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Fig 1

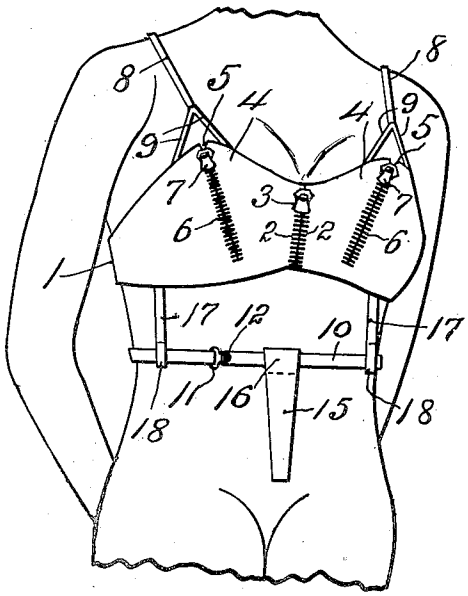
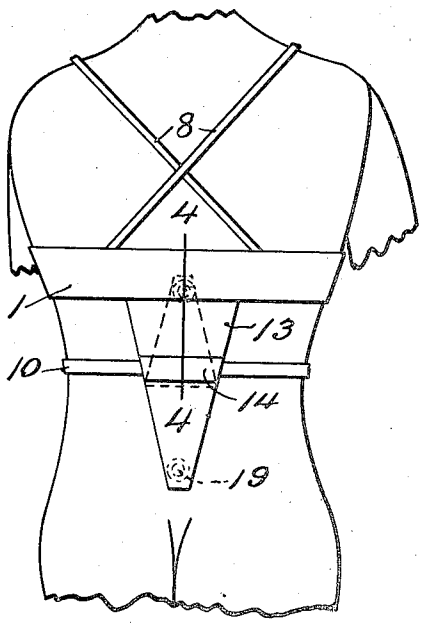


Fig 2



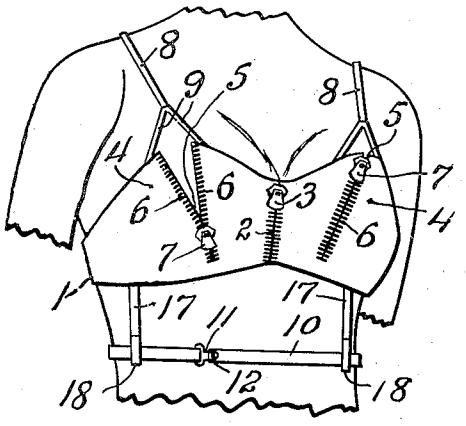


Fig 3

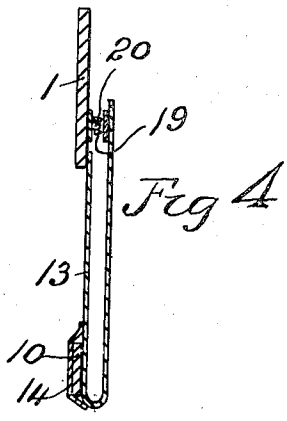


Fig 4

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My invention relates to improvements in brassières. It is particularly well adapted for use as a nursing brassière.

One of the objects of my invention is the provision in a brassière of pocket portions each having novel means by which it may be opened for the extrusion of the enclosed breast, or held closed.

A further object of my invention is the provision of novel means for retaining the brassière properly positioned on the person.

Another object of my invention is the provision of novel anchoring means for the body of the brassière, which can also be employed for supporting a sanitary napkin in operative position.

Still another object of my invention is the provision of a brassière of the kind described, which is simple, cheap, durable, not likely to get out of order, which is easily and quickly applied to or removed from the person, which is sanitary, cleanly, well fitting and is comfortable to wear.

The novel features of my invention are hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates the preferred embodiment of my invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of my improved brassière shown in its operative position on a form and both pocket portions closed.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of my improved brassière shown in its operative position on a form.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, one pocket portion being shown partly opened and the front flap removed from the belt.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view on the plane of the line 4—4 of Fig. 2, showing the rear flap held in its folded position.

Similar characters of reference designate similar parts in the different views.

The body of the brassière comprises a fabric strip 1 which is adapted to encircle the bust, the strip having means for releasably fastening together its front end edges by any suitable means, such means, as illustrated, being the well known "Zipper" fastening comprising the two rows of interlocking teeth 2 mounted respectively along the abutting front edges of the strip 1, and connected with each other and disconnected by the "Zipper" sliding member 3.

The front portion of the body 1 is provided with two pocket portions 4 each of which is adapted to receive a breast, and each of which is provided with a slit 5 which extends from and including the upper edge of the portion 4 a substantial distance downwardly, whereby the pocket portion may be opened, as shown at the left in Fig. 3, for the extrusion of the breast when nursing.

