

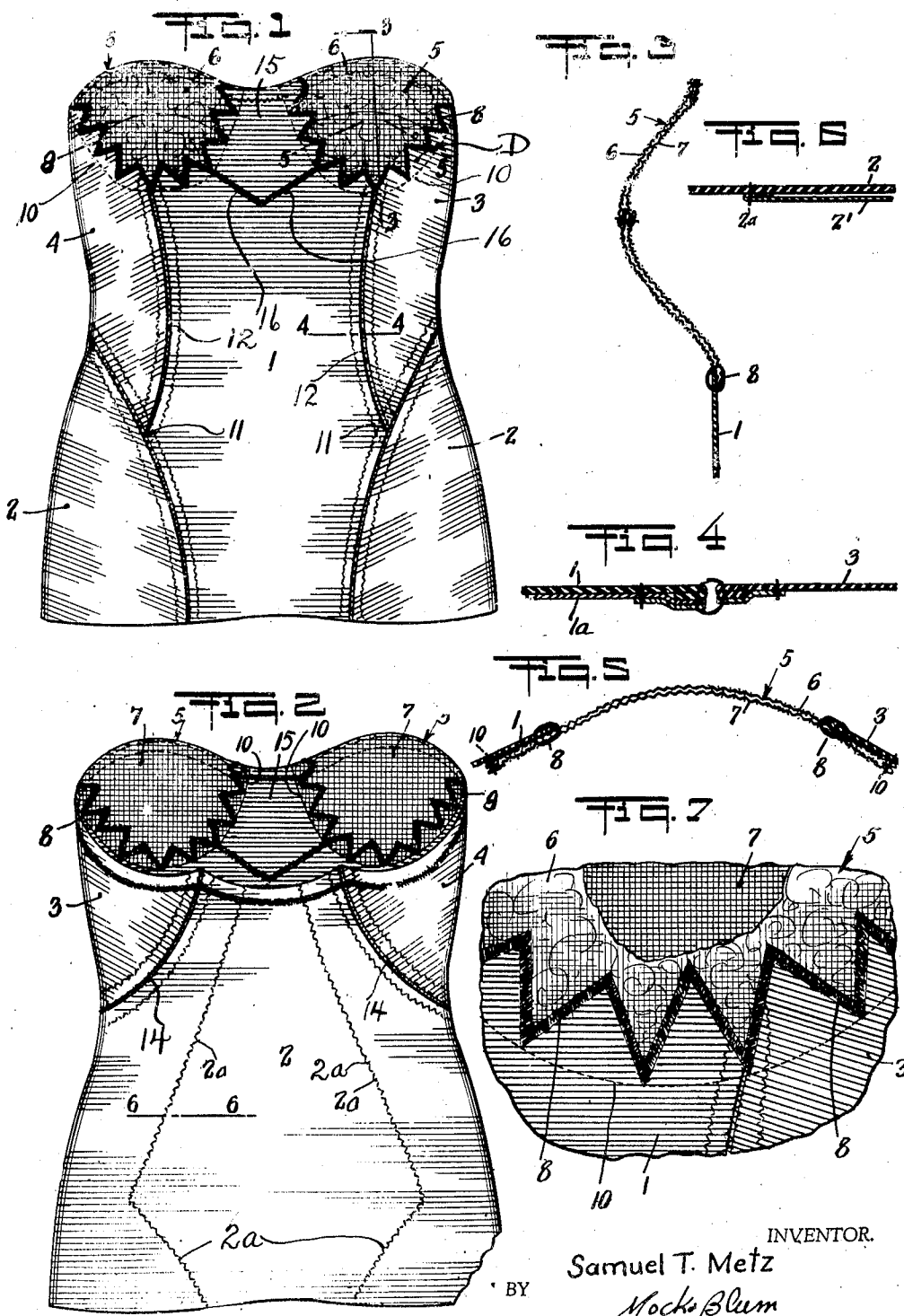
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My invention relates to a new and improved garment of the corset type.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide an improved construction at the bust portion of the garment, and more particularly to provide pockets in the bust portion of the garment, said pockets being made of lace or other non-elastic material and having marginal inserts of elastic or non-elastic material.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment which will have improved supporting means at the bust portion of the same.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment whose bust portion has pockets which are made of non-elastic material, the edge of each said pocket being defined by a peripheral line of stitches, each pocket having a series of reinforcing elastic or non-elastic darts which extend continuously around the edge of said pocket and into said pocket, save at the top portion of said pocket.

Other objects of my invention will be set forth in the following description and drawing which illustrates a certain preferred embodiment, it being understood that the above statement of the objects of my invention is intended to generally explain the same without limiting it in any manner.

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the improved garment.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the improved garment.

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are respectively sectional views on the lines 3—3, 4—4 and 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged detail view of the construction of the pocket members of the bust portion of the garment.

The drawing illustrates a garment which extends above and below the waist line, but the invention is not restricted to any particular type of garment.

