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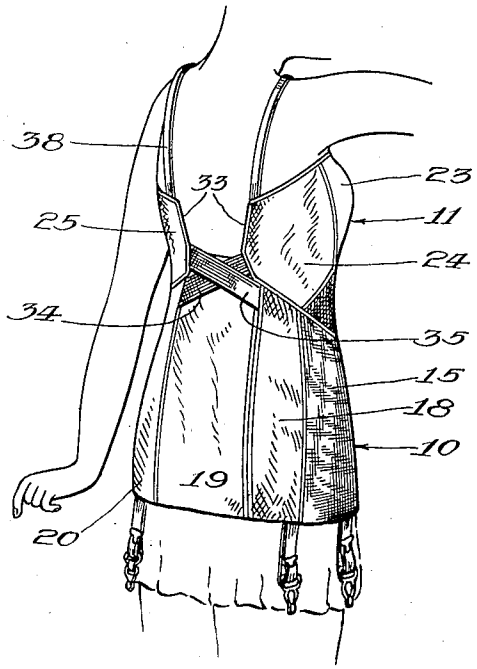
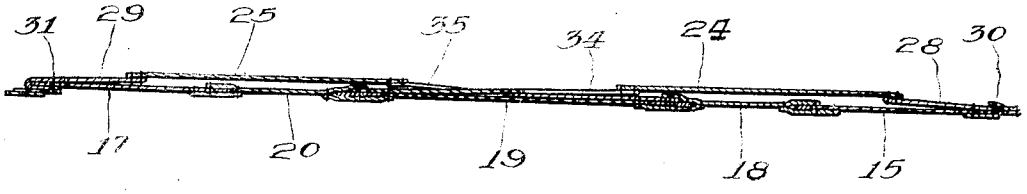


Fig. 3.



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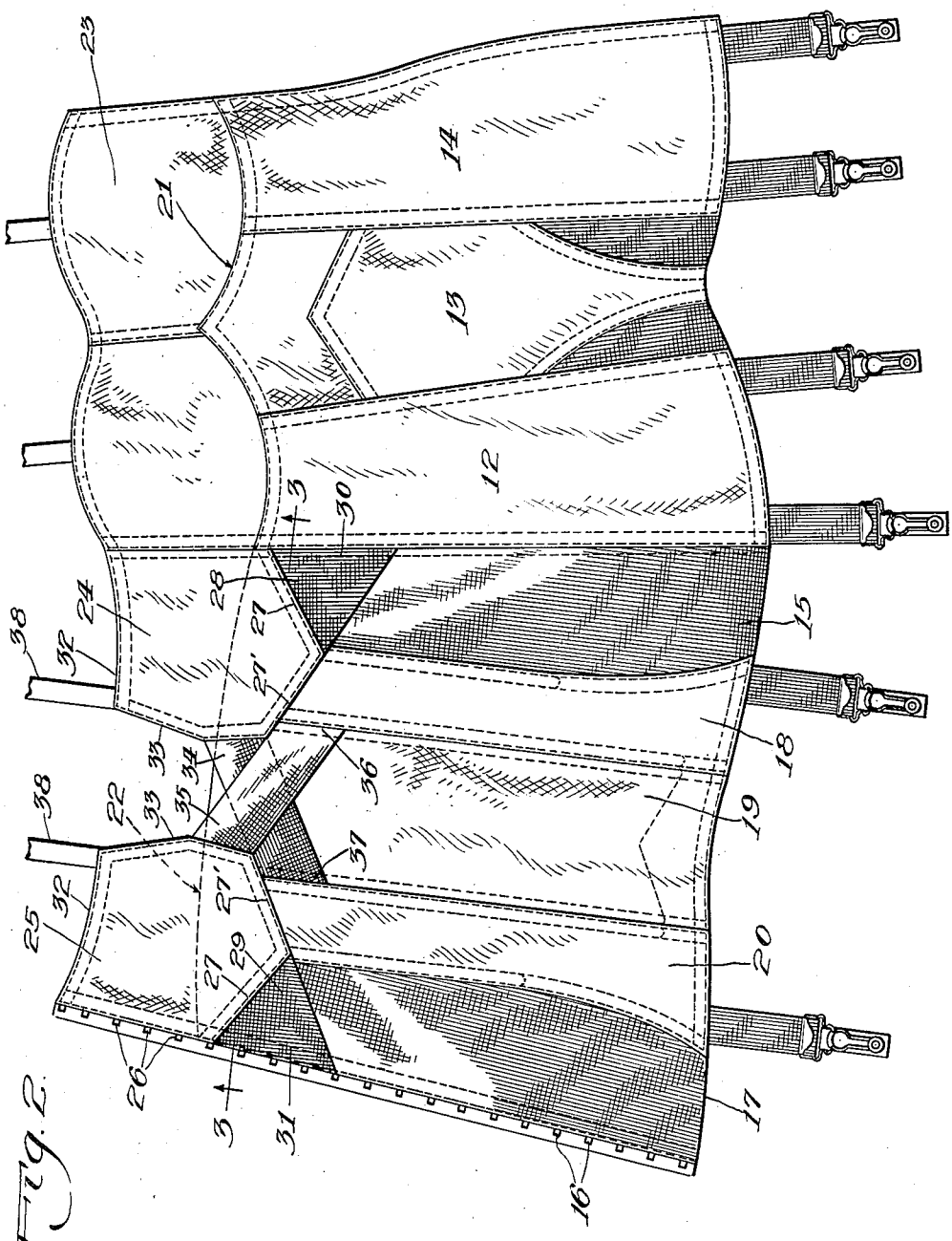