For holding the slits 5 closed the edges thereof are provided respectively with the "Zipper" teeth 6 with which cooperates the sliding connecting member 7.

For supporting the body 1, there are provided two shoulder straps 8 the rear ends of which are connected to the back portion of the body 1, and the front ends of which are each provided with two branches 9, one pair of branches 9 being attached to the upper portion of one pocket portion 4 at opposite sides of the adjacent slit 5. The other pair of branches 9 are similarly attached to the other pocket portion 4, as is shown in Figs. 1 and 3.

Below the body 1 is an extensible and contractible belt 10 the ends of which are provided with releasable fastening means of any usual type, as a hook 11 engaging a button 12.

Attached at its upper end to the lower back portion of the body 1 is a flap 13 which depends and is provided below the body 1 with a transverse loop 14 through which slidably extends the belt 10 with which the flap 13 has holding engagement.

Another flap 15 is provided at its upper end with a loop 16 through which slidably extends the belt 10. The flap 15 is removable from the belt 10 when the ends of the latter are disconnected from each other.

Alternating between the flaps 13 and 15 are straps 17 the lower ends of which are provided with loops 18 through which the belt 10 extends and is slidable. The upper ends of the straps 17 are attached to the body 1 respectively below the pocket portions 4 and alternating with the flaps 15 and 13 in position on the belt 10.

The straps 17 and the flap 13 serve as anchoring means for holding the body 1 from moving upwardly out of operative position.

Both flaps 13 and 15 depend below the belt 10 and are adapted to have attached to them and to support a sanitary napkin, not shown.

When the napkin is not used, the flap 15 may be removed from the belt 10, and the flap 13 may have its lower free portion below the belt 10 folded upwardly, as shown in Fig. 4, and in dotted lines in Fig. 2, the inner side of the free end portion of the flap 13 having a socket 19 which releasably receives a button 20 fastened to the inner side of the back portion of the body 1. The socket 19 and button 20 are of the usual glove fastener type, as shown.

When it is desired to open one of the pocket

portions 4, the adjacent "Zipper" operating member 7 is slid downwardly the desired distance, as shown at the left in Fig. 3. The branches 9 of the adjacent strap 8 holds the body of the brassière properly positioned while the pocket portion is open, as well as when the latter is closed. The straps 17 and the flap 13 hold the body from working upwardly.

By having the belt 10 slidably mounted in the loops 14, 16 and 18 of the flaps 13 and 15 and the straps 17 respectively, the belt 10 may be contracted or extended as to peripheral length without disturbing the proper fitting of the body 1 of the brassière.

The flap 13 serves the double function of anchoring the body 1 to the belt 10 and of supporting the sanitary napkin when the latter is used. When the napkin is not used, the flap 13 may be inwardly folded and secured, as above described and as shown in Fig. 4, in the folded position.

I do not limit my invention to the structure shown and described, as many modifications of my invention, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim is:—

1. A brassière having a body adapted to encircle the bust and having two front pocket portions adapted to receive the breasts, and shoulder straps attached at their ends to the front and back portions of said body, a belt below said body adapted to embrace the waist, and two flaps adapted to be attached to and support a sanitary napkin and having holding engagement at the front and rear respectively with said belt, one of said flaps being attached to said body.

2. A brassière having a body adapted to encircle the bust and having two front pocket portions adapted to receive the breasts, and shoulder straps attached at their ends to the front and back portions of said body, a belt below said body adapted to embrace the waist and having means for releasably fastening together its end portions, and two flaps adapted to be attached to and support a sanitary napkin, one of said flaps being removably and slidably mounted on said belt at the front, the other of said flaps having sliding holding engagement at the back with said belt and being attached to said body.

3. A brassière having a body adapted to encircle the bust and having two front pocket portions adapted to receive the breasts, and shoulder straps attached at their ends to the front and back portions of said body, a belt below said body adapted to embrace the waist, and a flap attached to the back portion of said body and depending below and having holding engagement with said belt and adapted to have its lower free end portion attached to a sanitary, and when detached therefrom being adapted to be folded upwardly, and having means for releasably holding it in the upwardly folded position.

4. A brassière having a body adapted to encircle the bust and having two front pocket portions adapted to receive the breasts, a belt below said body and adapted to embrace the waist, two flaps one attached to said body at the back and having holding engagement with and depending from said belt, the other flap having releasable holding engagement with said belt at the front and depending from said belt, said flaps being adapted to be attached to and support a sanitary napkin, and two straps at opposite sides respectively of the front one of said flaps and having holding engagement with said belt and attached to said body.

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