

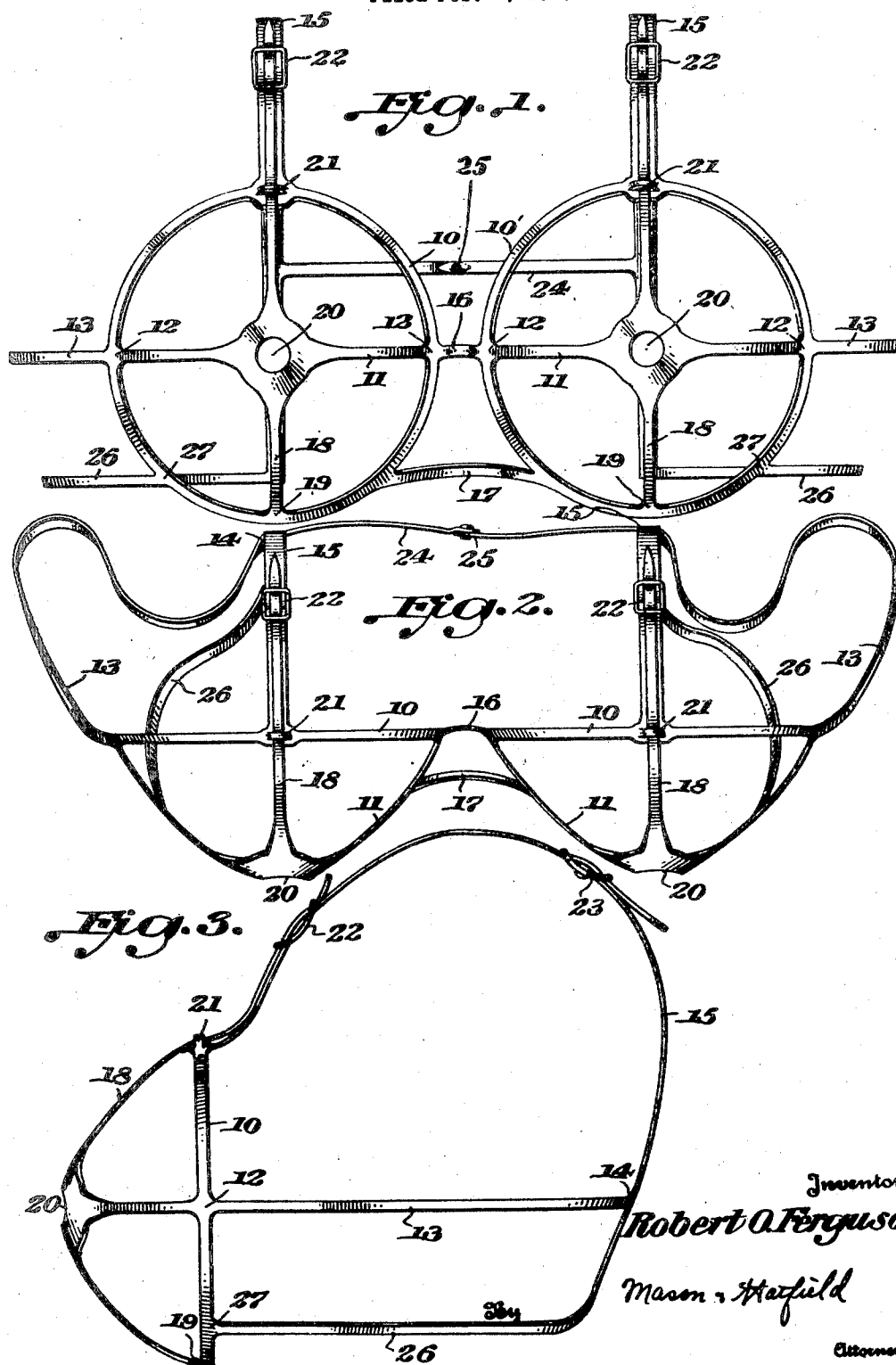
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This invention relates to a brassière, and more particularly to that type commonly known as an uplift brassière.

It has been well known by the garment industry and by others skilled in this art, that the ideal type of brassière is one which will support the breasts in a manner comfortable to the wearer, and at the same time, support and mold the breasts firmly and in an attractive uplift position.

One of the main difficulties of the garments of the prior art is that in an effort to support and mold the breasts in the desired position, the lowermost portion of the garment is pulled upwardly to such an extent that it binds or cuts into the underside of the innermost portion of the breasts.

The main object of the invention is to provide an uplift type of brassière wherein the brassière will comfortably support the breasts and mold the same in an uplift position.

Another main object of the invention is to provide a brassière which is adjustable so that breasts of various sizes and shapes may be comfortably supported in an uplift position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a brassière which may be made and sold in its skeleton form, i. e., made with only the necessary strap arrangements so that the user and wearer thereof may be readily able to place and replace light fabric covering over the pocket portions of the garment as needed.

In order to thoroughly understand the present invention reference is made to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front plan view of the garment;

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the garment; while

Figure 3 is a side plan view of the garment.

The garment, as illustrated in the drawings, has been formed from a blank stock of substantially inextensible rubber, although it will be understood, of course, that it may be formed of the usual fabric tapes and stitched wherever necessary in order to obtain the structure and shape as illustrated.

