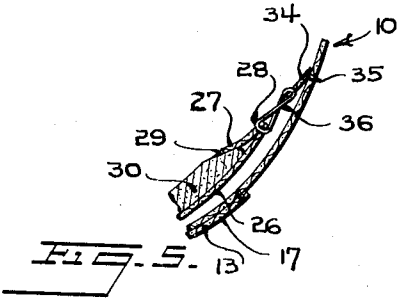
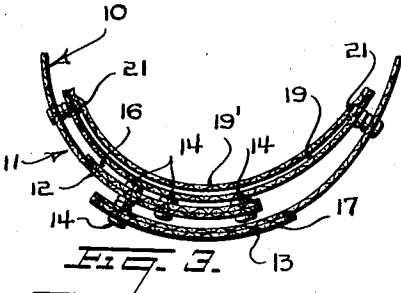
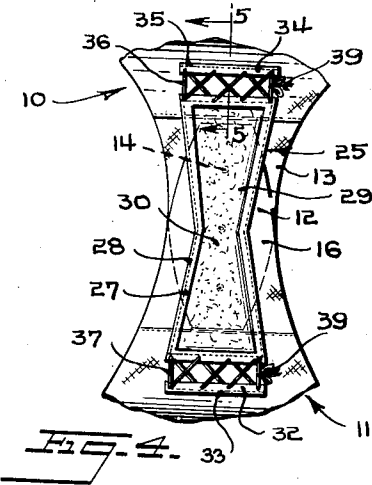
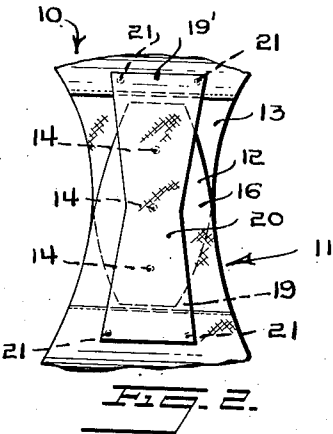
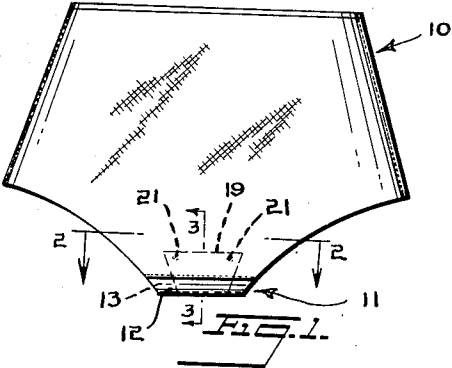


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a lady's undergarment.

More particularly the invention proposes a new and improved detachable pantie and crotch for panties and girdles and other lady's undergarments for covering the lower body and thighs of the wearer and having a crotch portion having overlapping front and rear crotch sections. These crotch sections are associated with means by which they are adjustably connected so that they may be taken up, or let out, to vary the crotch size of the garment. The invention also proposes a napkin support releasably mounted within and along the front and rear crotch section. An important feature of the newly constructed lady's undergarment resides in the fact that it is more convenient to use, it is very sanitary, and may also be laundered quite easily.

The invention also proposes that the crotch sections be constructed of double layer material so that the garment is more durable.

Another object of the invention resides in the use of snap fasteners for adjustably connecting the crotch sections together. With this arrangement it is quite easy to adjust the front and rear crotch sections, as desired.

Still another object of the invention is to provide an exceptionally simple napkin support in the undergarment. In one form of the invention it is proposed that this support be in the nature of a sheet. In another form of the invention it is proposed that this support be in the nature of a double layer member having an opening in the top layer so as to receive the napkin between the layers.

The invention also proposes the provision of means for shifting the napkin support forward and rearward.

Another object of the invention resides in the construction of a lady's undergarment which embodies the various features pointed out above, and which is exceptionally simple, and may be manufactured and sold at a low cost.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, 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 side elevational view of a lady's undergarment constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view

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of the crotch portion of the garment shown in Fig. 1, this view being taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary enlarged vertical sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary plan view similar to Fig. 2 but illustrating an undergarment of modified form, embodying this invention.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary enlarged sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

The lady's undergarment in accordance with that form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive, includes a body portion 10 for covering the lower body and thighs of the wearer. The body portion 10 is provided with a crotch 11 which has a front crotch section 12 and a rear crotch section 13 overlapping each other.

