

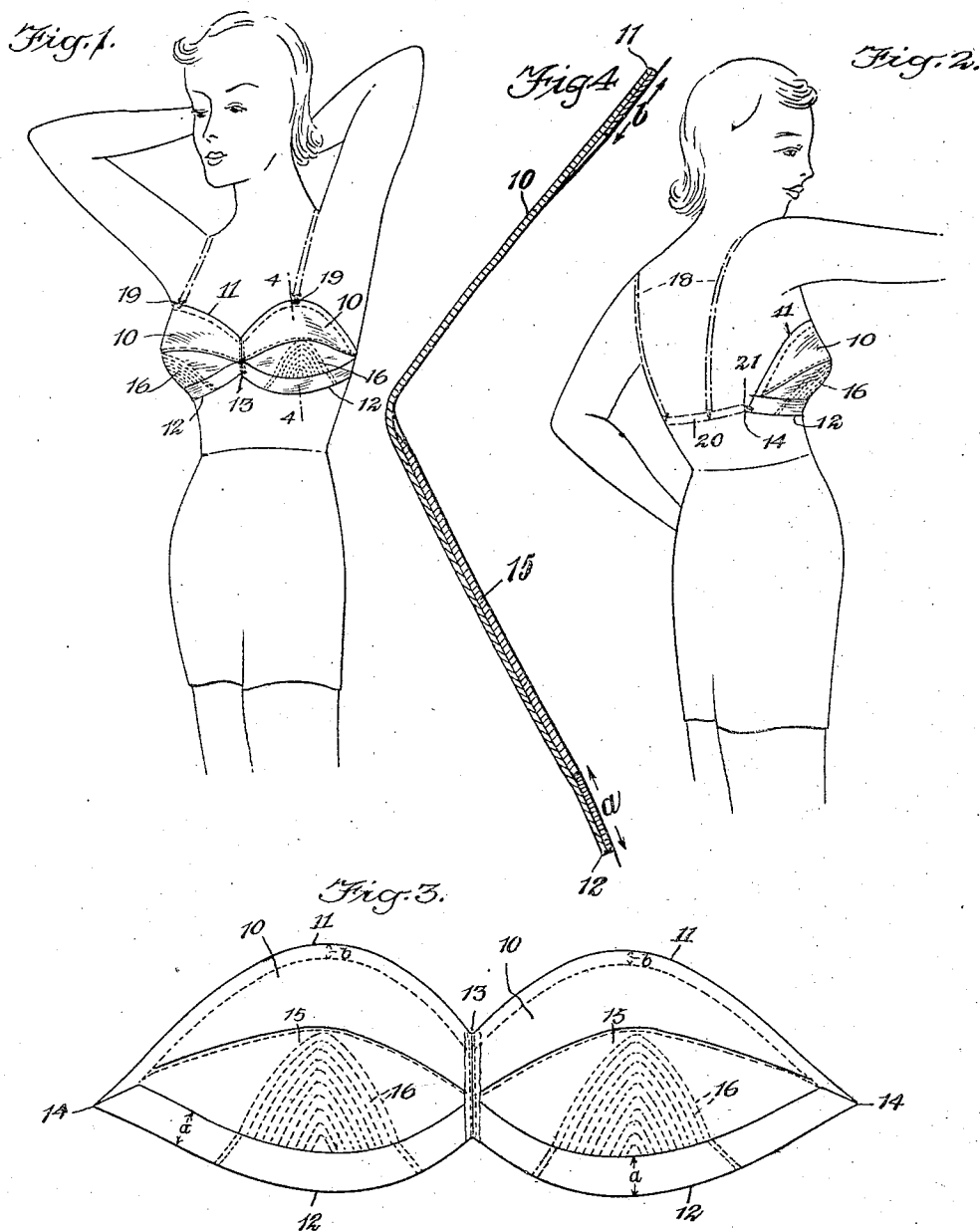
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This invention relates to brassières and particularly to strapless brassières.

With many types of low cut garments such as evening gowns, beach wear and the like, it is impossible to wear the ordinary type of brassière because the supporting straps would be exposed above the garment. Many attempts have been made to design brassières for use with garments of this character but in each instance straps, protruding tabs or supporting harnesses of some type were employed and it was impossible to use these brassières with many kinds of garments.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a truly strapless brassière which eliminates supporting straps or any other type of external supporting means.

A further object is the provision of a brassière of the above character which will provide ample support to the wearer and will remain in proper position while in use.