The breast pockets are formed by annular tape members 10 which are preferably circular. Horizontally positioned tapes 11 extend across the annular tapes 10, preferably midway thereof. The tapes 11 are permanently secured to the annular tapes 10 on each side thereof, as indicated at 12. The tapes 11 may also extend beyond the annular tape 10 to form a waistband 13, the waistband in turn being permanently secured, as

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indicated at 12, to the annular member 10, and, as indicated at 14, to the shoulder strap 15. In order to maintain the breast pockets together, and in proper position relative to each other, a cross-tape 16 is permanently secured to the annular members 10 at a position approximately midway of members 10, as illustrated. A second cross-tape 17 is also permanently secured to the annular members 10 adjacent their lower portion.

The cross tapes 16 and 17 will function to maintain each of the breast pockets in properly spaced alignment. The formation of the breast pockets is completed by vertically extending tapes 18 which are permanently secured at the lowermost portion to the bottom portion of annular members 10, as indicated at 19. The vertically extending tapes 18 cross the horizontally extending tapes 11 at approximately the center of the annular member 10, and midway of the length of the horizontally extending tapes 11. As illustrated, these tapes are formed integral, although it will be understood that they may be formed of separate tapes and stitched together. However, the stitching of the tapes at approximately the central point of the breast pockets must be accomplished so as to provide annular apertures 20.

The apertures 20 are provided so that the nipples of the breasts may extend therethrough, thus preventing injury or discomfort to the wearer which would otherwise be occasioned by the relatively hard tapes. The upper portion of the vertically extending tapes 18 is slidably connected to the upper portion of the annular members 10, but the tapes are otherwise unsecured thereto. The sliding connection is formed by providing a pair of slits in each of the annular members 10 to provide loops 21 through which the tapes 18 may slide. The upper portion of the tapes 18 is adjustably secured to the shoulder straps by means of suitable buckles 22. The shoulder straps 15 are also provided with the usual adjustment buckles 23.

The shoulder straps are detachably secured together at the back portion of the garment by means of a band 24 having the customary fastener 25. A second waistband 26 is also secured adjacent the lower portion of the annular members 10, as indicated at 27, and extends rearwardly to the shoulder straps 15, and is suitably secured thereto.

When in use, the garment will be positioned on the wearer in the customary manner, and the entire garment may be adjusted by means of the adjustable shoulder straps 15 through the medium of buckles 23. By this adjustment the

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annular members 10 forming the outer periphery of the breast pockets may be positioned properly relative to the breasts. Thereafter, the vertically extending tapes 18 are adjusted relative to the shoulder straps 15 through the medium of buckles 22, thus imparting the desired tension to the strap 18. When the vertically extending strap 18 is under tension, the upward pull given thereto takes place from the lower portion of the annular members 10 to approximately the point of intersection of the tape 18 with the horizontal tapes 11. Thus, the pressure exerted by strap 18 is formed entirely upon the lower portion of the breasts to give them the necessary uplift support. As the upper portion of strap 18 is slidably connected to the annular member 10, the upper portion of the annular member 10 is in no way distorted, and the lower portion of the annular members is not pulled out of shape, thereby preventing the customary binding on the underside of the breasts.

It will be understood, of course, that the breast pockets may be suitably covered with cloth stitched to the annular members 10 and cross members 11 and 18. It is unnecessary that the entire pocket be covered, so long as the lower two segments defined by the members 10, tapes 11 and 18, are covered. In other words, it would be sufficient to secure a suitable cloth to the lower half of the annular members 10 and extend the same upwardly so as to be secured only to the cross tape 11 and the lower half of the vertically extending tape 18. As the cloth would be stitched or otherwise secured to the lower portion of the breast pockets, the uplift imported by the vertical strap 18 would extend through the lower portion of the cloth to impart the desired uplift and molding pressure on the breasts.

I claim:

1. A brassière having a pair of bust pockets, shoulder straps secured to said bust pockets and a waistband secured to said bust pockets, each of said bust pockets comprising an annular member, a horizontally extending tape secured to each side of said annular member and extending thereacross, a vertically extending tape permanently secured to the lower portion of said annular member and slidably secured to the upper portion of said annular member and extending therebeyond, and means for adjustably connecting said vertically extending tape to the shoulder straps for

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exerting an uplift on said annular member adjacent the bottom and lower sides thereof.

2. A brassière having a pair of bust pockets, shoulder straps secured to said bust pockets and a waistband secured to said bust pockets, each of said bust pockets comprising a substantially annular member, a horizontally extending tape secured to each side of said annular member and extending thereacross, a vertically extending tape permanently secured to the lower portion of said annular member and extending upwardly to a point beyond said annular member, said vertically extending tape crossing said horizontally extending tape and being secured thereto adjacent the intersection, and means for adjustably connecting said vertically extending tape to the shoulder straps for exerting an uplift on said annular member adjacent the bottom and lower sides thereof and said horizontally extending tape.

3. A brassière having a pair of bust pockets, adjustable shoulder straps secured to said bust pockets and a waistband secured to said bust pockets, each of said bust pockets comprising an annular member, a horizontally extending tape secured to each side of said annular member, a vertically extending tape permanently secured to the lower portion of said annular member and slidably secured to the upper portion of said annular member and extending therebeyond, said vertically extending tape intersecting said horizontally extending tape and being permanently secured to said horizontally extending tape adjacent the intersection, an aperture positioned in said tapes at their intersection, and means for adjustably connecting said vertically extending tape to said adjustable shoulder straps.

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