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Fig. 1

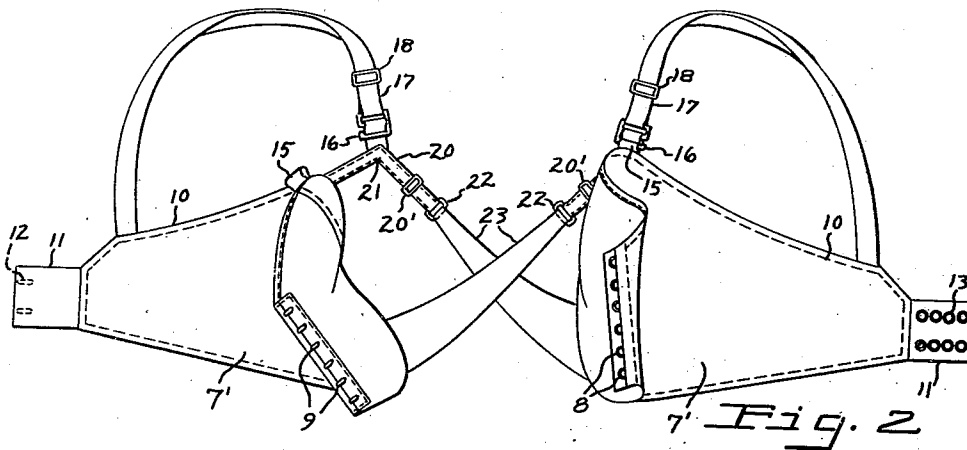
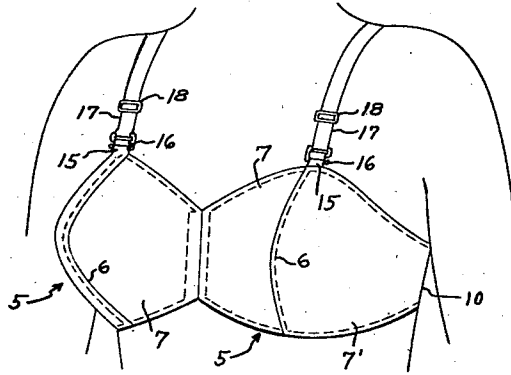


Fig. 2

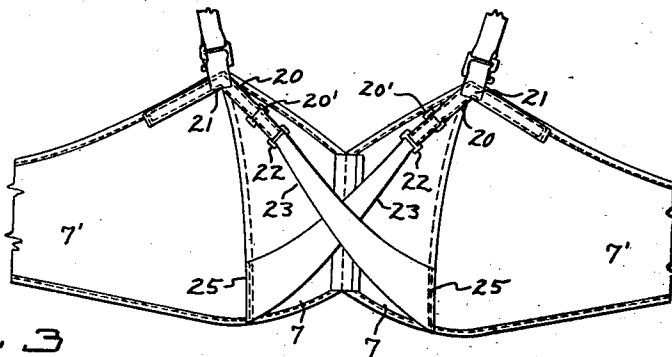


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to improvements in brassières and relates particularly to that class of brassières known as nursing brassières.

In many forms of so called nursing brassières, the arrangement of the brassière for the nursing operation involves detaching of the parts in such a manner that the brassière itself becomes disarranged. This is objectionable as it is most desirable to arrange the brassière for nursing with as little disarrangement of the brassière as possible.

In the present invention, the brassière is designed to have the appearance of an ordinary brassière when normally used and to have a simple arrangement of the parts so that the brassière, in so far as its position on the body and the shoulder straps position is concerned, remain in normal position on the body, when arranged for the nursing operation.

The object of my invention is to provide a brassière of the class described of simple form and appearance, such brassière being provided with supporting means for the breast both when in normal use and during the nursing operation, the supporting means being of such character that it may be readily adjusted to accommodate the breasts of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter from the following specifications and drawing.

Referring to the drawing which is for illustrative purposes only,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the front of a brassière embodying a form of my invention showing its position on the wearer during normal use;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view of the brassière shown in Fig. 1, viewed from the front of the brassière and laid out in flat form, the breast pockets being opened; and

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the inside of the front portion of the brassière.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the brassière consists of two breast pockets generally indicated at 5. These breast pockets are formed of two pieces of material sewed together along the medial line of the breasts as indicated at 6. The inner of these pieces of material or what may be termed front panels, indicated at 7, are joined together by suitable hooks and eyes, there being a set of eyes indicated at 8 on one breast pocket, and a series of hooks indicated at 9, on the other breast pocket. The pieces 7' of material or what may be called side panels, forming the outer portion of the breast pockets,

are narrowed at the outer ends to form bands indicated at 10 which extend around the sides of the wearer to the back and conform to the sides and back of the wearer substantially at the elevation of the breasts. The outer ends of these bands are provided with tabs 11 provided with securing means, one of the tabs being provided with a plurality of hooks indicated at 12, which are adapted to engage a series of eyelets 13 on the other tab, it being understood that the hooks 12 may be inserted in the corresponding eyelets to adjust the brassière to the size of the wearer. These tabs may be made of webbing or elastic material.