For a fuller understanding of the invention reference should be had to the accompanying drawing in which

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a brassière embodying my invention as it appears in use and showing in dotted lines the adjusting straps that may be employed while applying the brassière to the wearer;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view from a different angle, showing the brassière and adjusting straps;

Fig. 3 is a view from the rear of the brassière; and

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4-4 of Fig. 1.

My improved brassière is made of textile fabric and consists of a pair of breast pockets 10 preferably of the uplift type, connected together as shown. Each of the breast pockets is provided with curved upper and lower edges indicated at 11 and 12 respectively, which taper towards the center of the brassière to the relatively narrow connecting portion indicated at 13, and to points 14 at the two ends of the brassière. So as to provide additional support I prefer to provide a padding strip 15 shown most clearly in Fig. 4 in the lower portion of each pocket and I also preferably reinforce the lower portion with arcuate lines of stitching 16 which taper from the lower portion of each breast pocket toward the center thereof as shown most clearly in Figs. 1 and 3.

My brassière is of the strapless type and is held in position without any external supporting means. I accomplish the desired result by providing a strip or band of adhesive coating on the

inner surface of the brassière around the marginal edges thereof. The adhesive employed should be of the same type employed on adhesive tape, which will firmly adhere to the body of the wearer but which nevertheless may be removed when desired.

I have found that the brassière is held in proper position without any discomfort and that it will afford proper support by providing a relatively wide band or margin beneath each of the breast pockets and extending along the lower edge of the brassière for the entire width thereof as indicated by the letter *a*. At the top of each of the breast pockets a similar margin, which may be narrower, is provided along the upper edge of the brassière preferably for the entire length thereof as indicated by the letter *b*. The inner surfaces of the band or margin *a* and the margin *b* are coated with the adhesive and in this way a strip of adhesive coating is provided on the inner surface of the brassière around the entire marginal edges thereof.

In using the improved brassière it is applied to the body in the proper manner with the band or margin *a* lying flatly against the body below the breasts as shown. When the brassière has been properly adjusted to the body so as to lie smoothly pressure is applied to the adhesive coated margins causing them to adhere to the body. The brassière will then set firmly in position and will provide the desired support.

To facilitate the application of the brassière to the body temporary adjusting straps may be applied to the brassière until it has been secured in the proper position and the straps may thereafter be removed. These straps may consist of a pair of shoulder straps 18 having hooks 19 at their forward edges which may be engaged in slits provided adjacent the upper curved edges 11 of the two breast pockets 10. At the back the straps 18 connect with a back-encircling strap 20 having hooks 21 at its two ends which may engage slits formed adjacent the two pointed ends 14 of the brassière. In using the temporary adjusting straps the hooks 19 and 21 are first applied to the brassière as shown and the brassière is then properly adjusted to the body of the wearer so as to lie smoothly. Pressure is then applied to the strip of adhesive coating around the marginal edges of the brassière and after the brassière has thus been firmly applied to the body of the wearer the temporary straps may be removed. The brassière will then be firmly held in position without any external supporting means.

From the herein-described embodiment of my invention it will be appreciated that I have provided an improved strapless brassière which eliminates all external supporting means, which provides the desired support to the wearer and which may be applied to the wearer in a simple and convenient manner.

It should be understood of course, that modifications may be made in the herein illustrated and described embodiment of my invention without departing from the invention as set forth in the accompanying claims.

I claim:

1. A brassière comprising a pair of panels adapted to provide a pair of pockets to receive and support the breasts of the wearer, said panels being provided with a margin extending substantially around the pockets and adapted to engage the body of the wearer in embracing relation with the breasts and a coating of adhesive material applied to the inner surface of said margin to hold the brassière in position on the body of the wearer, means connecting the panels together along the inner adjacent edges throughout the

full width thereof, the adhesively coated margin extending across the opposite ends of the connecting means, the portions of the adhesively coated margins at the ends of the connecting means extending towards each other for retaining the panels at such points in flat contact with the body.

2. A brassière comprising a pair of panels shaped to provide a pair of pockets to receive and support the breasts of the wearer, connecting means between the inner edges of the panels, said panels being provided with a margin extending substantially around the pockets and across the connecting means and engaging the body of the wearer in embracing relation with the breasts and a coating of adhesive material applied to the inner surface of said margin to hold the brassière throughout the periphery thereof in position on the body of the wearer, the adhesively coated margin where said margin crosses the connecting means aiding in retaining the panels in flat contact with the body along the connected inner edges.

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