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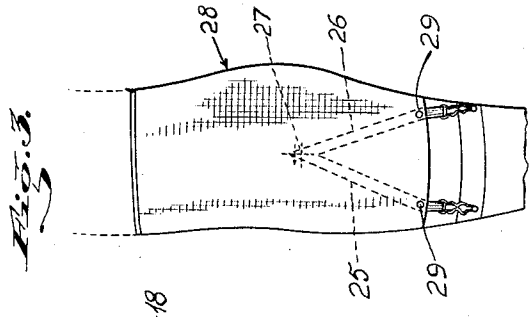


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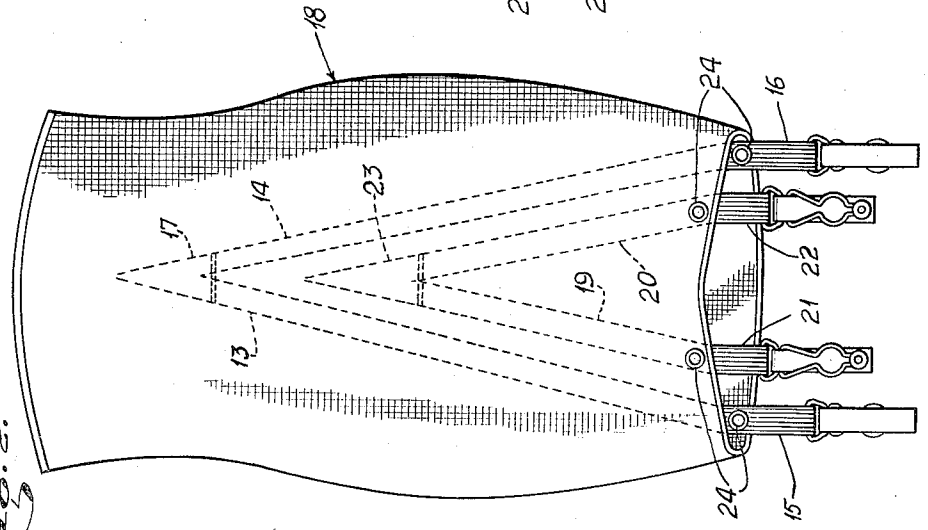


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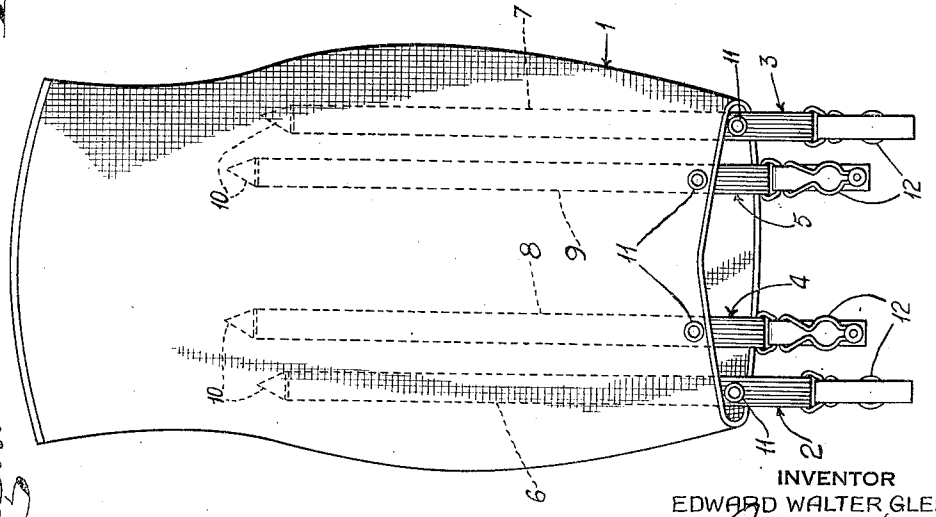


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to an improved girdle and garter combination.

