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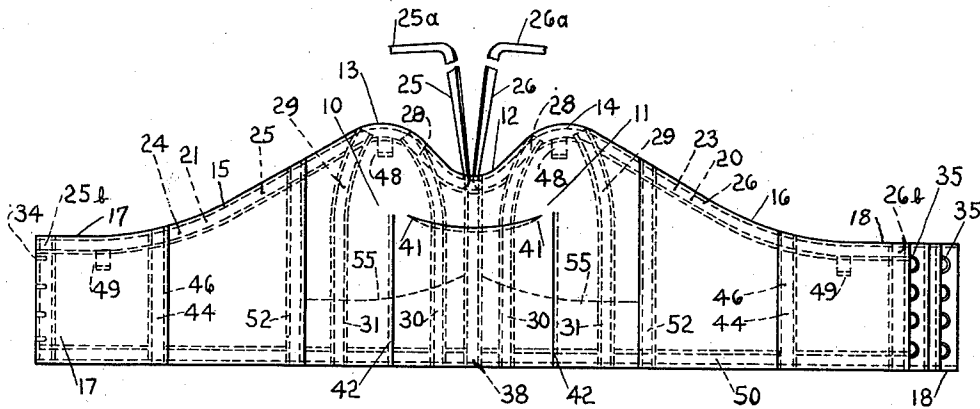


FIG. 1

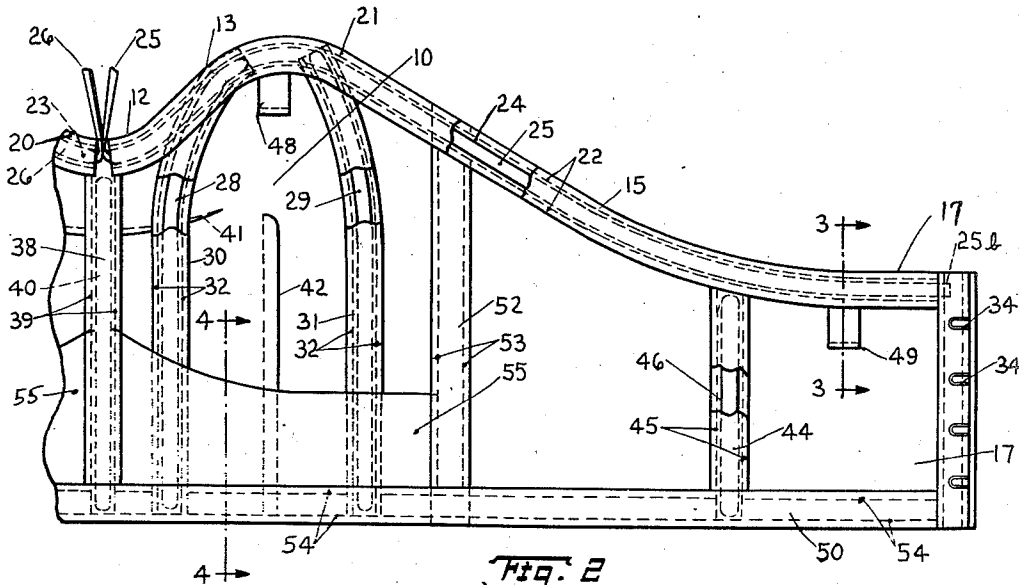


FIG. 2

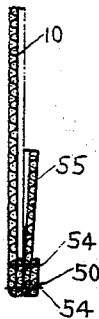


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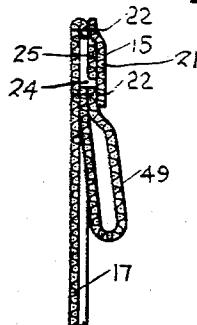


FIG. 3

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in brassières, and has more particular reference to a strapless brassière.

More particularly, this invention relates to a brassière having two breast receiving pockets and also having a top edge portion which is low between said pockets and curves upwardly at the top portions of the pocket, and downwardly to the end portions of the brassière. It is proposed to provide said top edge portion with drawstrings and to provide the pockets with certain stiffening members coacting with the drawstrings to make it possible to securely wear the brassière without the necessity of shoulder straps.

Still further the invention proposes to provide each of said pockets with a pair of stiffening members extending from the bottom of the pocket along the sides of the pocket and then toward each other to points in the vicinity of the central portion of the top of the pocket for maintaining the curvature of the top edge portion of the brassière when the drawstrings of the brassière are drawn tight to hold the brassière on the body of a wearer.

It is proposed that the top edge portion of the brassière be provided with tapes forming passages for two drawstrings extending from the center of the brassière to the end portions. A drawstring is extended through each of said passages and has an outer free end at the center of the brassière and an inner end attached to the end portion of the brassière. When the brassière is worn, and the free ends of the drawstrings are pulled tight and tied together, the brassière will be securely held on the body of a wearer.

