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Fig. 1

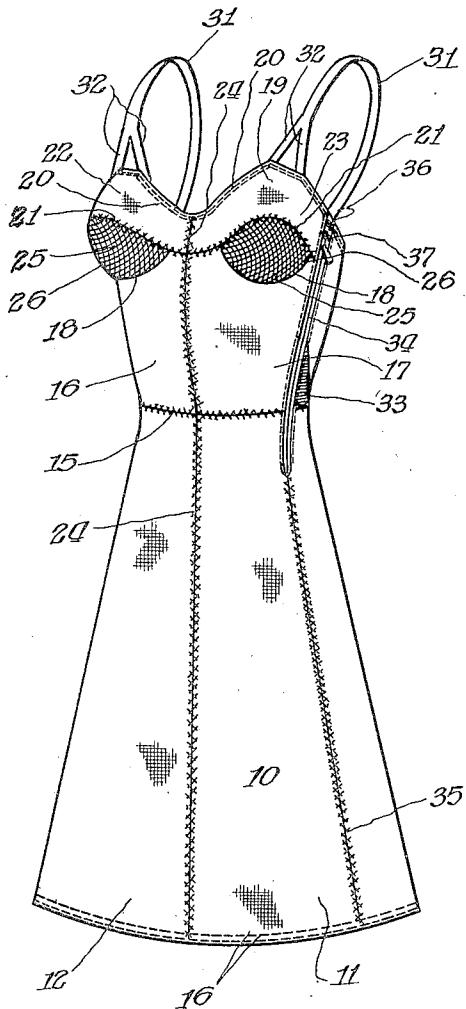
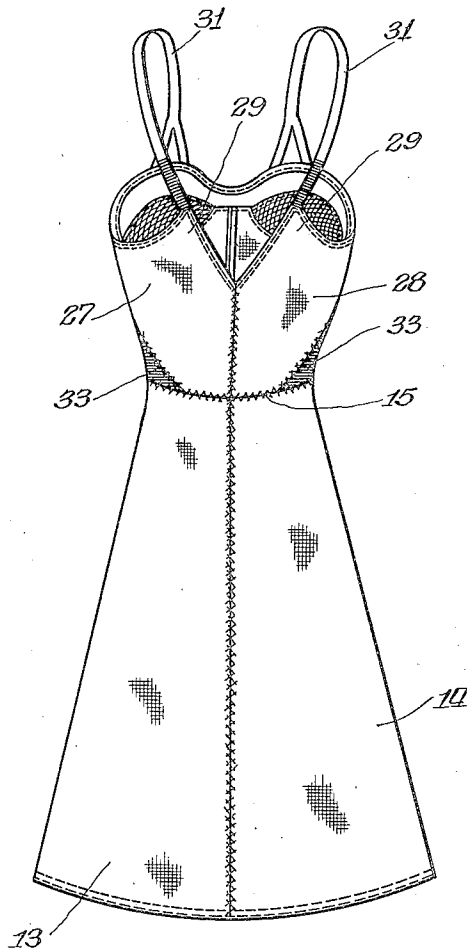


Fig. 2



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The invention relates to ladies' contour garments for forming a styled support for dresses or gowns, but more particularly to garments of a combination type which will combine the effective features of a brassiere and a slip, and has for its objects the creation of such a garment which will accentuate the beauties of the human form, conform to present day conventions, and promote the development of progressive styling.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment of this type which will be simple in construction, economical to manufacture and highly efficient in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists of the combinations and arrangements of the parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of such a garment embodying the invention; and

Figure 2 is a rear view of Figure 1.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings is a one-piece garment comprising a brassiere and a slip which may be constructed of fabrics made from cotton, silk, and/or from synthetics such as rayon, nylon or the like. These are to be laid and cut either in line or on bias, as the characteristics of the material and its use determine.

The slip 10, forming the lower part of the garment, comprises panels 11 and 12, as shown in Figure 1, and panels 13 and 14 shown in Figure 2. These panels 11, 12, 13 and 14 extend downwardly from the natural waistline 15 of the wearer, increasing in width therefrom and in relative proportion of parts necessary to attain the contour of the form desired. The bottom of the slip is finished with the conventional hem 16 used for such purpose.

