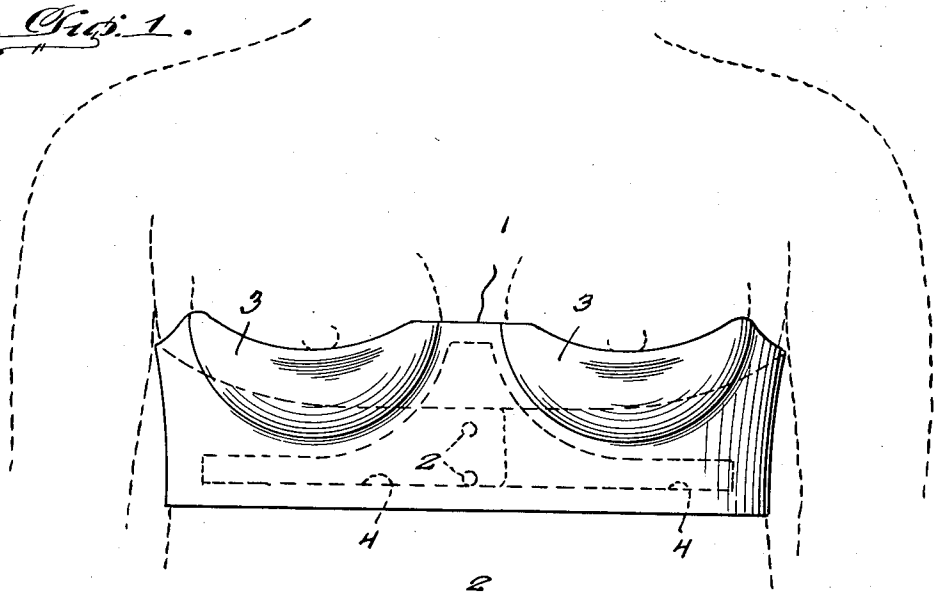
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Fig. 1.



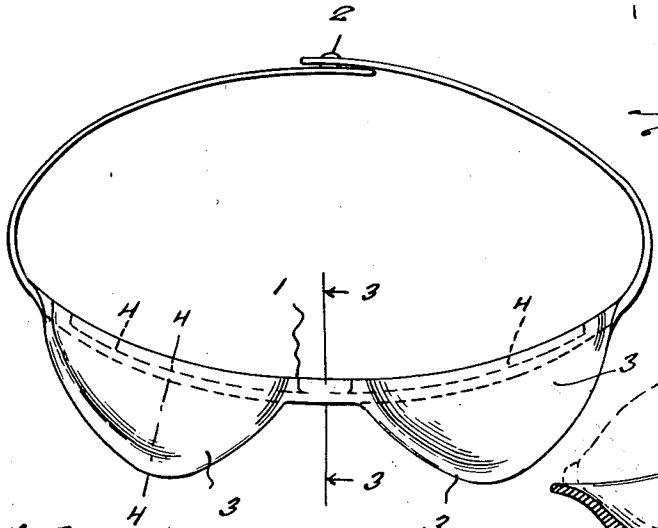
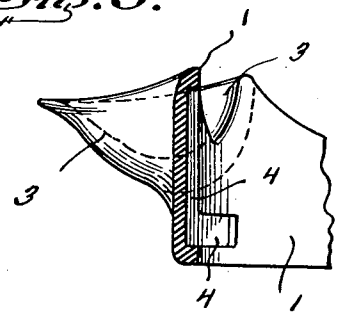


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



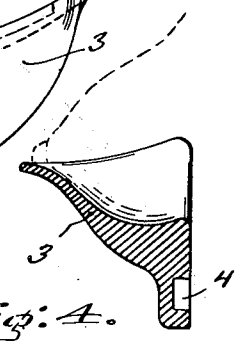


Fig. 4.

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The present invention relates to brassières, and is more particularly concerned with a brassière without shoulder straps.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a brassière without shoulder straps so constructed that it will be held against displacement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel rubber, or any other material having elasticity, brassière without shoulder straps.

A further object of the invention is to provide a brassière of the type referred to, of simpler and more compact construction than what has been disclosed in prior devices.

With the foregoing and other objects and advantages in view, the invention consists of the novel construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating the invention:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof.

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a section on line 4—4 of Figure 2.

Like numerals are used in the description and drawings to designate the same parts of construction.

This brassière is preferably made of rubber of suitable fineness and elasticity, or any other material having similar characteristics, to accommodate it to various forms and dimensioned for various sizes of body and bust. It comprises a wide body-encircling band 1 with rear fasteners which may be either the conventional snaps 2 or adjustable buckles.

The front part of band 1 is provided with open-top breast cups 3, of suitable contour for general use. On the inner side of the front part a vacuum chamber or pocket 4 is formed to extend across same between the lower edge and the breast cups. The vacuum pocket conforms, generally, to the contour of the cups on the under side to a point midway between them and adjacent the top edge of the band 1. It is of sufficient depth to provide an adequate vacuum with consequent cleaving when the band is pressed against the body.

It will be noted that with the foregoing construction, no shoulder straps are required to hold the brassière in place, thus it can be worn to advantage with evening gowns or low-cut dresses,

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also when bathing outdoors. When made from flesh-colored rubber, it is not readily discernible. With rubber as the material, a brassière provides a better fit than the conventional fabric ones.

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

1. A strapless brassière comprising a body of flexible rubber comprising a body encircling band having a relatively wide front portion of substantial thickness, said front portion being formed to provide two breast cups to supportably receive the lower part only of the breasts of the wearer, said front portion being formed in its body contacting side with a suction chamber extending lengthwise of said front portion beneath said cups for holding said front portion in place on the body of the wearer.

2. A strapless brassière comprising a body of flexible rubber comprising a body encircling band having a relatively wide front portion of substantial thickness, said front portion being formed to provide two breast cups to supportably receive the lower part only of the breasts of the wearer, said front portion being formed in its body contacting side with a suction chamber extending lengthwise of said front portion beneath said cups for holding said front portion in place on the body of the wearer, said suction chamber including a portion of substantial width and height extending laterally between and rising between said breast cups.

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