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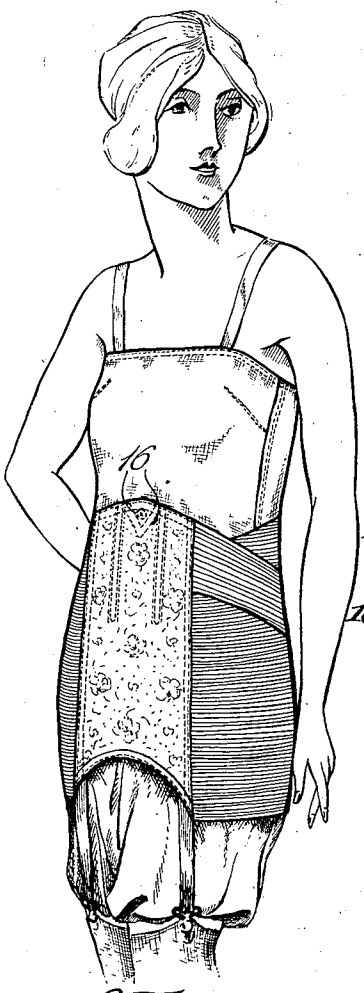


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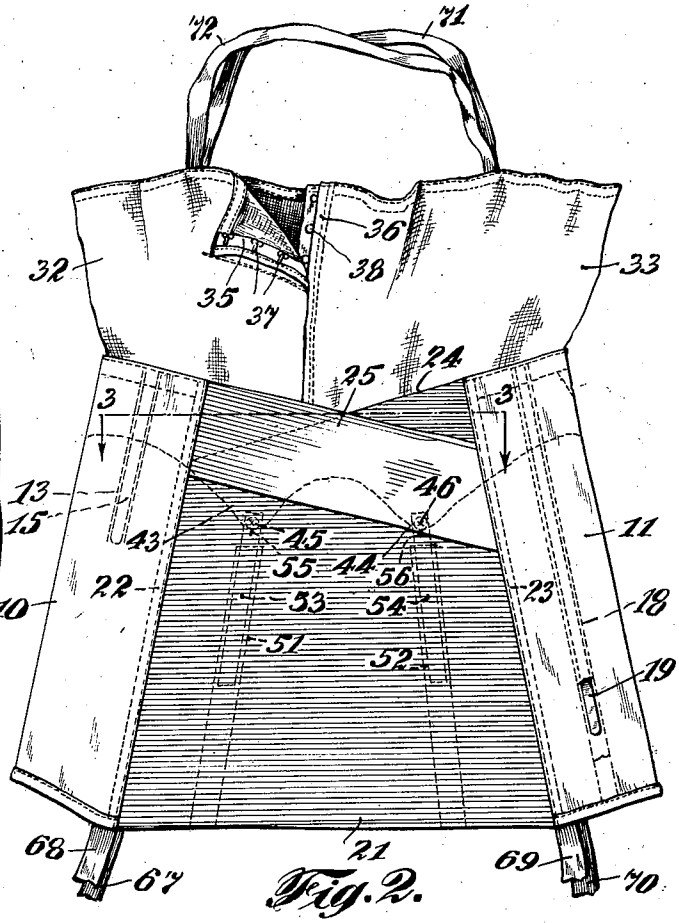


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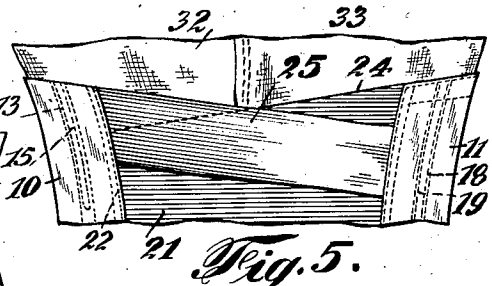


