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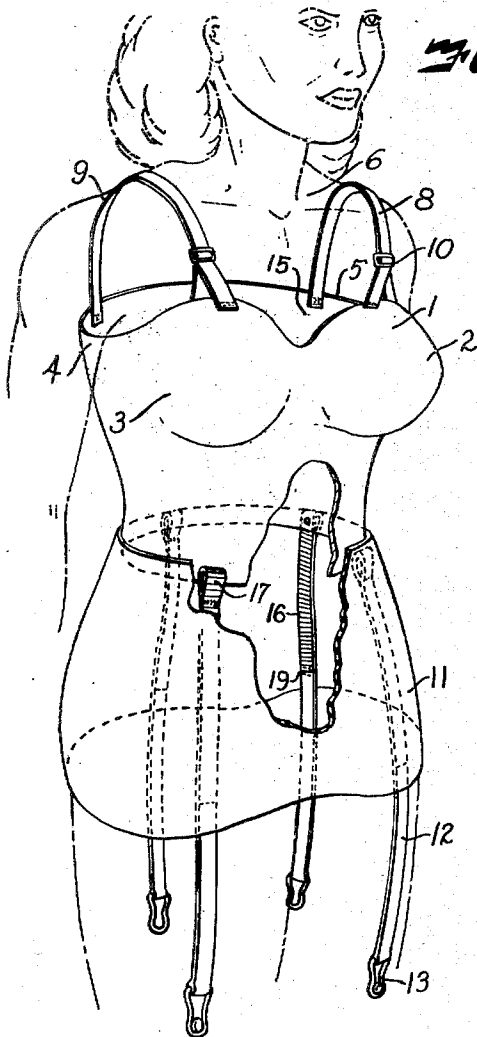


Fig. 1.

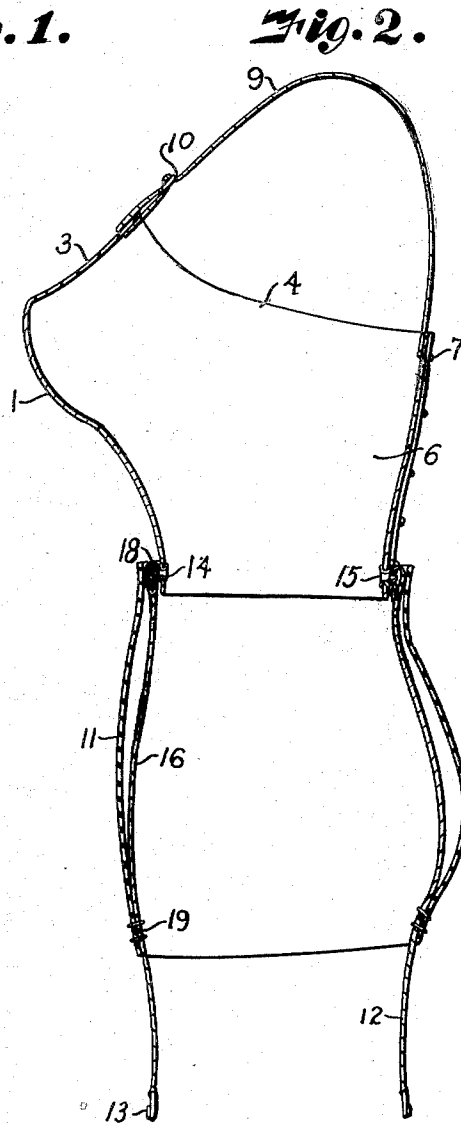


Fig. 2.

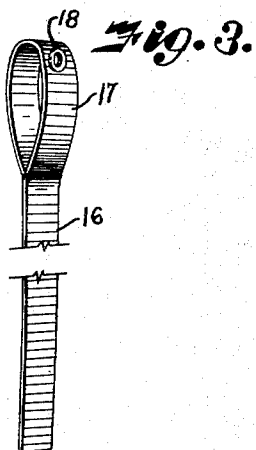


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This invention relates to a girdle and brassière and hold-down means therefor, and more particularly to the supporters on the girdle or corset for holding the brassière in the desired position.

