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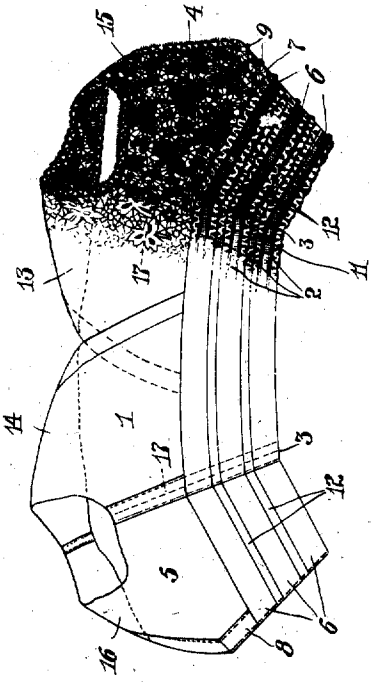


Fig. 1.

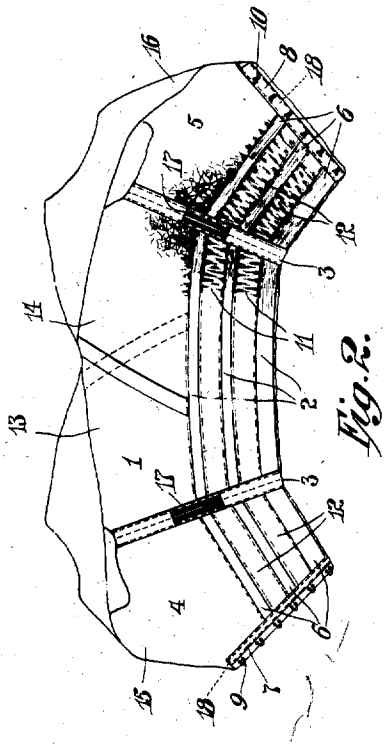


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GABRIELLE M. POIX, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brassières, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a brassière or bust supporter, and the objects of the invention are to construct a brassière that is simple in construction, further objects being to provide a brassière that will act not only to support the bust but also to support and reduce the diaphragm. It consists of means to that end, and of combinations of parts which will be pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a view of the brassière made in accordance with the invention, showing the same laid out flat, with front side uppermost.

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing the back side uppermost.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the brassière shown in Figs. 1 and 2 as worn.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates, in the present instance, the front portion of said brassière the lower part of which is provided with a plurality of parallel and horizontal elastic bands 2 suitably spaced apart and secured at their ends to the upwardly diverging side pocket seams 3. In the present instance, 4 and 5 designate the back portions of said brassière, the lower parts of which are each provided with a plurality of parallel downwardly extending elastic bands 6 suitably spaced apart and secured at their inner ends to the pocket seams 3 directly opposite the ends of the elastic bands 2. The outer ends of the elastic bands 6 are secured respectively, to the upwardly diverging end members 7 and 8 provided in the present instance with hooks and eyes 9 and 10 for fastening the ends of the brassière together preferably in the back of the wearer.

When the brassière is in position on the wearer the elastic bands 6 of the back portions 4 and 5 will assume a horizontal position which together with the elastic bands 2 form parallel horizontal elastic bands around the body of the wearer above the waist line and below the bust of the wearer to support the diaphragm.

In the present instance the elastic bands form, when in position on the wearer, three horizontal rows spaced a short distance apart, the intervening spaces being provided with porous strips of material 11 and 12 suitably tucked or shirred and sewed to the edges of the elastic bands 2 and 6 so as not to interfere with the stretching of the elastic bands and to provide suitable ventilation for the comfort of the wearer. The strips of material 11 and 12 when tucked and sewed into position give a finished appearance to the brassière which greatly improves its appearance.

The upper part of the front portion 1 of the brassière is in the present instance provided with triangular shaped front gores 13 and 14, the lower sides of which are tucked or shirred and then sewed to the upper edge of the uppermost elastic band 2. The adjacent ends of the gores 13 and 14 preferably overlap in the present instance, over a portion of the front of the brassière.

The upper part of the back portions 4 and 5 of the brassière are in the present instance provided with suitable back gores 15 and 16, the lower sides of which are tucked or shirred and then sewed to the upper edge of the uppermost elastic band 6.

The adjacent edges of the front gores 13 and 14, and the back gores 15 and 16, are suitably sewed together along the pocket seams 3 and also to the end members 7 and 8, the upper portions of the front and back gores being suitably cut and sewed to form arm holes.

The pocket seams 3 and the end members 7 and 8 are preferably provided with strips of whalebone 17 and 18, which can easily be removed when desired.

A brassière made as above described acts when in use to improve the appearance of the wearer, the lower part with the horizontal elastic bands acting to hold the diaphragm in position, whereas the upper part acts to hold the bust in position. The brassière is very simple in construction and ornamental in design. The provision of the porous strips of material between the elastic bands permits of the same being worn tight over the diaphragm to reduce the flesh at this point, the porous material making the same more hygienic as ventilation is facilitated between the elastic bands.

Due to the fact that a plurality of rows of elastic bands are used that are of graduated lengths, the lower bands being less in cir-

cumference than the adjacent bands, and so on upward, a uniform tension is applied to the upper and lower parts of the diaphragm of the wearer, which is very desirable for the comfort of the wearer.

While the invention has been described with particular reference to the details of construction, the same is not to be considered as limited thereto, as many changes can be made and still fall within the scope of the invention set forth in the following claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A brassière comprising in combination front and back portions, the upper part of said front and back portions comprising a plurality of gores, sewed together to form a support for the bust, the lower part of said front and back portions comprising a plurality of rows of elastic material, and bands of inelastic shirred material connecting said elastic bands to permit of the stretching of said elastic bands arranged to support the diaphragm.

2. A brassière comprising in combination front and back portions, the upper part of said front and back portions comprising a plurality of gores, sewed together to form a support for the bust, the lower part of said front and back portions comprising a plurality of rows of elastic material, the upper row of elastic material being greater in circumference than the succeeding lower rows, each row being less in circumference than the row above it, said elastic material arranged to support the diaphragm.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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