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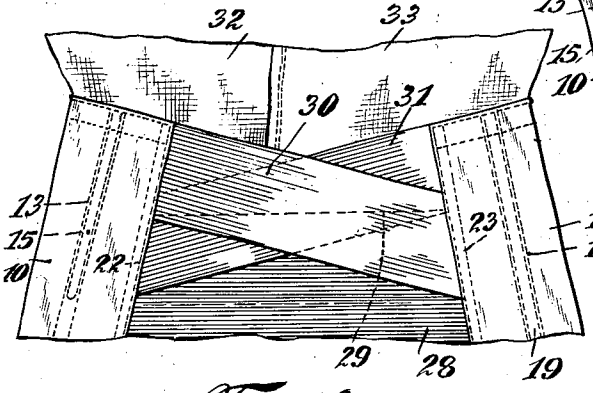


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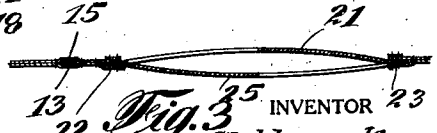


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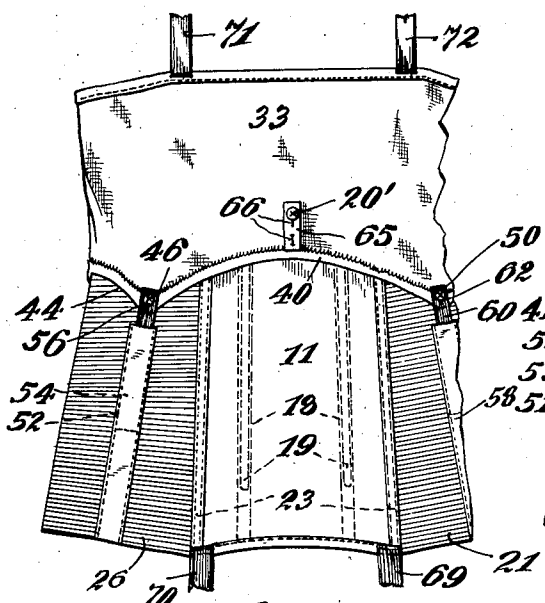


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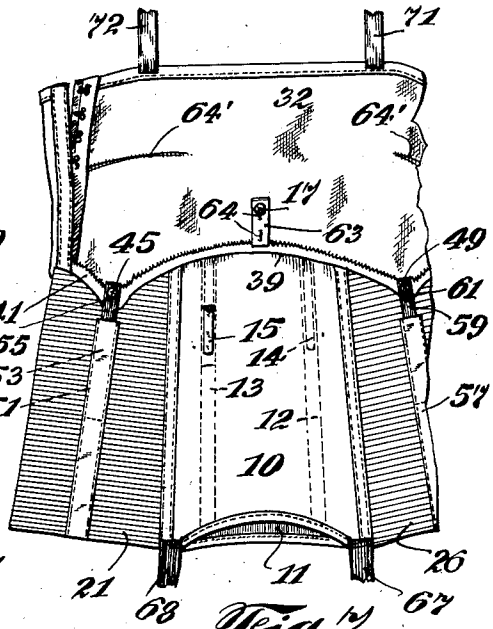


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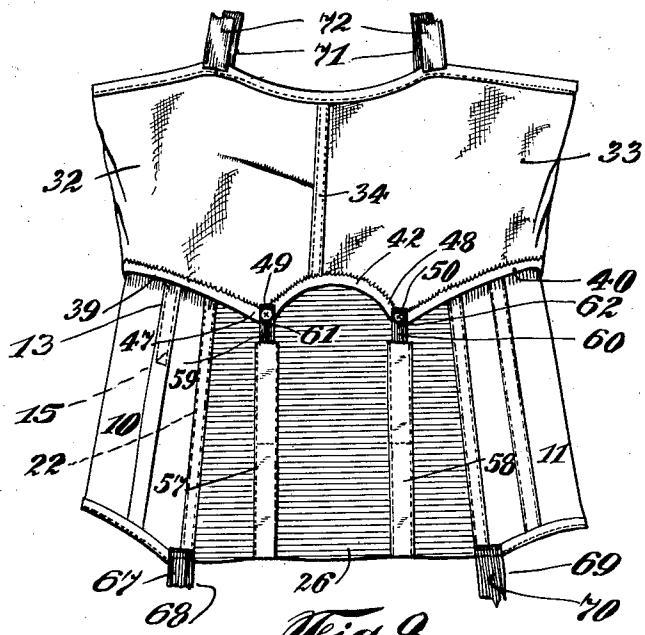


