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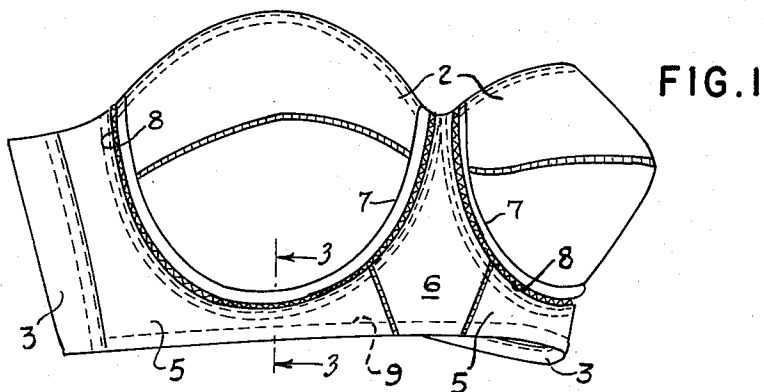


FIG. 2

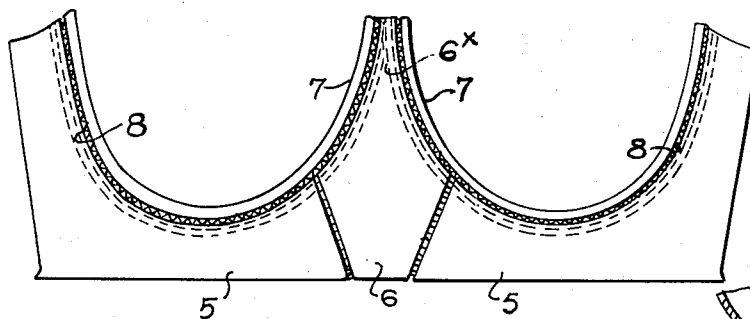


FIG. 3

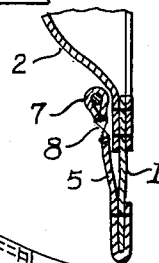
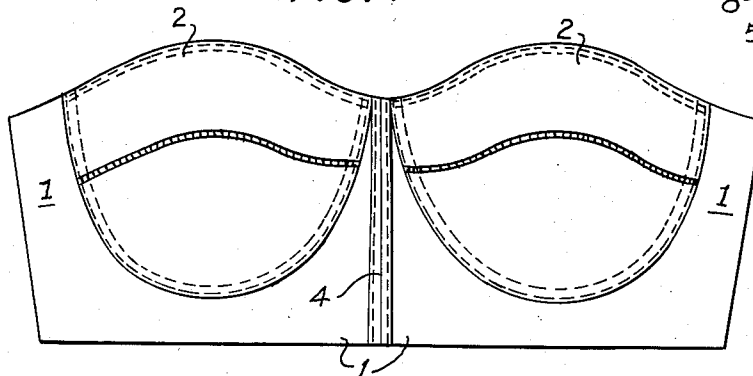


FIG. 4



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The object of the invention is to provide a brassiere which will enable more comfortable and satisfactory support, particularly below the breasts, and the characteristic of the invention is to carry the breast underlying semi-annular supports of wire or the like by a panel which is independent of the cups themselves, and thus will have floating action with respect to the cups, which panel is carried by the back bands of the brassiere at the point where the cup carrying panel is attached to the back band.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing an embodiment of the invention, one of the back bands being folded rearwardly as shown in part, and the left-hand back band being broken away;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the wire (or other arcuate stiff material) members with a carrying panel therefor;

Fig. 3 is a vertical section, fragmentary, being on the line 3—3, Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the cup carrying panel, over which panel of Fig. 3 is applied.

Referring to the drawings, and particularly Fig. 4, in conjunction with Fig. 1, it will be seen that, independently of the panel shown in Fig. 2, a complete brassiere is provided by means of the panel sections 1, the cups 2, and back bands as indicated at 3 in Fig. 1, secured to the outer margins of the panel sections 1. A single panel section for carrying the cups may be provided,

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although in the present embodiment two sections are shown, and which are connected by seaming indicated at 4.

Upon the exterior of the brassiere construction thus formed, is applied wire (or other stiff arcuate material) members to the construction shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

In the illustrated embodiment, the panel last referred to comprises outer sections 5 joined to an intermediate section 6. Two arcuate wires, covered with fabric, are indicated at 7, and the fabric encasement for the wires is preferably connected to panel sections 5 and 6, by fagoting, indicated at 8.

It will be understood that the underlying brassiere structure shown in Fig. 4 will have the outer wire carrying panel of Fig. 2 applied exteriorly thereof, and said two structures will be seamed to the back bands 3, and also the wire carrying member will be seamed, at its base line, to the underlying brassiere member, by stitching, such as indicated at 9, Fig. 1. Also panel section 8 of the outermost member may be connected to the underlying member at its peak 6x, Fig. 2.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

A brassiere comprising two panels consisting of an inner panel and an outer panel, the inner panel being formed with arcuate mutually spaced margins above its base line, breast cups connected to the arcuate margins of said inner panel, back bands carried by the inner panel, the outer panel being a unitary structure having upper mutually spaced arcuate margins conforming with the inner panel, the margins of the outer panel which conform to the upper arcuate margins of the inner panel each carrying an arcuate stiffening member, and means connecting the two panels at the back bands of the inner panel, and along the base areas of the two panels, the connection between the arcuate stiffening members and the outer panel being flexible.

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