The bodice or brassiere part of the garment extends upwardly of the waistline 15, where the panel 16 is attached to the slip panel 12 by a suitable seam for the purpose. A panel 17 is similarly arranged and attached to the slip panel 11. Each of the panels 16 and 17 are provided with cut-out portions leaving curved marginal edges 18 to allow the panels to lie close to the body of the wearer below the breasts, and an upwardly projecting middle portion that hugs the chest between the breasts as will be readily understood. A breast band 19 having suitable compound curved upper and lower marginal edges 20 and 21 respectively, is formed of two sections

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22 and 23 joined together with the continuation of the seam 24 which joins the panels 16 and 17, and is attached thereto as shown in Figure 1.

The use of the upper compound curved marginal edge 20 provides means for fitting the chest of the wearer snugly and comfortably, and the lower compound curved marginal edge 21 provides suitable elliptical openings to each of which is attached a multiple stitched fabric 25 forming the cupped fronts of the elliptical pockets 26 arranged in spaced alignment circumferentially of said garment.

The panels 27 and 28 are of somewhat irregular shape, adapted to lie snugly against the body of the wearer, having side margins joining the front panels 17 and 18 respectively, and upwardly projecting portions terminating at points 29. Shoulder straps 31 are attached to the said points 29 and adapted to extend over the shoulders of the wearer for support of the garment. The straps 31 are further provided with bifurcated terminals 32 attached to the upper marginal edges of the breast band 19 in spaced relation, as best shown in Figure 1. By this arrangement the upper edges of the brassiere portion of the garment are comfortably and efficiently held against the body of the wearer.

To provide means for holding the garment at substantially the natural waistline of the wearer, suitable triangular inserts forming gores 33 are of suitable elastic material arranged to yieldably draw the garment toward the said waistline. In this respect it is to be particularly noted and, as best shown in Figure 2, that the arrangement of the gores 33 at the junctures of the panels 13, 27 and 17, and also 14, 28 and 18, are so arranged as to draw each of said panels toward the waistline of the wearer.

In order that the garment may be quickly tightened against the body of the wearer, conventional hook and eye fasteners 36 and 37 are arranged as shown in Figure 1. Just below the hook and eye fasteners 36 and 37 a suitable slide fastener arrangement 34 is provided which extends from a point adjacent the top of the brassiere panel 17 downwardly and below the waistline 15 along the seam 35 to the bottom of the seam 35, where the fastener closing mechanism is stationed, when the fasteners 34 are released from engagement. By placing the hook and eye fasteners in engagement first, the garment is drawn upwardly so as to hug the chest, and then by moving the slide fasteners into closed position the garment is brought into correct position on the body of the wearer. By this arrangement

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the garment may be quickly donned or removed as desired without placing undue strain on slide fastener mechanism.

While I have illustrated and described an embodiment of the invention, I do not wish to be limited by the precise details thereof, but desire to avail myself of such changes and modifications as the changed styles and scarcity of materials may dictate. I therefore desire to avail myself of such alterations and substitutions of materials and means as will fall within the spirit and scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a ladies' contour garment comprising, in combination, a slip portion and a brassière portion, the said slip portion comprising front and rear panels extending downwardly from the natural waist line of the wearer, the said brassière portion extending upwardly from said natural waist line comprising a combined right front and back panel, and a combined left front and back panel, vertically connected to each other at the front median line between the breasts of the wearer; a breast band having a right upwardly curved portion and a left upwardly curved portion joined at their inner ends to each other and attached at the free ends thereof to said combined right front and rear panels, and to said left front and rear panel, respectively; a lower central portion of said breast band attached to the upper edges of said right and left panels at

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substantially the central vertical line of said brassière portion, a downwardly extending curved marginal edge on the upper part of each front panel portion spaced from each other, there being a pair of margined elliptical apertures formed in spaced transverse alignment; and a closure for each of said apertures comprising an inwardly opening and outwardly projecting pocket insert secured to the marginal edges of each aperture, the under portion of each pocket being in close proximity to the body of the wearer.

2. The construction specified in claim 1 in which the said pocket inserts are substantially semi-elliptical in outer form, having a wall of even thickness reinforced by a plurality of rows of stitches, each row of stitches being arranged to cross a plurality of rows approximately at right angles to each other.

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