With girdles of women's apparel it has been customary either permanently to fasten or removably attach garters or hose supporters adjacent to the lower edge of the girdle. If the wearer wishes to roll up such girdles without entirely removing the same in the interest of comfort or the like, either the garters would have to be removed from the hose if the garters are permanently attached to the girdle, or the garters would have to be removed from the girdle if the garters were removably attached to the girdle. In either case, the stockings of the wearer would be without support and drop down into disarray.

To this end the present invention aims to provide an improved girdle and garter combination in which the garter may be partly liberated from the girdle to enable the girdle to be rolled up without freeing the hose, so that the hose will still remain taut and supported.

More specifically, the present invention aims to provide an improved girdle and garter combination in which the garters composed of elastic material are considerably longer than the conventional garters and have their upper ends permanently secured to the girdle and intermediate portions adjacent the lower end of the girdle removably attached to the girdle, so that the wearer may with facility roll up the girdle by merely detaching the garters from the lower edge thereof and yet not interfere with the hose supporting function of the garters, since the garters will still be attached to the hose and still be attached at their upper ends to a portion of the girdle removed from the lower edge of the girdle.

These and other features, capabilities and advantages of the invention will appear from the subjoined detail description of specific embodiments thereof illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of one embodiment.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of a second embodiment.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation on a smaller scale of still a third embodiment showing one pair of garters attached to a hose.

The improved girdle and garter combination according to the several embodiments consists essentially of a girdle, a set of garters having elastic extensions or strips permanently secured at their upper ends to the girdle at a point removed from the lower edge of the girdle, and removably attached at intermediate portions thereof to the girdle at a point adjacent to the lower edge of the girdle.

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According to the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, the girdle 1 has two rear garters 2 and 3 and two front garters 4 and 5 which have elastic extensions or strips 6, 7, 8 and 9, respectively, permanently secured at their upper ends at 10, in the present instance by stitching or the like to the inner face of the girdle 1. Complemental snap fasteners 11 are provided to detachably secure intermediate portions of the garters 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the inner faces of the lower end of the girdle 1. Excellent results have been achieved when the female portions of the snap fasteners 11 are permanently secured to the inner face of the lower end of the girdle 1, and the male fastener portions of the snap fasteners 11 are secured to intermediate portions of the garters 2,3, 4 and 5, as shown in Fig. 1. To the lower ends of the garters 2, 3, 4 and 5 any suitable hose connecting means 12 may be provided without departing from the general spirit of the invention.

The embodiment disclosed in Fig. 2 departs from the embodiment disclosed in Fig. 1 primarily in that the elastic extensions 13 and 14 for the rear garters 15 and 16 form an apex 17 with one another, which apex 17 alone is stitched to the girdle 18, and that the extensions 19 and 20 for the front garters 21 and 22, respectively, are connected in the form of an apex 23 at their upper ends, which apex 23 alone is permanently stitched to the girdle 18. Otherwise the extensions 13, 14, 19 and 20 are entirely free from the girdle 18 just as is the case with the extensions 6, 7, 8 and 9 except that they may be removably attached by snap fasteners 24 to the inner face of the lower end of the girdle 18.

In turn, the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 3 is distinguished from the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 1 primarly in that the front elastic extension 25 and rear elastic tension 26 for each leg are connected to one another in the form of an apex 27, which alone is permanently stitched to a side of the girdle 28. Here too the extensions 25 and 26 are entirely free of the girdle 28 except when removably attached to the lower end of the girdle by means such as the snap fasteners 29.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made to the details of construction without departing from the general spirit of the invetnion as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A girdle and garter combination having a

girdle and sets of garters, each garter including a hose fastener means at the lower end thereof and an extended elastic strip, permanent securing means for securing the upper ends of the elastic strips to the inner face of the girdle at a point upwardly removed from the lower end thereof, and detachable fastening means at the lower end of the girdle with the hose fastener means downwardly removed from the lower end of the girdle for detachably securing intermediate portions of the elastic strips to the lower end of said girdle.

2. The girdle and garter combination set forth in claim 1 in which the detachable fastening means consist of complementary snap fasteners which are disposed to detachably secure the intermediate portions of the elastic strips to the inner face of the girdle.

3. The girdle and garter combination set forth in claim 1 in which the upper ends of two adjacent elastic strips are secured to one another and to the girdle.

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