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FIG. 2.

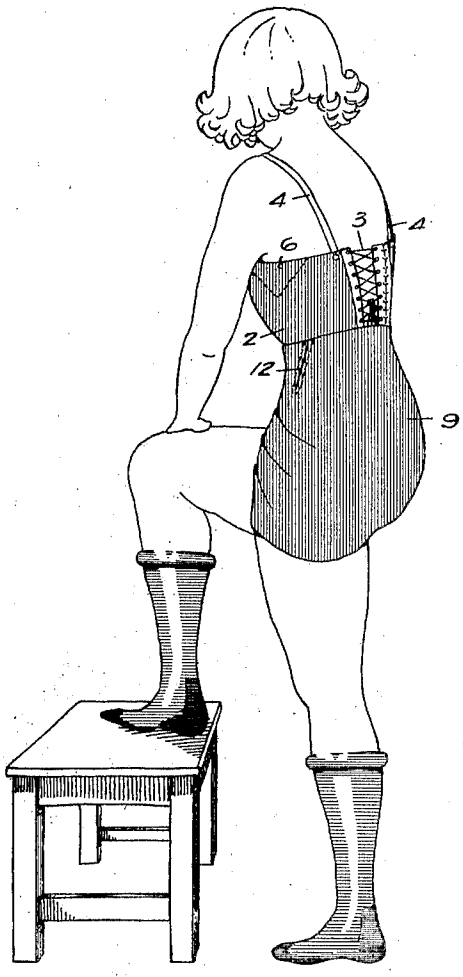
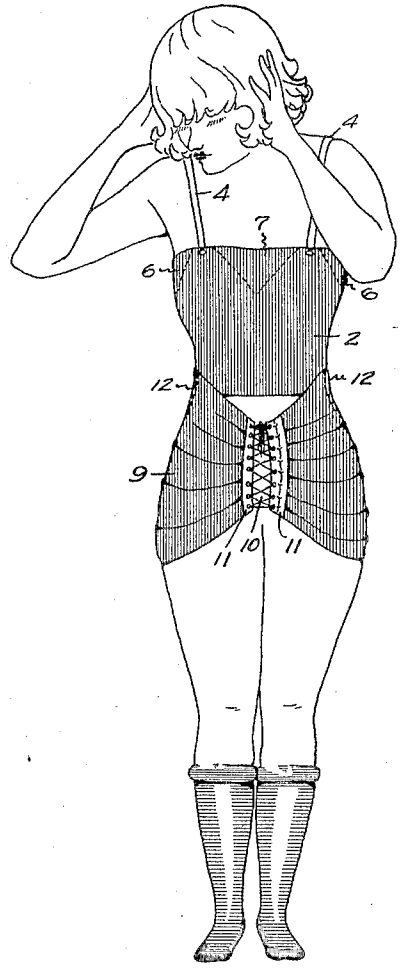



FIG. 1.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BLANCHE CERVELLI, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented new and useful Reducing Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to appliances for reducing flesh, and among the objects of the invention is the provision of a reducing garment which is comfortable to wear, provides desirable support and permits the free movement of the body while accomplishing the purpose for which it is worn.

Among the objections to reducing garments heretofore on the market are the hampering of the free movement of the wearer, a general discomfort, and an objectionable sense of pressure attending their use. Because of the material and structure of such garments it has usually been necessary to make them to order. My garment is light and flexible and is made in various sizes which may readily be carried in stock by the dealer. The loose garment approximately conforms to the shape of the body portion over which it is worn and when properly applied exerts a gentle compression upon the underlying tissue drawing into even contact therewith over its entire extent.

In Fig. 1, I have shown a front view of my bust and hip reducing garments as they would appear on the body of the wearer. In Fig. 2 appears a half back and side view of the garments.

My bust reducing garment comprises a sheet 2 of elastic, impervious, thin material such as thin sheet rubber of a grade known as dental rubber sheet, of such length as to encircle the body of the wearer, and of a width extending from the arm pit to the waist. Fastening means 3 are provided for securing the ends of the sheet at the back, and such fastening means may conveniently consist of laces and hooks and eyes, or equivalent means, well known to manufacturers of women's garments. Shoulder straps 4 may be provided, but preferably the garment is provided at the front and back with eyes thru which ribbon of any desired color may be tied by the purchaser of the garment. In order to prevent undue stretching at undesirable points, the garment is provided with reenforcing pieces 6, preferably of the same material, and doubling the thickness over the areas reenforced. A reenforcement of this kind of triangular shape is placed at each side of the garment so that it underlies the arms of the wearer in such position as to cover and reduce flesh at this point. A similar reenforcement 7 is placed in the upper edge of the garment in the middle of the front so that an unreenforced and therefore more readily conformable portion of the garment overlies the breasts of the wearer.

The hip reducing garment comprises a similar strip of similar material 9 provided with suitable fastening devices 10 for securing the ends of the strip together in front. The ends of the strip are preferably gathered into a band 11 of the same material as the strip, or of fabric as may be desired, and this gathered structure is found to facilitate the accommodation of the garment to the free movement of the limbs. Preferably a V-shaped piece is removed on each side of the garment and the resulting slit closed forming the seams 12. This is done to make the sheet more nearly form fitting before it is placed under tension. The hip reducing garment is laced together in front since drawing the ends of the sheet together from the front draws the enclosed portions of the body forwardly which also contributes to the desired result in improving the figure. For a similar reason the bust reducing garment is drawn backwardly from the front and secured at the rear.

When either of my garments is applied the underlying tissue is subjected to a gentle compression which is constant, and evenly applied. Because of the impervious nature of the material out of which the garment is made, perspiration is induced and a gradual reduction accomplished. Because of the total lack of stiffness and the gentleness of the pressure applied, bodily movements are unhampered and the wearing of the garment is unattended by any discomfort.

I claim:

1. A garment part comprising a single sheet of material impervious to air adapted to encircle the body of the wearer above and below the hips, the front portions of the garment converging from points near the hips to the ends of the sheet, and means for securing the ends together to place the entire sheet under tension.

2. A garment part comprising a single sheet of thin elastic material impervious to air adapted to encircle the body of the

wearer above and below the hips, the front portions of the garment part converging from points near the hips to the ends of the sheet, and means for securing the ends together to place the sheet under tension, said means being adjustable for adjusting the tension of the sheet.

3. A reducing garment comprising a bust portion and a hip portion, said bust portion consisting of a sheet of material adapted to be placed around the bust of the wearer, said sheet having means for securing its ends together at the back of the wearer to place said sheet under tension whereby the enclosed portion of the body of the wearer is drawn rearwardly, said hip portion consisting of a single sheet of material impervious to air adapted to encircle the body of the wearer above and below the hips, the front portions of said sheet converging from points near the hips to the ends of the sheet, and means for securing the ends together to adjust the tension of the sheet and to draw the enclosed portion of the body of the wearer forwardly.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

BLANCHE CERVELLI.