Heretofore in some instances brassières have been fastened to the tops of girdles or corsets but due to the tendency of the girdle or corset to "ride up," the brassière will also have a tendency to rise when worn, or becoming loose above the girdle or corset.

Most girdles are provided on the lower edges with elastic hose supporters and it is the principal object of the present invention to provide elastic strips of material having their upper ends removably attached to the lower edge of the brassière and their lower ends sewed to the elastic supporters at the lower edge of the girdle or corset to hold the brassière in the desired position and prevent its becoming loose and riding upwardly.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide hooks on the lower edge of the brassière for receiving eyes in the upper ends of the elastic strips and placement of the elastic strips under the girdle and sewing the lower ends to the elastic supporters secured to the girdle and to provide a device of this character simple and economical to manufacture and efficient in operation.

In accomplishing these and other objects of the invention I have provided improved details of structure, the preferred form of which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a prospective view of my invention showing the girdle, brassière and hold-down devices applied thereto as worn by the person, with parts broken away to better illustrate the invention and the elastic strips being shown in dotted lines underneath the girdle.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through the brassière, girdle and hold-down devices.

Fig. 3 is a prospective view of one of the hold-down devices.

Referring more in detail to the drawing:

1 designates a brassière having breast portions 2 and 3, sides 4 and rear portion 5 which extend around the body 6 of the user and the rear portions being fastened at the rear by the usual snaps or hooks as indicated at 7 (Fig. 2). The brassière has a skirt depending to substantially the waist of the user. Shoulder straps 8 and 9 are provided for the brassière having adjustable fasteners as indicated at 10.

11 designates a girdle provided with supporters 12, preferably two in front and two in the rear,

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for attaching to the hose (not shown) worn by the user, the supporters being secured to the lower edge of the girdle and provided with the usual fasteners as indicated at 13.

At substantially the center of the front of the skirt portion of the brassière in alignment with the breast portions 2 and 3 of the brassière are hooks 14 which may be sewed or otherwise suitably secured to the skirt of the brassière as best illustrated in Fig. 2. Also secured to the back portions 5 of the skirt of the brassière at substantially directed backwardly of the front hooks 14 are hooks 15 also secured by sewing or otherwise suitable means.

16 represents the hold-down device proper and I preferably provide four in number, two in front and two in back of the body of the user. The hold-down devices consist of a strip of elastic material provided with a loop 17 at the upper end. One side of the loop near the top thereof is provided with an eyelet 18 adapted to engage the front hooks 14 and rear hooks 15 on the skirt of the brassière. The lower ends of the strips 16 are sewed to the upper ends of the elastic supporters 12 inside the girdle as indicated at 19 (Fig. 2), the supporters being sewed or otherwise suitably secured to the lower edge of the girdle as is the usual practice. The devices are particularly adapted for use with long brassières which extend down and inside the girdle. The hooks and the eyelets, due to the loops, are so arranged that they do not contact the body.

In use of a device constructed and assembled as described the lower ends of the strips 16 are attached to the supporters 12 on the inside of the girdle and when the girdle is placed on the body the strips are pulled upwardly underneath the garment. The eyelets 18 engage the hooks 14 and 15 on the front and back of the brassière respectively. The supporters 12 on the girdle are fastened to the hose and the device is ready to be worn.

It will be obvious from the foregoing that I have provided an improved combination girdle and brassière with hold-down devices for the brassière which will prevent the brassière from riding upwardly and which will not pull on the girdle.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In combination with a girdle having a plurality of hose supporters secured to the lower edge thereof and a brassière having a skirt portion of a length to substantially meet the top of said girdle, said brassière having breast portions,

a plurality of elastic strips having their lower ends secured to the lower inside edge of said girle adjacent said hose supporters, loops on the upper ends of said strips, and means for securing the tops of said strips to the lower edge of the skirt of said brassière, said means including hooks on the lower edge of the skirt portion of the brassière and eyes in said loops on the upper ends of said strips engaging said hooks, the hooks on the front of the brassière being in substantial alignment with the breast portions of the brassière.

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