Snap fasteners 14 are associated with these overlapping crotch sections 12 and 13, by which they may be adjustably connected together for taking up or leaving out the crotch portion. Preferably one of the crotch sections is provided with a longitudinal line of the snap fastener elements 14 which is engageable by a complementary snap fastener element 14 mounted on the other one of the crotch sections.

The front and rear crotch sections 12 and 13 are reinforced with extra layers 16 and 17 respectively, so that these sections are of double material. A napkin support 19 is releasably mounted within and along said front and rear crotch sections. This napkin support is in the form of a sheet of material, preferably having a reduced central portion 20, and relatively wide front and rear end portions. These end portions have snap fastener elements 21, at the corners, which are cooperative with complementary snap fastener elements 21 on the crotch portion 11, by which the napkin support is removably held in position. Overlying the napkin support 19 is a second layer or layers of material 19' which serves to protect the body of the wearer from contact with the metal fasteners 21.

In Figs. 4 and 5 another form of the invention has been disclosed which is very similar to the prior form distinguishing merely in the construction and mounting of the napkin support. More particularly, a napkin support 25 is formed with a bottom layer 26 and a top layer 27, which are secured together along their edge portions by stitches 28. The top layer 27 is formed with a relatively large opening 29 so that the napkin support is capable of holding a napkin 30. The edge portions of the napkin 30 are merely slipped under the edge portions of the top layer 27.

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The napkin support 25 is associated with means by which it may be shifted forwards and rearwards. This means includes a front support strip 32 attached upon the crotch portion 11 with a line of stitches 33, and a rear support strip 34 attached upon the crotch portion 11 with a line of stitches 35. These support strips 32 and 34 are positioned short distances to the front and rear of the front and rear ends of the napkin support 25. A lace 36 is laced through openings along the edge portions of the strip 34 and the napkin support 25. Another lace 37 is laced through openings along the edge portions of the strip 32 and the napkin support 25. These laces 36 and 37 are releasably held with bows 39. The bows may be opened and then the laces 36 and 37 may be drawn tight, or let out, so as to shift the napkin support 25 forward or rearward.

The operation and use of the lady's undergarment may be understood from the following:

The snap fasteners 14 may be disengaged and reengaged, in different conditions, so as to control the amount of overlapped front and rear crotch sections 12 and 13. This controls the size of the crotch of the undergarment. When the size of the crotch portion 11 is varied, by controlling the snap fastener 14, the napkin support 19 must be correspondingly folded so that it extends along the crotch portion. The napkin support 19 may be easily removed when desired.

The operation of that form of the invention shown in Figs. 4 and 5 is identical to the prior form, distinguishing merely in the fact that the napkin support 25 may be shifted forwards or rearwards by drawing, or letting out, the laces 36 and 37.

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

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

1. A lady's undergarment for covering the lower

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body and thighs of the wearer and having a crotch portion having front and rear crotch sections overlapping substantially below the entire crotch, means for adjustably connecting said crotch sections together for taking up or leaving out the crotch portion, a napkin support releasably mounted within and along said front and rear crotch sections, and means for shifting said napkin support forwards and rearwards including support strips attached to said crotch sections and to the front and to the back of the ends of said napkin support, and laces connecting the ends of said napkin support with said support strips.

2. A lady's undergarment for covering the lower body and thighs of the wearer and having a crotch portion having front and rear crotch sections overlapping substantially below the entire crotch, means for adjustably connecting said crotch sections together for taking up or leaving out the crotch portion, a napkin support releasably mounted within and along said front and rear crotch sections, and means for shifting said napkin support forwards and rearwards including support strips attached to said crotch sections and to the front and to the back of the ends of said napkin support, and laces connecting the ends of said napkin support with said support strips, said napkin support comprising a member having a bottom layer and a top layer and said top layer having an opening through which a napkin may be placed upon said bottom layer.

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