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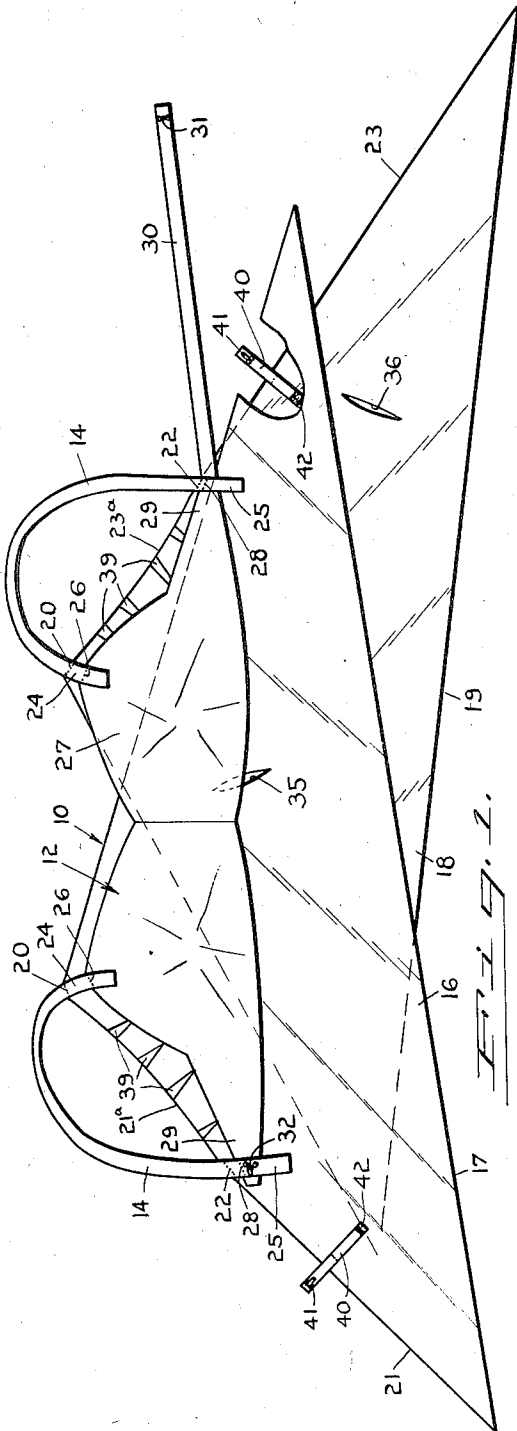
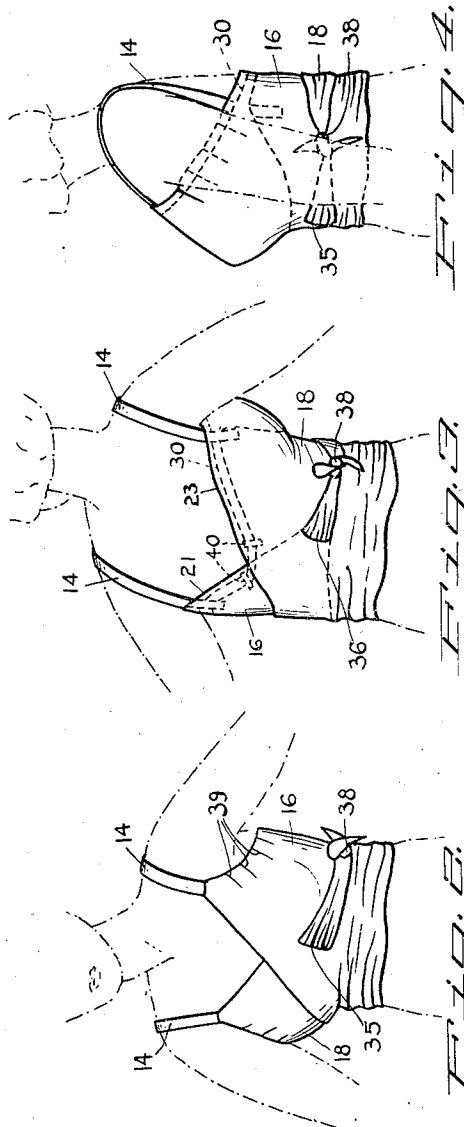
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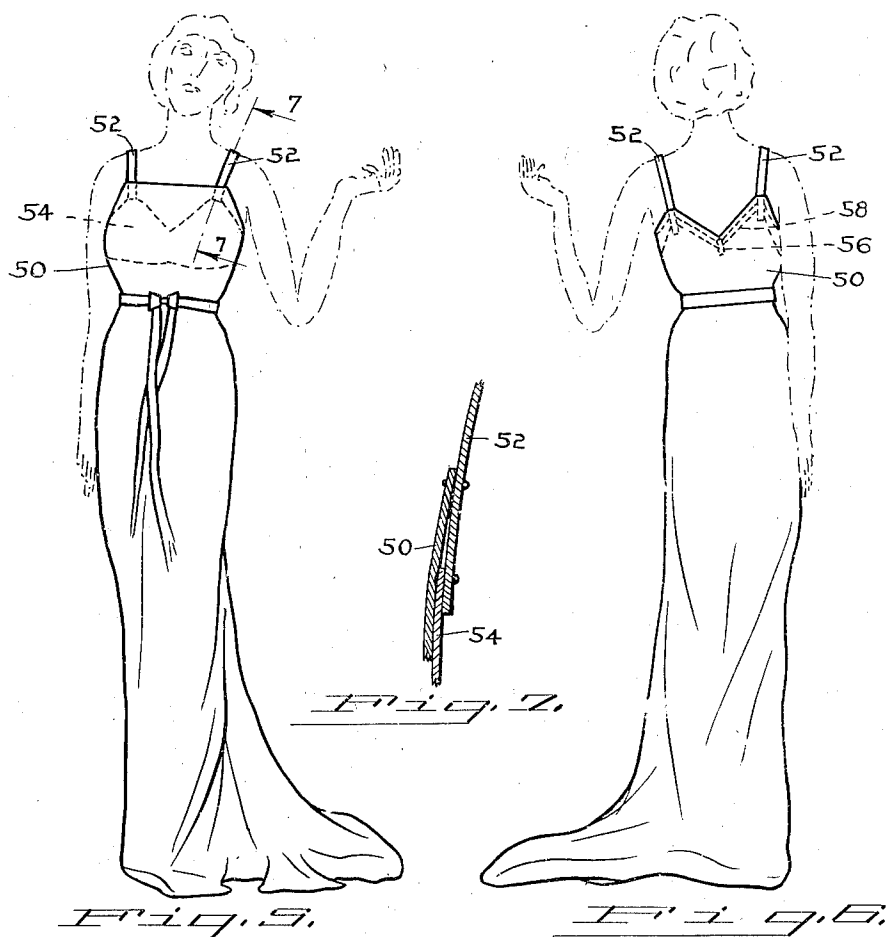
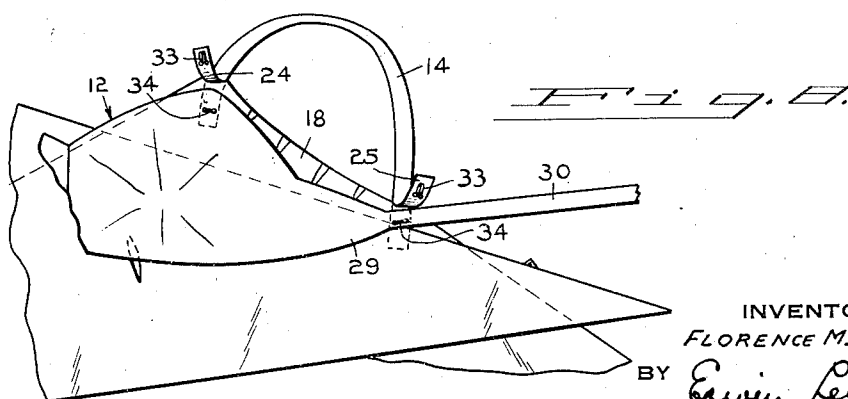
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The present invention relates to the art of wearing apparel and more particularly to a lady's garment.