Each of the breast pockets at their upper medial portion is provided with a fabric loop indicated at 15, which is adapted to engage a hook 16 on the front end of a shoulder strap indicated at 17, the other end of the shoulder strap being secured to the back 10 at the back of the brassière by stitching or in any other suitable manner. 18 indicates a common form of adjusting member in the shoulder strap. The front end of each shoulder strap 17 is sewed to a ribbon or strip of fabric material 20, as indicated at 21. One end of this ribbon 20 is secured by means of stitching or any other suitable manner to the upper portion of the breast pocket, preferably some distance to the side of the medial line of the breast pocket indicated at 6. The other end of the ribbon 20 is provided with an adjusting member 20' and is secured by an ordinary form of connecting eye, indicated at 22, to the upper end of a supporting strap 23. These supporting straps, in the form shown, increase in width downwardly and are attached at their lower ends to the lower portion of the opposite breast pocket along the medial line thereof as indicated at 25. These straps cross each other at the front medial line of the brassière, the straps being attached at their lower ends to the breast pockets as just described and extending diagonally to the ribbon 20 on the upper portion of the opposite breast pocket.

When the brassière is in normal use it has the appearance, on the wearer, as shown in Fig. 1. As shown in Fig. 3, the supporting straps 23 being crossed, the lower portion of one breast pocket through the medium of the supporting strap, attached thereto, is under tension upwardly to the upper portion of the breast pocket on the other side of the brassière, the straps engaging under and supporting the breast from the point of attachment of the straps to the breast pockets.

When the nursing operation is to be performed it is to be understood that the hooks and eyes, 8 and 9, and the loop 15 on the upper portion of one of the breast pockets is removed from the hook 16 on the lower end of the shoulder strap. When this is done the breast pocket assumes the position shown at the left side of Fig. 2, thereby exposing the right breast of the wearer for the nursing operation.

It is pointed out that while the brassière is being used, as just described, the supporting straps 23 remain in position and perform two functions, first, to continue supporting both of the breasts and at the same time insure that the shoulder straps remain in the same position as during normal wearing of the brassière. This not only makes a fastening of the breast pockets together as the nursing operation is completed a very simple matter, but also insures that the shoulder straps remain in the proper position on the shoulders and thereby prevents dislocation or movement of the brassière on the wearer during the nursing operation.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a brassière: a pair of breast pockets each terminating at the sides in a band adapted to extend around the body of the wearer; detachable securing means on the ends of the bands; detachable securing means for joining the breast pockets along the front medial line of the brassière; a pair of shoulder straps each having one end attached to the back portion of the brassière; a fabric strip attached intermediate its ends to the front end of each shoulder strip, one end of the fabric strips being secured to the upper portion of its associated breast pocket; a pair of supporting straps crossed intermediate their lengths having their lower ends attached to the lower portion of one breast pocket along the medial line thereof and having their upper ends attached to the other end of said fabric strip on the opposite shoulder strap; and means for detachably securing the upper portion of each breast pocket to its associated shoulder strap.

2. In a brassière: a pair of breast pockets each terminating at the sides in a band adapted to extend around the body of the wearer; detachable securing means on the ends of the bands; detachable securing means for joining the breast pockets along the front medial line of the brassière; a pair of shoulder straps each having one end attached to the back portion of the brassière; a pair of breast supporting straps crossed intermediate their lengths each having their lower ends attached to the inside of the lower portion of one of the breast pockets along the medial line thereof and the upper end adjustably secured to the front end of the shoulder strap on the opposite side of the garment from the breast pocket to which it is attached; and means for detachably securing the upper portion of each breast pocket to its associated shoulder strap.

3. In a brassière: a pair of breast pockets each terminating at the sides in a band adapted to extend around the body of the wearer; detachable securing means on the ends of the bands; detachable securing means for joining the breast pockets along the front medial line of the brassière; a pair of shoulder straps each having one end attached to the back portion of the brassière; a ribbon attached intermediate its ends to the front end of each shoulder strap, one end of the ribbon being secured to the upper portion of its associated breast pocket beyond the medial line of the breast pocket; a pair of supporting straps crossed intermediate their lengths inside the breast pockets each having their lower end attached to the lower portion of one of the breast pockets along the medial line of the pocket and having their upper end adjustably secured to the ribbon on the opposite side of the garment from the breast pocket to which it is attached; and means for detachably securing the upper portion of each breast pocket to its associated shoulder strap.

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