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FIG. 1.

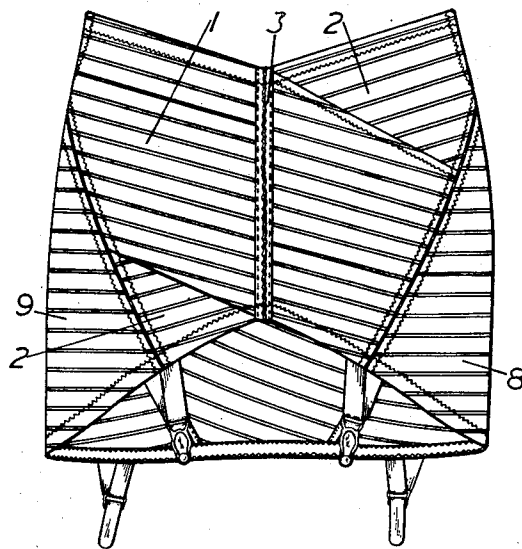
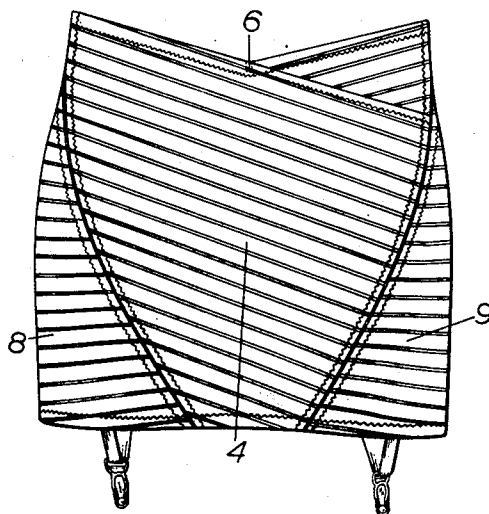


FIG. 2.



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Foundation garments are known which are made up from a back panel and a front panel, including a pair of crossed webs of material extensible in at least one direction, stitched to the side edges of the back panel and interconnected by a line of stitching.

Fuller support thus given to the abdomen, combined with freedom of movement is not fully extended to the buttocks.

It is the object of this invention to provide a garment capable of giving full support to the buttocks, as is provided by garments as described in the former proposal to the abdomen without permitting loss of control, and giving freedom of movement to the thighs of the wearer.

With the above object in view, the invention provides a garment having a front panel comprising crossed webs of extensible material and a rear panel including a pair of preferably extensible crossed webs which are attached at their upper ends to the side edges of the front panel at the waist, their lower edges being attached to each other at the lower rear hem of the garment below the buttocks of the wearer, and their upper edges being attached to each other toward the small of the back of the wearer.

Preferred forms of the garment include two gussets of extensible material extending from just below the waist of the wearer to the lower hem of the garment to which the lower free side portions of the front and rear crossed webs are attached. These gussets may curve upwards from the sides towards the front of the garment.

All the crossed webs of the garment may be made up of one or more pieces of material stitched together.

There may be extensible stitching between the front and rear panels and the gussets.

A waist band at the back of the garment may be formed by hemming the upper edges of the webs forming the rear panel and reinforcing them by strips of extensible material attached to the side edges of the front panel and to each other at the small of the back of the wearer.

The above and other parts of the invention are incorporated in one preferred form of garment which will now be described in some detail, purely by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings in which

FIG. 1 is the front view.

FIG. 2 is the rear view.

The foundation garment has a front panel comprised by webs 1 and 2 which are interconnected at the centre

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by a line of stitching 3. The lower portion of the front panel is narrower than the upper portion and its side edges cross the extended frontal line of the thigh with their lower portions towards the inside of the leg.

The rear of the garment is made up of four main parts constituting a back panel; two broad crossed webs 4 and 5 connected to each other around all their edges except that portion of the upper edge of each extending from the centre 6 of the rear to the side edges of the rear panel, and two pieces of material reinforcing the two free upper edges of the webs 4 and 5.

The rear panel like the front panel is broader at the top than at the bottom.

Gussets 8 and 9 extend from just below the waist to the hemmed lower edge of the garment of which they form part.

The lower hem line of the gussets curves upwardly towards the front (as shown in FIG. 1) to meet the lower edges of the crossed webs 1 and 2 of the front panel.

Stitching between the panels and gussets may be of open form, extensible and decorative.

It will be understood that the invention is not restricted to the details of the specific embodiment described which may be varied without department from the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A girdle comprising a front panel, a back panel and two gussets, said panels being each made up from a pair of crossed webs and being joined at their upper side edges, said panels being narrower at their bottoms than at their tops and having their lower edges connected by the gussets, the webs of the said front panel being joined to each other upon the central medial line of the front of the girdle, and the webs of the back panel being joined to each other along their lower hem and at a point at the center of the back of the girdle.

2. A girdle according to claim 1 wherein the lower edges of the gussets and the lower edges of the front panel are aligned and upwardly flared towards the central medial line of the front of the girdle.

3. A girdle according to claim 1 wherein any of said panels and gussets are made of a plurality of pieces of material stitched together.

4. A girdle according to claim 1 in which said panels and gussets are joined by extensible stitching.

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