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This invention relates to a combination corset and brassière.

The object of the invention is to produce a well fitting combination garment which is easy to don and is self-adjusting to the figure of the wearer.

Another object is to produce a unitary structure in which the brassière is permanently secured to the corset, partly by stitching and partly by yielding means whereby the brassière and corset will be independently self-adjustable to the figure of the wearer.

The garment is attractive in appearance, permits free movement on the part of the wearer without strain on the garment, and properly supports and confines the figure.

In the drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the back of a garment embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 shows the outside of the garment in open, spread out position.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, through the back of the garment.

In that embodiment of the invention shown in the drawings, the corset is indicated as a whole at 10 and the brassière at 11. The corset is a side closing garment adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from, or slightly above, the waist line to below the hips. The corset comprises a front section which may be formed of any desired number of panels. In the present embodiment it comprises three panels 12, 13, and 14, stitched together, the center panel 13 being made of a plurality of pieces. To one longitudinal side margin of the front panel 12 is secured an elastic panel 15 and the opposite longitudinal side margin of the front panel 14 is provided with fastening means for engaging cooperating fastening means 16 on a similar elastic panel 17 at the side of the garment opposite the panel 15. In the present embodiment the back of the corset between the elastic sections 15 and 17 comprises three non-elastic panels indicated at 18, 19 and 20, stitched to each other along adjacent longitudinal margins, the panels 18 and 20 being also stitched to the elastic sections 15 and 17, respectively. In Fig. 2, the upper margin of the front of the corset is defined by the line 21 and the upper margin of the back and of the elastic sides is defined by the dotted line 22.

The brassière 11 comprises a front member 23, the longitudinal side margins of which are approximately under the arms of the wearer. One of the side margins is provided with fastening means and the other has stitched to it a back member 24. A back member 25 is identical with the member 24 except that it is provided with fastening means 26 for cooperating with the fasteners on the front section 23.

The corset and brassière are secured together, partly by stitching and partly by yielding means. The front 23 is stitched to the top of the corset along the line 21. Each of the back members 24 and 25 has secured to its downwardly extending lower margin 27 toward the side of the corset, a triangular piece of elastic fabric 28, 29, respectively, which is stitched along its side margin to the corset body by lines of stitches 30, 31, respectively. These triangular elastic pieces form a part of each of the back sections of the brassière and overlie the elastic side panels of the corset. The lower margin 27′ extends upwardly as shown, substantially in alignment with the lower edges of the elastic pieces 28, 29.

