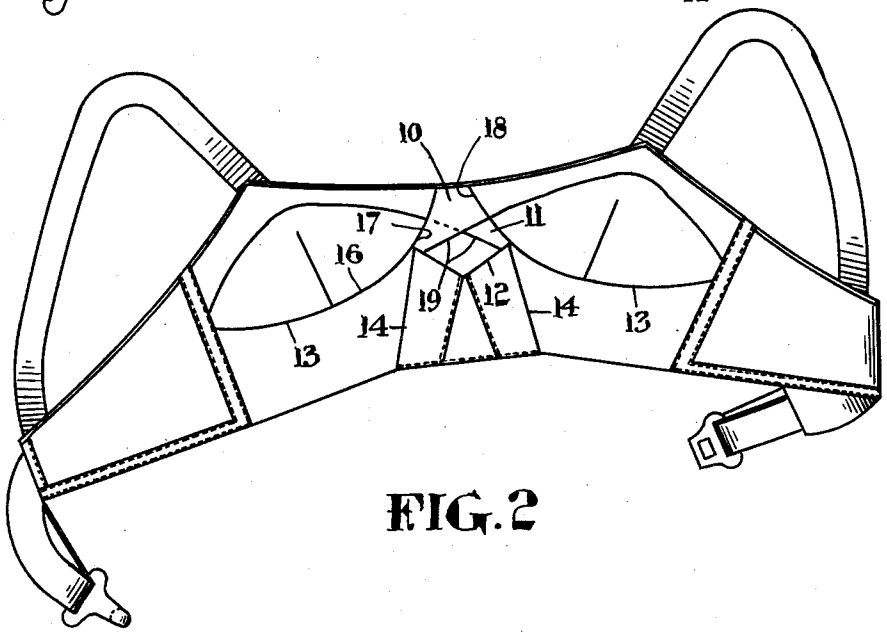

FIG. 2

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This invention relates to brassières and the object is to proviede a brassière having the front central portion thereof designed to fit closely against the body between the breasts at all times while permitting the brassière to give with every movement of the body.

More particularly, the invention consists in providing a brassière with a waist band shaped, at its upper edge, to form a V-shaped notch in the central portion, breast pocket sections having their lower edges secured to the waist band with their inner side edges extending upwardly from the waist band and control members interconnecting the inner side edges of the breast pocket sections.

The invention further consists in providing stiffening members arranged in the central portion of the waist band with their upper ends terminating at the inclined sides of the V-shaped notch to provide a closer fitting of the waist band to the body between the breasts.

Other objects, advantages and characteristic features of the invention will be more readily understood from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a front view of a brassière embodying this invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the brassière shown in Fig. 1.

As shown in these drawings, my improved brassière comprises a front section 5 and side sections 6 and is equipped with conventional shoulder straps 7.

Front section 5 comprises a waist band member 8, breast pockets 9 and control members 10 and 11 interconnecting spaced inner side edge portions of the breast pocket sections extending upwardly from waist band 8.

Waist band 8 is secured at its opposite ends to the lower portions of the inner end edges of side sections 6. The upper edge of waist band 8 is shaped to provide a central V-shaped notch or recess 12 flanked by concavely curved edges 13 extending from the notch 12 to the ends of the waist band. The central portion of waist band 8 is stiffened and reinforced by stiffening members 14 having their upper ends terminating flush with the inclined sides of the notch 12 and their lower ends terminating at or adjacent the lower edge of the waist band. In this connection it will be noted that stiffening members 14 are inclined so that they are close together at their upper ends and are relatively widely spaced at their lower ends.

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The outer sides of breast pocket sections 9 are joined to the upper portions of the inner end edges of side sections 6. The bottom and inner side edges of each breast pocket section are formed by a convexly curved edge 16 extending from the outer side to the upper edge of the breast pocket. That portion of the curved edge 16 which constitutes the bottom of each breast pocket 9 is joined to the underlying concavely curved edge portion 13 of waist band 8. The remaining portions of the curved edges 16 which define the inner side edges of the breast pockets 9 curve upwardly and inwardly from the ends of the notch 12 in spaced relation to each other and are interconnected by the previously mentioned control members 10 and 11.

Each of the control members 10 and 11 is shown as a substantially triangular piece of fabric presenting a relatively long concavely curved edge 17, a relatively short concavely curved edge 18 and a relatively long straight edge 19.

The relatively long concavely curved edge 17 of control member 10 is joined to and is coextensive with that portion of the curved edge 16 which defines the inner side of the right hand breast pocket 9. The relatively short concavely curved edge 18 of control member 10 is joined to the upper part of that portion of curved edge 16 which defines the inner side of the left hand breast pocket 9. The control member 10 is dimensioned so that the above described method of securing its curved edges 17 and 18 to the breast pockets 9 results in the relatively long straight edge 19 of said control member 10 being disposed so that it extends obliquely across the notch 12 in spaced relation to the right hand side of the notch.

The relatively long concavely curved edge 17 of control member 11 is joined to and is co-extensive with that portion of the curved edge 16 which defines the inner side of the left hand breast pocket 9. The relatively short concavely curved edge 18 of control member 11 is joined to the upper part of that portion of curved edge 16 which defines the inner side of the right hand breast pocket 9. The control member 11 is dimensioned so that the described method of securing its curved edges 17 and 18 to the breast pockets 9 results in the relatively long straight edge 19 of said control member being disposed so that it extends obliquely across the notch 12 in spaced relation to the left hand side of the notch, said member 11 being arranged in overlapping relation to member 10.

The free ends of side sections 6 are provided

with band members 20 having complementary fastening members 21 for securing the garment about the wearer.

I claim:

1. A brassière comprising a waist band in the lower portion, said band being recessed at its upper edge, to provide a central V-shaped notch, breast pocket sections spaced apart and having their lower edges secured to said waist band with their inner side edge portions convexly curved and extending upwardly from said waist band, and a pair of control members disposed in free overlapping relation, each control member being substantially triangular in shape and presenting a relatively long concavely curved edge, a relatively short concavely curved edge and a relatively long straight edge, said control members being reversely arranged with the relatively long concavely curved edge of one and the relatively short concavely curved edge of the other joined to the convexly curved inner side edge portions of each breast pocket section in interconnecting relation with the relatively long straight edge of each control member being disposed so that it extends obliquely across said V-shaped notch in spaced relation to opposite sides thereof.

2. A brassière as set forth in claim 1, including stiffening members in the central portion of the waist band having their upper ends terminating flush with the inclined sides of the V-shaped notch.

3. A brassière as set forth in claim 1, including stiffening members in the central portion of the waist band, said stiffening members being disposed with their upper ends flush with the inclined sides of the V-shaped notch and inclined so that they are close together at their upper ends and are relatively widely spaced at their lower ends.

4. A brassière comprising a waist band, spaced apart breast pocket sections secured to upper edge portions of the waist band with inner edges of the breast pocket sections extending above the upper edge of the central portion of the waist band in spaced relation to each other, and overlapping control members arranged between the breast pockets above and in spaced relation to the central portion of the waist band with each control member secured to both breast pocket sections along the edges of the breast pocket sections which extend above the central portion of the waist band.

5. A brassière as set forth in claim 4, each control member having a relatively long marginal edge secured to one of the breast pocket sections along the entire length of the inner edge of said breast pocket section which extends above the waist band and having a relatively short marginal edge secured to the breast pocket section only along the upper portion of the inner edge of the last mentioned breast pocket section which extends above the waist band, the relatively long edge of each control member being secured to the same breast pocket section to which the relatively short edge of the other control member is secured.

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