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This invention relates to an apparel garment, and more particularly, to a garment comprising a combined girdle and brassière. The object of my present invention is the provision of a garment of this type, in the use of which, the present vertical substantially straight line effect is obtained, and at the same time the parts of the body covered by the garment are provided with an adequate support.

The garment made in accordance with my invention, is furthermore, preferably of the step-in type, that is one in which the girdle member of the garment is circumferentially a continuous structure. In carrying out the invention the garment is also so constructed that the brassière member may be connected to, and disconnected from the girdle member, both of which members are made so that in placing the garment on the body, and in removing the same therefrom, the circumference of the upper portion of the girdle member, and also the circumference of the lower portion of the brassière member are materially increased, and when the garment is in position on the body are automatically decreased to cause and permit the garment to properly fit the body of the wearer for the purposes, and the effect hereinbefore indicated.

The garment made in accordance with my present invention will be hereinafter more particularly described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the garment in position on the body.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the apparel garment made in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 3 is a section on line 3—3, Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a partial elevation showing a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is also a side elevation showing the position of the parts at the upper portion of the garment, when the circumference of the same is increased.

Fig. 6 is a partial elevation illustrating the construction of the inside of the garment at the back thereof.

Fig. 7 is a view similar to Fig. 6, showing the construction of the inside of the garment at the front thereof, and

Fig. 8 is also an elevation similar to Figs. 6 and 7, but showing the inside construction of the garment at the side thereof.

By reference to the drawing it will be seen that in carrying out my invention the garment made in accordance therewith, comprises a girdle member and a separable brassière member; the girdle member is continuous and as hereinbefore stated is of the step-in type. This girdle member as illustrated, comprises a front section 10, and a back section 11. These sections of the garment are preferably made of any suitable inelastic fabric. In suitably placed positions the front section 10, is provided with pockets 12 and 13, for the reception and retention of suitable stays 14 and 15. Also as illustrated in the upper central portion of the front section 10, I employ stays 16, placed at an angle to each other, so as to converge downwardly from the upper edge of the garment. Also as illustrated this upper front portion of the front girdle section may be provided interiorly and between the stays 16, with a button 17, or other fastening device, the purpose of which will be hereinafter more particularly described.

Similarly in the back girdle section 11, I employ stay pockets 18, and suitable stays 19 therein. Furthermore, on the interior of the garment there is a button 20′, the function of which will be hereinafter more particularly described.

The girdle member of the garment also includes side sections, preferably made of any suitable elastic fabric. These side sections are similarly constructed. The side section in the left side of the garment is designated at 21. The forward edge of this elastic side section 21, is connected to the adjacent edge of the front section 10, by suitable lines of stitching 22, or otherwise. The rearward edge of this elastic side section 21, is connected to the adjacent edge of the back section 11, along suitable lines of stitching 23, or otherwise. The bottom, or lower edge of the side section 21, completes the continuity of the lower edge of the garment on this side thereof. The rearward edge of this side section 21, extends from the lower to the upper edges of the back section. As clearly shown in Fig. 2,

the forward edge of this side section 21, extends from the lower edge of the front member 10, to a point appreciably below the top edge thereof, so that the upper edge of this side section 21, as indicated at 24, tapers appreciably from the upper edge of the back section 11, toward the front section 10.

