

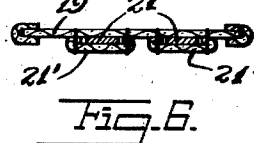
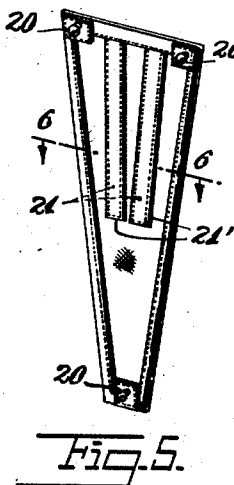
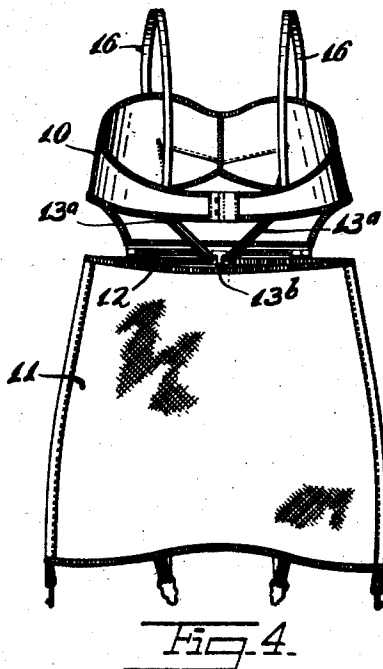
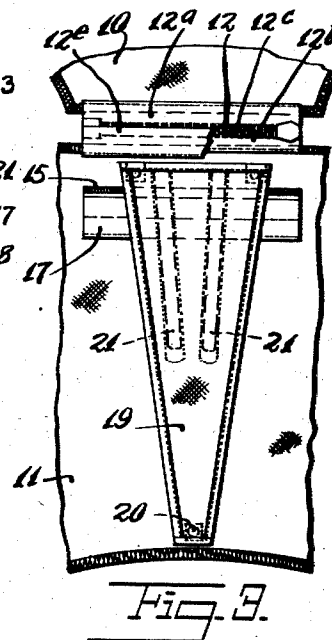
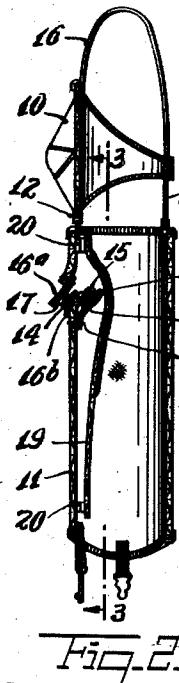
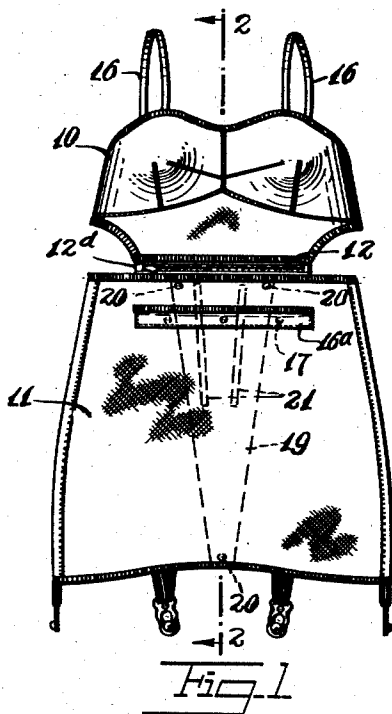
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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—30)

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a combination brassière and girdle.

The invention has for an object the construction of a combination garment as mentioned which is characterized by fasteners for detachably connecting adjacent front portions of the brassière and girdle and a strap structure for detachably connecting the rear portions of said brassière and girdle.

Furthermore, the invention contemplates forming the girdle with an opening in the front portion thereof spaced down from the top edge, and associated with means by which the opening may be closed, and the bottom edge of the opening being provided with fasteners adapted to coact with the fasteners upon the brassière portion of the garment whereby the brassière may be connected with the girdle in a lowered position. Thus the garment may be adjusted to fit a short or tall sized person.

Another object of this invention is to associate a diaphragm control or inner belt panel with the girdle in a novel manner.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claim in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a front view of a combination brassière and girdle constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevational view looking in the direction of the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a rear elevational view of the girdle shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a rear perspective view of the reinforcing panel per se.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1-6 inclusive a combination brassière and girdle is illustrated which comprises, essentially, a brassière 10 and a girdle 11. Fastening elements 12 for detachably connecting the adjacent front portions of the brassière and girdle together are arranged on adjacent edges thereof. A strap structure 13 is provided for detachably connecting rear portions of the brassière and girdle together. The girdle 11 is formed with a front opening 14 spaced from the top edge thereof. A

means is provided for closing said opening. A fastener 15 is associated with the bottom edge of the opening 14 and is adapted to coact with the fasteners 12 which are upon the brassière 10, whereby the brassière may be connected with the girdle, further down.

The brassière 10 is provided with the conventional shoulder straps 16. The strap structure 13 comprises a pair of elastic straps 13^a which are attached at their top ends to the rear portion of the brassière 10 and which have loop portions at their bottom ends adapted to engage the prongs of a fastening element 13^b which is mounted upon the top edge of the girdle. Thus the strips 13^a may be hooked into position and just as easily removed.

The opening 14 is closed by a pair of strips 16^a and 16^b attached completely along the lengths of the opening 14 preferably by stitches. These strips have coacting snap fastener elements 17 which may be connected and disconnected as required. The fasteners 15 are arranged upon the inner bottom edge portion of the opening 14 so that they may be engaged with the fasteners 12 on the bottom edge of the brassière 10 while the opening 14 is in the open position. A covering strip 17 is adapted to engage over and cover the fasteners 15. This covering strip is free at the top and secured by a line of stitches 18 to the material of the girdle.

A reinforcing panel 19 is associated with the girdle 11 and is adapted to be removably mounted upon the inner face of the front portion thereof. This reinforcing panel 19 is substantially of triangular shape as may be seen by the dotted lines in Fig. 1 and by the detailed Figs. 3 and 5. At the corners this reinforcing panel is provided with snap fastener elements 20 coacting with complementary snap fastener elements attached upon the inner face of the front portion of the girdle. The reinforcing panel 19 is provided with several stiffening stays 21 which are secured thereon by covering strips 21'.

The fasteners 12 comprise a pair of flexible strips 12^a and 12^b secured at their outer edges to the adjacent edges of the brassière and girdle, and at their adjacent edges are provided with interengageable hooks 12^c controlled by a conventional slide control 12^d. A covering strip of material 12^e is adapted to partially extend over the fasteners.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right

is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

10 In a garment comprising in combination a detachable brassière and girdle, a row of horizontally disposed fastener elements secured to the lower edge of the brassière, a row of horizon-

tally disposed fastener elements secured to the inside of the girdle below the upper edge thereof, said rows adapted for engagement with each other, said girdle having a slit overlying the last mentioned fastener elements for access thereto, 5 and a flap extending from the upper edge of the slit and covering said last mentioned fastener elements whereby both sets of fastener elements are concealed when the same are engaged.

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