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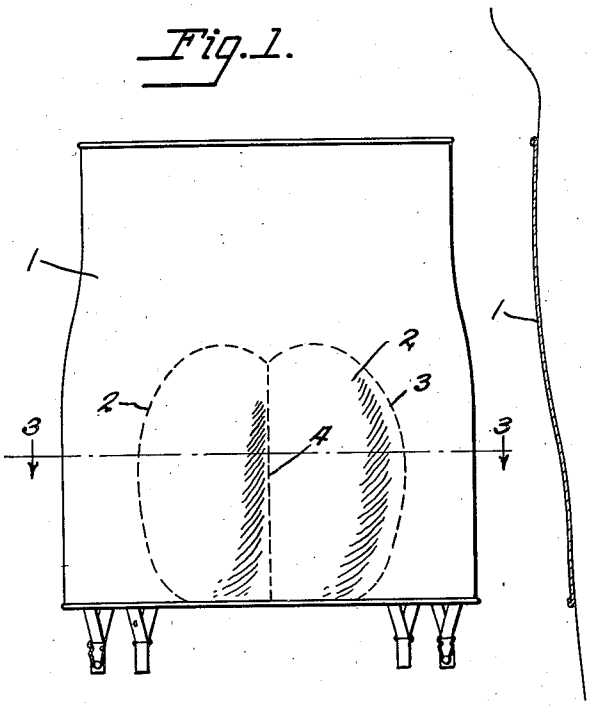
Fig. 1.



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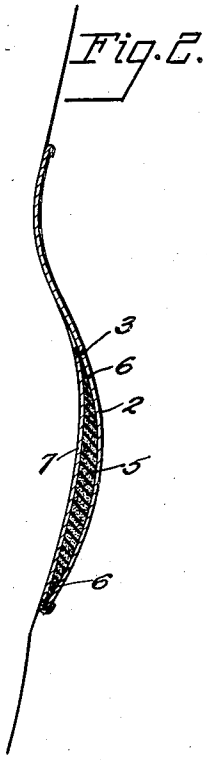

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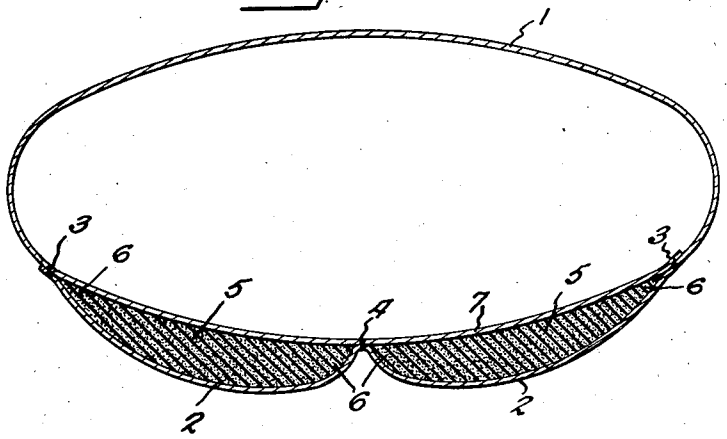

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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly to undergarments of the girdle type, including corsets and pantie girdles.

Current styles call for a girdle having elastic qualities capable of compressing the body to produce a smooth contour, upon which outer garments can be satisfactorily draped. To this end these girdles are commonly constructed of elastic material such as rubber, or woven, or knitted with elastic threads so that when applied the girdle will substantially compress the abdomen and hips of the wearer and in fact compress the entire body at the waist. In this connection such a girdle will, at the same time that it compresses the abdomen and hips, which are desirable features to have compressed, also compress the buttocks, which according to current styles should not be unduly compressed.

An object of the present invention is to provide an improved elastic girdle adapted for use as a foundation garment with means to offset the compression of the buttocks and secure a smooth exterior contour for the figure, meeting the demands of current styles.

A further object of the invention is to produce a girdle of the type indicated with improved structural features adapted to enhance the effect of the garment.

Further objects will more particularly appear in the course of the following detailed description.

The invention consists in the novel arrangement, construction, and combination of parts hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

One sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof in which like reference characters indicate like parts throughout.

Figure 1 is a rear elevation of the improved girdle;

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section through an improved girdle shown applied to a figure shown in elevation; and

Figure 3 is a horizontal cross-section taken on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In accordance with the present invention the girdle 1 is constructed in any improved manner of elastic material such as rubber or woven from elastic threads, being capable of being expanded and slipped around the waist of the wearer over the hips and buttocks, and when permitted to contract operating to compress the flesh of the body encompassed thereby.

In accordance with the present invention two pockets are formed on the rear face of this girdle, these pockets being indicated at 2 and here shown as formed by a supplementary piece of elastic material 7 of generally rounded form, secured to the rear of the girdle by peripheral seam 3 and divided by a medial seam 4 to provide the spaced pockets. In each of the pockets is positioned a pad 5, each of these pads being of generally rounded form and having its peripheral edge feathered as indicated at 6. These pads 5 are preferably formed from a flexible, elastic and compressible material, such as for instance, sponge rubber and are proportioned to substantially fill and snugly fit each of the pockets 2—2. When the garment provided with the pads as described is applied to the body the front portion of the girdle will, as usual, compress the abdomen to provide the substantially straight front, and the sides of the girdle will also operate as usual to compress the flesh of the hips. However, while the buttocks will be compressed as usual the pads 5—5 will, while flattened by the compression of the girdle tend to maintain the normal contour of those portions of the body, the pads, however, merging into the smooth outer contour of the girdle and being imperceptible through ordinary outer garments. It will also be noted that by reason of the rounded shape, feathered edges, and compressible character of the pads 5, the pads will, as the rear portion of the girdle is stretched, be gradually compressed in thickness in proportion as they are extended in area and this effect will be proportional with the amount of tension applied to the girdle. Thus, in the case of stout persons the additional effect of the pads will be less whereas with thin persons, where less expansion is exerted the pad will be most effective to produce a desirable contour, which is precisely the object desired.

By the term girdle as used herein, corsets, pantie girdles and other similar garments are contemplated and included. Further, the means of forming the padding pockets may be varied by the use of weaving, and other known expedients.

Various other modifications of the device will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art, but all within the scope of the present invention as claimed.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim:

1. In a figure-controlling garment in which at least the rear portion is elastic, pockets of elastic material secured to said elastic portion to stretch therewith positioned to register with the buttocks of the wearer, and elastic and compressible pads in said pockets adapted to be compressed as the

garment is stretched to provide compensation for the flattening of the body of the wearer in inverse ratio to the proportion of stretch of the garment.

2. Figure-controlling garment comprising an elastic girdle comprising a body-encompassing constrictive ply and a supplemental ply of elastic material symmetrically disposed at the rear, secured at its periphery to said body encompassing ply and secured by a median seam to said body-encompassing ply, forming pockets over the buttocks, and outwardly convex pads of flexible elastic and compressible material in said pockets.

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