

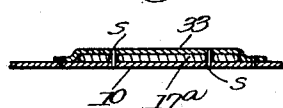
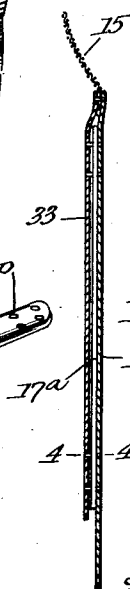
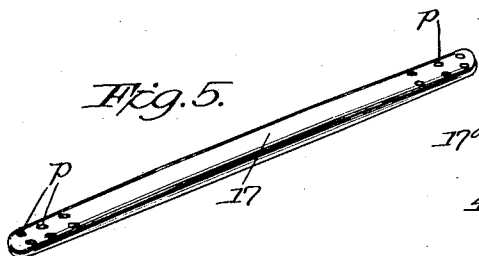
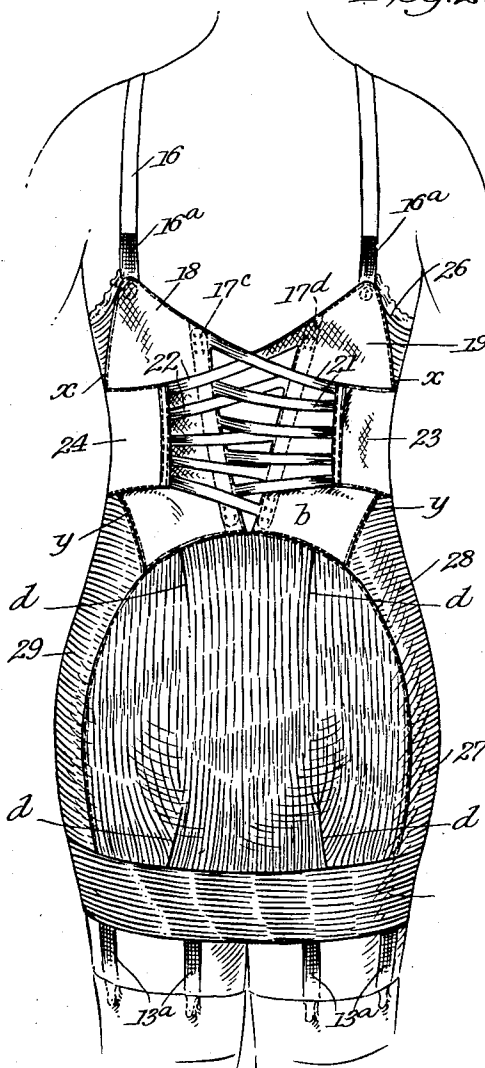
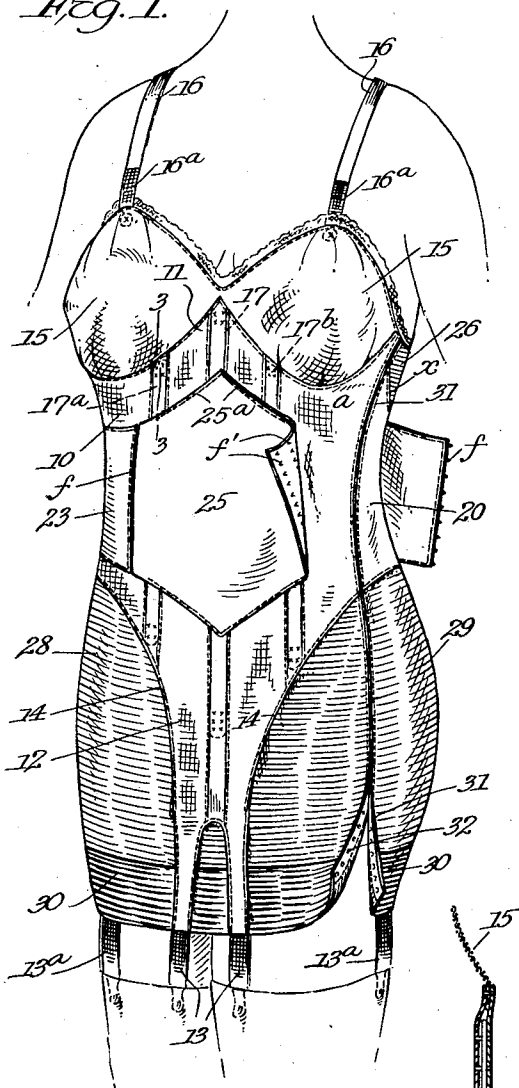
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The present invention is an undergarment, commonly known as a foundation garment, worn by women, and has for its object improved and novel features of construction which will cause the garment to give the human body a youthful and graceful appearance, while at the same time permitting perfect comfort and freedom of movement.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing is illustrated the foundation garment of the present invention, as at present devised, and in which:

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the garment as worn;

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of the garment as worn;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view taken substantially on line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken substantially on line 4—4 of Figure 3; and

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the reinforcing stay used in the garment.

The garment of the present invention, when worn, fits snugly about the body of the person, as illustrated in the drawing, but, due to its construction, permits free movement of the body to all positions, without causing any discomfort or hindrance of said movements, while at the same time preventing the garment from slipping out of its proper position on the body.