In this side of the garment there is a strap 25, made of a suitable elastic fabric. At the forward edge this elastic strap 25, is connected to the front section 10 preferably by the same line of stitches 22, that connects the forward edge of the side section 21, to the front section 10. This forward edge of the strap 25, extends from the upper edge of the front section 10, to a point appreciably below the upper end of the rearward edge of the side section 21. Furthermore, this strap 25, over-lies the upper portion of the side section 21, and the rearward end or edge of this strap is secured to the back section 11, preferably by the same lines of stitches 23, which connects the rearward edge of the side section 21 to the back section 11, it being understood that the rearward edge of the strap 25 is fixed in the garment an appreciable distance below the upper edge of the back section 11.

The side section of the girdle member on the right-hand side of the garment is similarly constructed, the side section 26, and the complementary strap member, being in all respects like the side section 21, and the strap member 25.

By reference to Fig. 4, it will be seen that the elastic side sections of the girdle member of the garment as indicated at 28, may be so constructed that at their upper edges they terminate short of the upper edges of the front and back sections. The upper edge of one of these side sections is designated by the dotted line 29. In this construction cross-straps 30 and 31 are employed; the strap 30, extends from the upper edge of the front section to a position appreciably below the upper edge of the back section, while the under-lying strap 31 extends from the upper edge of the back section to a position appreciably below the upper edge of the front section, and furthermore, the upper edge of the side section 28, as clearly appears from this figure of the drawing, is completely over-lapped by these cross-straps 30 and 31.

It will now be apparent that in stepping into the girdle member of the garment, the circumference at the upper portion thereof, is increased so as to facilitate placing the garment in position on the body, and that when in position the parts of the girdle member automatically assume their intended places with the decreased circumference at the upper portion thereof.

The garment made in accordance with this invention as hereinbefore stated, also includes a brassière member. As illustrated, this brassière member comprises a front section 32, and the back section 33. The brassière member may be made of any suitable inelastic fabric, and furthermore, as illustrated, the sections of the brassière member are permanently connected at the right-hand side thereof, as indicated at 34, in Fig. 8, of the drawing, along suitable lines of stitching 34. At the other side, namely, the left side of the garment, the brassière member is constructed to have the edges thereof connected in any suitable manner. As shown in the drawing the edge of the front section of the brassière at this side thereof is provided with a reinforcing strap 35, and the adjacent edge of the back section with a reinforcing strap 36. Secured to the reinforcing strap 35 is a series of hooks 37, and secured to the reinforcing strap 36 is a series of similarly placed eyes 38, each of the eyes 38, being adapted to be engaged by one of the hooks 37, in connecting these edges of the brassière section of the garment.

The lower edge of the front section 32, of the brassière member is reinforced and curved as indicated at 39. Similarly, the lower edge of the back section 33, of the brassière member is suitably reinforced and curved as indicated at 40. The lower edges of the end portions of the front and rear sections of the brassière member are also preferably reinforced and curved. The lower curved edge portions at the left side of the garment are indicated at 41, and those at the right side of the garment are indicated at 42. These curved lower edges of the sections of the brassière provide therein V shaped extensions, which in the left side of the garment are indicated at 43 and 44, and these are provided with buttons or other attaching devices 45 and 46. These V shaped extensions on the right side of the garment are designated at 47 and 48, and are provided with buttons or other fastening devices 49 and 50.

It will now be apparent that when the sections of the brassière member are disconnected, in this instance, at the hook and eye connection at the left side of the garment, due to the curved lower edges of the brassière member, the circumference of the same may be increased in placing the garment on the body, and removing the same therefrom, so as to cooperate with the upper portions of the girdle member for like purposes as hereinbefore described.