The top margins 32 of the back members 24, 25, incline downwardly toward each other as they approach the center of the back and the longitudinally extending, spaced apart edges 33 of said back panels extend downwardly from the top margins 32 to a point near the upper edge 22 of the corset. At this point an elastic strip 34 is attached to the back 24 and a similar strip 35 is attached to the back 25 by stitching. These strips extend diagonally downwardly and cross each other at the center of the back approximately at the waist line. The strips are substantially parallel to the margins 27 at each side. Their free ends are stitched to the corset below the waist line, preferably by longitudinally extending lines of stitches at the juncture of the back panels 18—19, and 19—20, as indicated by stitches 36 and 37, respectively, in Fig. 2.

The back members of the brassiere preferably are not attached to the corset except by means of the stitches 36 and 37 through the elastic strips 34 and 35, and the stitching 30 and 31 through the side margins of the elastic pieces 28 and 29. Shoulder straps 38 each have one end secured to the top of the front of the brassière and the other end to the top margins 32 adjacent the edges 33 of the back members.

The elastic piece 28 and strip 34 hold the back member 24 in proper position relatively to the corset and the elastic piece 29 and strip 35 function similarly with respect to the back 25. The yielding material of the connections between the brassière back and the corset permits free movement of the body and arms of the wearer and provides for independent self-adjustment of the brassière back and of the corset, relatively to the body of the wearer. In a garment embodying the present invention the shoulder straps may normally fit snugly over the shoulders and yet freedom of movement is afforded without strain on the straps through the yielding means by which the brassière is secured to the corset. The shape and arrangement of the back sections and of the elastic connecting means is such that the proximate edges of the back sections 24, 25, are normally drawn toward each other and downwardly, which makes the parts fit snugly against the back and prevents the shoulder straps from slipping.

Changes may be made in details of construction without departing from the scope of my invention and I do not intend to be limited to the exact form shown and described except as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A combination corset and brassière, the corset comprising a non-elastic front section, elastic side panels and a non-elastic back secured together to encircle the body of the wearer, said corset extending from about the waist line to below the hips, a brassière consisting of a front member and two back members, the front member stitched to the front of the corset, a piece of elastic fabric connecting the lower part of each back member to the side of the corset and overlying said corset elastic panels, an elastic strip secured to each back member of the brassière near the center back and extending diagonally downwardly toward the corset back, and means for securing the free ends of the strips to the corset back.

2. A combination corset and brassière, the corset comprising a non-elastic front section, elastic side panels and a non-elastic back secured together to encircle the body of the wearer, said corset extending from about the waist line to below the hips, a brassière consisting of a front member and two back members, the front member stitched to the front of the corset, a piece of elastic fabric connecting the lower part of each back member to the side of the corset and overlying said corset elastic panels, an elastic strip secured to each back member of the brassière near the center back and extending diagonally toward the corset back, means for securing the free ends of the strips to the corset back, and shoulder straps secured to the front of the brassière and to the upper edges of the two back members adjacent their proximate edges.

3. A combination corset and brassière comprising a body encircling garment open at one side and providing connected front and back corset and brassière portions each having a free edge, said front portion including a lower corset member and an upper brassière member, said back portion including a lower corset member and two relatively movable back brassière members overlying the upper portions of the back corset member and secured to opposite sides thereof, an elastic strip securing the adjacent ends of each of the back brassière members to the back corset member, and means detachably securing the free edges of the front and back corset and brassière portions at one side of the garment.

4. A combination garment comprising a corset and brassière, the corset comprising a body encircling member open at one side providing connected front and rear portions, a front brassière member stitched to the front portion of said corset adjacent the top thereof, a pair of back brassière members each stitched to opposite sides of the back portion of said corset, said front brassière member being further stitched to one of said back brassière members, an elastic strip means connecting adjacent free ends of each back brassière member to the back portion of the corset on each side of the center thereof, and means detachably securing the front and back portions of the corset and brassière along the open side of the garment.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I affix my signature, this 8th day of January, 1931.

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