The garment consists of a corset portion 10, having front and rear panels *a* and *b* which are designed to encircle the waist portion of the wearer from a point below the bust to the hips. This corset portion is made up of relatively non-stretchable fabric, such as a woven textile of cotton, silk, or the like. The upper edge of the front panel *a* is cut away to fit under the base of the breast and conform to the outline thereof. To this end, said upper edge has a central or intermediate upstanding tapering tongue 11, designed to extend between the breasts, while its lower edge is formed with a gradually tapering central or intermediate projection 12, extending for a distance below the crotch of the wearer, and from which depend garter supporters 13. The side edges 14 of said projection 12 are designed to extend in a curve from the hip of the wearer and to approximately follow the lower lines of the abdomen.

A brassière 15 is attached to the upper edge of

the panel *a* and is composed of a soft fabric or cloth, and of suitable fullness to provide pockets to receive and fit over the breasts of the wearer. Shoulder straps 16 are secured to the upper edge of each pocket and also to the upper edge of the back panel *b*, and preferably have elastic end portions 16*a* detachably secured to the brassière and to the panel *b* in any suitable manner, such as by buttons and button holes, hooks and eyes, or the like.

The front panel *a* is reenforced with vertical stays which may be disposed in any convenient manner, but are shown preferably as being three in number, one 17 extending from the upper end of the projection 11 downwardly to the extremity of the projection 12 of the panel *a*, the other two stays 17*a* and 17*b* being disposed on each side thereof and arranged to extend downwardly from substantially directly under each pocket of the brassière to the lower edge of the panel. From this arrangement, it will be seen that definite and positive support for the breast is provided and that a substantially straight front panel is provided for the corset.

The rear panel *b* of the corset is composed of two half sections 18 and 19, which are arranged side by side and designed to extend from under the shoulder blades of the wearer to a point approximately at the upper portion of the hip bones. These sections 18 and 19 each have side extensions 20 which form the sides of the corset, but which have their upper and lower edges cut away inwardly, as at *x* and *y*, at points under the arms and over the hips, respectively. The side edges of these extensions 20 are secured to the side edges of the front panel *a* to complete the corset. However, one of the side edges may be detachably connected by fasteners 32.

The adjacent or opposing edges of the sections 18 and 19 of the back panel *b* do not meet, but downwardly converge from the upper edges, forming a V-shaped opening in the central portion of the panel. Along the opposing edges of the sections 18 and 19 are secured, or otherwise provided, plurality of laterally extending spaced straps 21 and 22 respectively, the straps from one section crossing the straps of the other section and each group of straps having their other ends secured to abdominal side belt portions 23 and 24.

These abdominal belt sections extend around the waist of the wearer from the back panel to a belt section 25 located exteriorly of the front panel section. This section 25 is preferably of rather ample size or area to well cover the ab-

at the sides of the wearer, respectively, a plurality of strips fixedly secured to and extending from each of said spaced edges of said sections, the strips of one section crossing those of the other section and having their projecting ends, respectively, attached to the rear end of the adjacent belt section, the forward ends of said belt sections being relatively wide to extend a substantial distance on both sides of the waist line, and means for detachably securing the relatively wide forward ends of the belt along their length to a front part of the garment, whereby when the belt portions are drawn forwardly and fastened, the spaced edges of said sections are each independently drawn together and the abdomen on opposite sides of the waist line is held in.

4. A body encircling garment including two sections, means for fastening contiguous edge portions of said sections whereby it may be opened and closed, the back portions of the said sections having their adjacent edges spaced apart at the center of the garment, a pair of relatively wide belt sections to extend about the waist at the sides of the wearer, respectively, a plurality of strips fixedly secured to and extending from each of said spaced edges of said sections, the strips of one section crossing those of the other section and having their projecting ends, respectively, attached to the rear end of the adjacent belt section, the forward ends of said belt sections being relatively wide to extend a substantial distance on both sides of the waist line, and means for detachably securing the relatively wide forward ends of the belt along their length to a front part of the garment, whereby when the belt portions are drawn forwardly and fastened, the rear edges of said sections are each independently drawn together and the abdomen on opposite sides of the waistline is held in, said front portion terminating below the breast of the wearer and having its upper edge cut away under the breast to con-

form to the contour thereof, a brassière of non-stiffened material secured to the edge of said cut away portion, elastic gore inserts arranged under the arm portions of the garment at the upper edge of the latter and connected with the brassière to maintain it and the upper edge of the garment transversely taut when the garment is on the wearer and said belt section fastened in position.

5. A garment of elastic material adapted to extend from the waist to a point intermediate the thighs of the wearer and to fit the waist, buttocks and thighs and comprising an elastic seat section extending from the waist over the buttocks and stretchable only longitudinally with respect to the garment; other elastic sections extending forwardly from the sides of said section to fit over and cover the hips and stretchable only transversely of the garment; and an elastic band forming the lower section of the garment and secured to the lower edges of said seat and hip sections and adapted to contract the garment circumferentially at its lower end.

6. A unitary garment comprising a lower part of elastic material to fittedly encircle the body from the waist to the upper portion of the thighs, a body-encircling part of non-stretchable material opened vertically at its back and having its edges spaced apart, a plurality of fixed straps projecting from each edge of the back opening in the body part and crossing each other and projecting forwardly about the waist portion, a pair of relatively wide belt sections to extend substantially on both sides of the waist line and having their rear ends attached to the free ends of adjacent straps, and means for detachably securing the forward ends of said belt sections at the front portion of the body portion to tighten the body part about the body and hold in the abdomen.

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