Another object of the invention is to construct an article as described which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a strapless brassière constructed in accordance with this invention and illustrated in an open position.

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary enlarged back view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

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Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The strapless brassière, in accordance with this invention has two breast receiving pockets 10 and 11 and also has a top edge portion which has a low area 12 at the center of the brassière between the pockets 10 and 11 and has upwardly curved portions 13 and 14 at the tops of said pockets 10 and 11, and furthermore has downwardly extending portions 15 and 16 extending to the end portions 17 and 18 of the brassière. Tapes 20 and 21 are mounted along the said top portion of the brassière and are secured in position by lines of stitches 22 extended along their top and bottom edges forming two passages 23 and 24 for drawstrings 25 and 26. These drawstrings extend from the center of the brassière through the passages 23 and 24 to the end portions 17 and 18. These drawstrings have outer free ends 25a and 26a which may be tied together and have inner ends 25b and 26b which are attached to the end portions 17 and 18 of the brassière.

Stiffening members 28 and 29 are mounted on each of said pockets 10 and 11 and extend from the bottom of each pocket along the sides of the pocket and have top portions which arch towards each other, terminating in points in the vicinity of the central portion of the top of the pocket. These stiffening members 28 and 29 are mounted in passages formed by tapes 30 and 31 which are attached upon the material of the pockets 10 and 11 with lines of stitches 32 along their edge portions.

The end portions 17 and 18 of the brassière are provided with fastening elements by which they may be releasably connected together at the back of a wearer. These fastening elements comprise hooks 34 mounted upon the end portion 17 and cooperative with one or more vertical rows of eye elements 35 mounted on the end portion 18.

A vertical tape 38 is mounted along the center of the brassière by lines of stitches 39 extended along its edge portions forming a passage in which a stiffening element 40 is mounted. This stiffening element 40 serves to support the wearer's body in its vicinity, preventing bulging. The breast pockets 10 and 11 are fashioned by darts 41 and 42. The brassière is also provided with tapes 44 at the back near its end portions 17 and 18, which tapes are secured in position by lines of stitches 45 along their edge portions forming passages in which stiffening members 46 are mounted.

The pockets 10 and 11 are provided with small loops 48 at their top portions between the top

ends of the stiffening members 28 and 29. The end portions 17 and 18 are also provided with small loops 49 at their top portions spaced a short distance inwards from the extreme ends of the brassière. A tape 50 is mounted with stitches 54 along the bottom edge portion of the brassière for reinforcing it. Vertical tapes 52 are mounted adjacent the side portions of the pockets 10 and 11 with stitches 53 along their edge portions.

Uplift bands 55 are mounted across the bottom portions of the pockets 10 and 11 and assist in supporting the breasts. These bands 55 pass over the bottom portions of the tapes 30 and 31. They are secured at their ends by the stitches 39 and 53. The bottom edge portions of the uplift bands 55 are held down by the stitches 54.

The operation and use of the brassière may be understood from the following:

The brassière is engaged about the body in the usual way. Then the end portions 25a and 26a of the drawstrings 25 and 26 may be pulled and tied together in a bow at the front of the brassière. When the ends 25a and 26a are pulled tight the top edge portion of the brassière will be contracted and in this way the brassière may be securely held on the wearer. The tendency of the curved top portions 13 and 14 of the pockets 10 and 11 to straighten out when the drawstrings 25 and 26 are pulled tight, is resisted by the arched stiffening members 28 and 29.

If the wearer so desires the drawstring 25 from the left hand side of the brassière, as illustrated in Fig. 1, may be engaged through the loops 48 and 49 of the right hand half of the brassière, and the drawstring 26 of the right hand half may be engaged through the loops 48 and 49 of the left hand half of the brassière. Now the ends 25a and 26a of the drawstrings 25 and 26 will be at the back. They may be pulled tight and tied.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A strapless brassière having two breast receiving pockets and a top edge portion which is low between said pockets and curved upwardly at the top portions of said pockets and then downwardly to the end portions of the brassière, tapes mounted along said top edge portion in order to form a curved passage for each of said pockets for drawstrings, said tapes and passages extending from the center of the brassière at said low point between said pockets upwardly in a curved path to the top portions of said pockets, and then downwardly in a curved path to the end portions of the brassière, a drawstring extending through each of said curved passages and having free outer ends at the center of said brassière and having their inner ends attached to the end portions of said brassière, and stiffening members mounted on said pockets and extending from the bottom of each pocket along the sides of the pocket and arching towards points in the vicinity of the central portion of the top of the pocket in order to maintain the curvature of the top edge portion of the brassière when said drawstrings are drawn tight to hold the brassière on the body of a wearer.

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