Ladies' garments such as evening gowns, bathing suits, beach outfits, tennis costumes, etc. which have waist portions so constructed and arranged as to expose the shoulders of the wearer, are provided with relatively narrow shoulder straps for supporting the garment. In wearing brassières with this type of garment, considerable difficulty or annoyance is experienced by reason of the fact that the shoulder straps of the brassière must be concealed from view especially when the brassière is worn with an evening gown. Also, the shoulder straps of the brassière tend to become displaced and slide off the shoulders of the wearer causing discomfort as well as being unsightly. To prevent the shoulder straps of the brassière from being displaced, they are frequently fastened to the shoulder straps of the outer garment by various types of fastening devices, such as pins, clasps, and the like or by other means provided on the outer garment for that purpose, but even when the shoulder straps of the brassière are thus attached to the shoulder straps of the outer garment, the former are nevertheless frequently displaced and spoil the appearance of the evening gown or other outer garment.

One of the objects of the present invention is to eliminate the above disadvantages, and for that purpose to provide a garment comprising an undergarment such as a brassière and an outer garment so constructed and arranged that only one set of shoulder straps is necessary for supporting both the brassière and the outer garment.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment comprising in combination with a brassière, a waist which is of simple construction and attractive in appearance and which can be readily put on and taken off as a unit.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a waist of novel construction and appearance.

The above objects of the invention and other objects ancillary thereto will best be understood from the following description considered in connection with the accompanying drawings forming a part of the present specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the inside of a garment made in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a front view of the garment as it appears when worn;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the garment as it appears when worn;

Fig. 4 is a side view of the garment as it appears when worn;

Figs. 5 and 6 are front and rear views, respectively, illustrating the invention as applied to an evening gown;

Fig. 7 is a sectional view on the line 7—7 of Fig. 5;

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary plan view of the inside of a garment illustrating a modification of the present invention.

Referring to the drawings in detail and first to Figs. 1 to 4, there is shown a garment comprising a waist 10, a brassière 12, and shoulder straps 14 attached both to the waist and to the brassière. In the form of the invention as here shown, the waist 10 comprises two triangular pieces 16 and 18 which are disposed in overlapping relation in position to cover the brassière 12 completely or partially as may be desired. When the garment is in flat form, the base 17 of the triangular piece 16 intersects the base 19 of the triangular piece 18. One end of a shoulder strap 14 is secured to the apex portion of the triangular piece 16 in any suitable manner as by stitching 20 and the other end of said shoulder strap is similarly secured to the side edge 21 of the triangular piece 16 in spaced relation to the apex as by stitching 22. The other shoulder strap 14 is similarly secured by stitching 20 and 22 to the apex and to the side edge 23 of the triangular piece 18.

The brassière 12 is attached to the waist 10 and, more specifically, to tabs 24 and 25 which are formed integral with or as continuations of the shoulder straps 14, the lower edge of each tab 24 being stitched as at 26 to the upper edge of the brassière, here shown as at the central point of the cup form 27, the tab 25 being stitched as at 28 to the end of the side portion 29 of the brassière. A back strap 30 is attached to the end of one of the side straps 29 and is provided with a separable fastener here shown as an eye 31 which is adapted to engage a hook 32 secured to the end of the side strap 29 at the other side of the brassière. It will be observed that the brassière 12 is thus fastened to the waist 10 in such manner that the brassière can be secured in position with a varied degree of tightness without pulling on the waist 12 since the tab portions 24 and 25 provide a certain amount of slack between the brassière and the waist which can be

taken up in tightening the brassière. It will be observed that the brassière can be fastened in position independently of the back of the waist. It will be understood also that the specific construction of the brassière may be varied and that the back strap 30 may be adjustable in length. As shown in Fig. 8, the brassière 12, instead of being stitched to the waist 10 or to the triangular pieces 16 and 18, may be detachably secured in position by providing the tabs 24 and 25 of the shoulder straps 14 with hooks or other separable fastener elements 33 for engagement with eyes or other companion separable fastener elements 34 at the upper edge of the brassière and at the end of the side strap 29.

Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, when the garment is worn, the triangular pieces 18 and 16 are disposed in overlapping relation at the front and back of the wearer. The piece 16 extends from one side of the wearer across the front and across the back to the other side of the wearer. Similarly, the piece 18 extends from one side, across the front and across the back to the other side of the wearer. The piece 18 is projected through a slit 35 provided in the front portion of the piece 16 at the front of the wearer and the piece 16 is projected through a slit 36 provided in the piece 18 at the back of the wearer. The free ends of the triangular pieces 16 and 18 adjacent their bases 17 and 18 at both ends thereof are tied into bows or knots 38, one at each side of the wearer, and thus secure the waist in position.

For the purpose of obtaining the proper curvature of the triangular pieces 16 and 18 in the breast and armhole portions thereof, a plurality of darts 39 are formed in said triangular pieces adjacent said edge portions 21a and 23a. For preventing the back strap 30 from extending above the edges 21 and 23 of the triangular pieces at 16 and 18, respectively, at the back of the wearer, loop forming tabs 40 are secured to said pieces 16 and 18 at the portions thereof which are disposed at the back of the wearer and are provided with hooks 41 at their free ends. Eyes 42 are secured to the other ends of said straps 40 or directly to the triangular pieces adjacent the ends of said straps whereby said loop forming straps 40 may be passed around the back strap 30 and engaged with the companion eyes 42, thereby holding the strap 30 below the edges 21 and 23 of the triangular pieces 16 and 18 of the waist 10.

In Figs. 5 and 6, the invention is shown applied to a low-neck evening gown. As here shown, the garment comprises a waist 50 which is constructed and arranged to expose the wearer's shoulders and is provided with shoulder straps 52 by which the gown is supported on the wearer. The brassière 54 is attached to the waist 50 in the same way as the brassière 12 is attached to the waist 10 in the above described construction illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4. The brassière may be of the same construction as that shown in connection with the waist 10 or, as will be readily understood, it may be of any of the well known constructions specifically designed

for wear with low-back evening gowns. As shown in Fig. 6, loop forming straps 56 may be attached to the inside of the back of the waist 50 for holding the back strap 58 of the brassière below the upper edge of the waist so that the strap is concealed from view.

Thus it is seen that the above described embodiments are well adapted to accomplish the several objects of the invention. It will be understood, however, that the invention is capable of other specific embodiments and that in each of the forms of the invention herein illustrated various changes in the construction and arrangement of parts may be made. Therefore, I do not wish to be limited precisely to the present disclosure except as may be required by the appended claims and the prior art.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to claim and secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A garment of the class described comprising a combined brassière and waist, said brassière comprising a front portion for confining the bust of the wearer, and said waist comprising separate triangular shaped portions each attached adjacent an upper apex portion thereof to said front portion of the brassière at the upper edge of the latter, the base of one triangular portion intersecting the base of the other triangular portion when the garment is in flat condition, and when said garment is worn each of said waist portions extending in opposition directions in overlapping relation from one side across the front and back of the wearer to the opposite side of the latter and releasably secured in said relation.

2. A garment of the class described comprising two substantially triangular shaped pieces of suitable material, each having two free end portions the base of one of said pieces intersecting the base of the other pieces when in flat condition, one of said pieces, when the garment is worn, extending from one side, across the front and back to the opposite side of the wearer, the other piece extending in overlapping relation to said first piece, from said opposite side, across the front and back to said first mentioned side of the wearer, and releasably secured in said relation, and a shoulder strap attached to each of said pieces at the upper edge in front of the wearer and at the upper edge at the wearer's back.

3. A garment of the class described comprising two pieces of suitable material, each having two free end portions and a slit therein, one of said pieces, when the garment is worn, extending from one side, across the front and back to the opposite side of the wearer, the other piece extending in overlapping relation to said first piece, from said opposite side, across the front and back to said first mentioned side of the wearer, one of the free end portions of each of said pieces extending through the slit in the other piece and releasably secured in said relation, and a shoulder strap attached to each of said pieces at the front upper edge in front of the wearer and at the upper edge at the wearer's back.

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