The garment comprises a front panel 1 which is made of any suitable elastic material. This material is preferably two-way stretch, so that it can stretch both vertically and horizontally. Material of this type is well known so that it requires no specific description. The garment is also provided with a rear panel 2 which is also preferably made of two-way stretch material. The waistline of the garment is located above the bottom points 11 of the side panels 3 and 4 so that said side panels 3 and 4 extend above and below the waistline. However, the major por-

tions of said side panels 3 and 4 are located above the waistline. The bust portion of the garment is provided with breast-receiving pockets 5 which are made of non-elastic material 6 which is preferably lace material or the like. The pockets 5 are also provided with non-elastic inner or lining material 7. The front panel 1 and the side panels 3 and 4 are provided with respective tapered extensions or darts D, which overlap the marginal portions of the pockets 5. These darts D are preferably of triangular shape and their edges are connected to the fabric members 6 and 7, by means of marginal stitches 8.

The front panel 1 is connected to the adjacent edges of the side panels 3 and 4 by means of lines of stitches 12. As shown in Fig. 1, the upper ends of said lines of stitches 12 are located at the junctions between respective pairs of darts D. The rear panel 2 is connected to the side panels 3 and 4 by lines of stitches 14.

The front of the garment is provided, between the pockets 5, with an insert portion 15 which is also preferably made of two-way stretch material. This insert 15 is tapered so that its bottom is wider than its top, and said insert 15 is connected with the front panel 1, by lines of stitches 16. The member 15 may be integral with the front panel 1, in which case the stitches define the lower end of said member 15. The upper or outer end of each line of stitches 16 is also located at the junction between a pair of darts D, as shown in Fig. 1. The material of each pocket 5 and the base of each dart is sewed to the front panel 1, and also to the respective side panel 3 or 4, and also to the respective edge of the insert 15, by means of a line of peripheral stitches 10, which define the edge of the pocket.

The rear panel 2 is provided with a reinforcing panel or member which is stitched thereto by means of lines of stitches 2a. The material of the darts D is unattached to the material of the pockets 5 between the stitches 8 and 10. Since darts D are projections of the respective panels of the garment, said panels are made of elastic material, if said darts are made of elastic material, as previously disclosed. The projections are sewed to the non-elastic material, by means of stitches 8 and 10, so that said projections overlap respective portions of the non-elastic walls of the pockets, while the material is in the flat condition. Hence, when the garment is worn, and said pockets assume a convexo-concave contour, said projections, if elastic, exercise the necessary elastic restraint.

The garment is provided with the usual shoul-

der straps, which are respectively attached to the top walls of the respective pockets and to the rear of the garment. These shoulder straps are not shown in the drawing, as they are old and well known per se. However, the garment may be of the strapless type, in which event it may be boned in the usual manner, in order to support the same upon the body of the user.

When shoulder straps are used, the tension of the shoulder strap is transmitted substantially equally to the darts of the respective pocket, thus providing pockets which are sharply defined at the edges thereof, and which provide a superior support.

The stitches 16 are elastic, so that they stretch freely with the material.

The extensions or darts of each pocket occupy only a minor portion of the area of each pocket. Reference may be made to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing for further details, and said figures are drawn substantially to scale.

I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, but it is clear that numerous changes and omissions can be made without departing from its spirit.

I claim:

1. A garment of the corset type having a front panel and a rear panel, downwardly tapered side panels located between said front and said rear panels, each side panel being connected to the respective front panel and to the respective rear panel by stitches, said garment having laterally spaced pockets made of non-elastic material at the bust portion thereof, each said pocket having a marginal line of stitches which define the base of said pocket, the top edge of each pocket being substantially coincident with the respective top edge of the garment, said front panel having substantially triangular extensions which project inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, each side panel also having substantially triangular extensions which extend inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, said extensions of each pocket forming a substantially continuous series save at the top edge of said pocket, only the edge portions and the base of each extension being stitched to the non-elastic material of the respective pocket.

2. A garment of the corset type having a front panel and a rear panel, downwardly tapered side panels located between said front and said rear panels, each side panel being connected to the

respective front panel and to the respective rear panel by stitches, said garment having laterally spaced pockets made of non-elastic material at the bust portion thereof, the top edge of each pocket being substantially coincident with the respective top edge of the garment, each said pocket having a marginal line of stitches which defines the base of said pocket, said front panel having substantially triangular extensions which extend inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, each side panel also having substantially triangular extensions which extend inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, said extensions of each pocket forming a substantially continuous series save at the top edge of said pocket, only the edge portions and the base of each extension being stitched to the non-elastic material of the respective pocket, the seams between the front panel and each side panel abutting the junction between a pair of the extensions of the respective pocket.

3. A garment of the corset type having a front panel and a rear panel, downwardly tapered side panels located between said front and said rear panels, each side panel being connected to the respective front panel and to the respective rear panel by stitches, said garment having laterally spaced pockets made of non-elastic material at the bust portion thereof, each pocket having a marginal line of stitches which defines the base of said pocket, the top edge of each pocket being substantially coincident with the respective top edge of the garment, said front panel having substantially triangular extensions which extend inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, each side panel also having substantially triangular extensions which extend inwardly into each pocket from the base thereof, said extensions of each pocket forming a substantially continuous series save at the top of said pocket, only the edge portions and the base of each extension being stitched to the non-elastic material of the respective pocket, the seams between the front panel and each side panel abutting the junction between a pair of the extensions of the respective pocket, the front panel of said garment having two lines of stitches which form an obtuse angle, the upper end of each line of stitches substantially abutting the junction between a pair of extensions of the respective pocket, at the base of the respective pocket.

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