The elastic side section 21, at the left side of the garment is interiorly provided with suitable pockets 51 and 52, for the reception of strips 53 and 54 of elastic webbing; these strips 53 and 54 of the elastic webbing extending appreciable distances into the pockets, and at their lower or inner ends are secured in place in the pockets; the upper or

outer ends of the strips 53 and 54 of elastic webbing extend from the pockets 51 and 52, and are provided with button holes 55 and 56, or other means for engaging the buttons 45 and 46, or other attaching devices for yieldingly maintaining the brassière member in position relatively to the girdle member, at this side thereof, and permitting the same to be detached therefrom.

In a similar manner on the other side of the garment the elastic section 26, in spaced positions is provided with pockets 57 and 58, for the reception of strips of elastic webbing 59 and 60. At their inner ends these strips of elastic webbing are suitably secured within the pockets 57 and 58. The other ends of these strips of elastic webbing extend beyond the pockets, and are provided with button holes 61 and 62, or other means for engaging the buttons 49 and 50, or other attaching devices for yieldingly maintaining the brassière member at this side thereof in position relatively to the girdle member.

Adjacent the lower edge of the front section of the brassière member, and in a centrally disposed position there is a reinforcing tape 63, provided with button holes 64, to be engaged by the button 17, and in a similar manner the back section of the brassière member in a centrally disposed position adjacent the lower edge thereof, is provided with a reinforcing tape 65, in which there are button holes 66, adapted to be engaged by the button 20′. As will be understood therefore, the buttons 17 and 20′ are employed for securing the front and back portions of the brassière member in position relatively to the girdle member. Also as indicated in the drawing, when necessary the front section of the brassière member may be provided with suitable darts 64′, to cause the same the better to conform to the body of the wearer.

In this garment as in various other apparel garments the same may be provided with suitable hose supporters 67 and 68 at the front thereof, and 69 and 70 at the back thereof, although of course, the number and position of the hose supporters form no part of my invention. Furthermore, the garment may be provided with suitable shoulder straps 71 and 72, as illustrated in the drawing.

It will furthermore, be understood that the particular manner as shown of causing the circumference of the upper portion of the girdle member, and the lower portions of the brassière member to be increased in placing the garment on the body and removing the same therefrom, are merely illustrative, as other equivalent constructions may be employed to accomplish this purpose, and at the same time to produce the said vertical straight line effect in the body of the wearer without departing from the nature and spirit of my invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a garment of the class described, a closed girdle having a front section, a back section and side sections, the said sections extending from above the waistline to below the hips, each side section having an upper edge extending at an inclination from one to the other of the said front and back sections, and straps each attached only at its opposite ends to the said front and back sections and extending at an inclination opposite to that of the upper edge of the side section on the corresponding side of the garment and overlapping a portion of the same at the upper edge thereof whereby the normal circumference of the upper portion of the garment may be increased by moving the lower portions of the garment toward each other when the wearer steps into the garment to thereby more easily draw the upper portion of the garment over the hips in placing the garment in position on the body.

2. In a garment of the class described, a closed girdle having a front member, a back member and side members, the said members adapted to extend from above the waist to below the hips of the wearer, each side section being made of elastic material and connected at its opposite edges to the said front and back members and having its upper edge inclined from the back member to the front member whereby the upper edge of the back is substantially coincident with the upper edges of the side members at the back ends thereof and the upper edge of the front member is spaced appreciably from the upper edges of the side members at the forward ends thereof, and straps of elastic material, each strap extending from the front member to the back member at an inclination opposite to that of the upper edge of the adjacent side member with the upper edge of the front member being substantially coincident with the upper edges of the said straps at the forward ends thereof and the upper edge of the back member being appreciably spaced from the upper edges of the straps at the back ends thereof, whereby the normal circumference of the upper portion of the garment is appreciably smaller than that of the lower portion thereof and the circumference of the upper portion of the garment may be materially increased by the movement of the lower portions of the garment toward each other in stepping into the garment whereby the upper portions of the garment are more easily drawn over the hips in adjusting the garment to position on the body.

Signed by me this 29th day of January, 1925.

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