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Fig. 1.

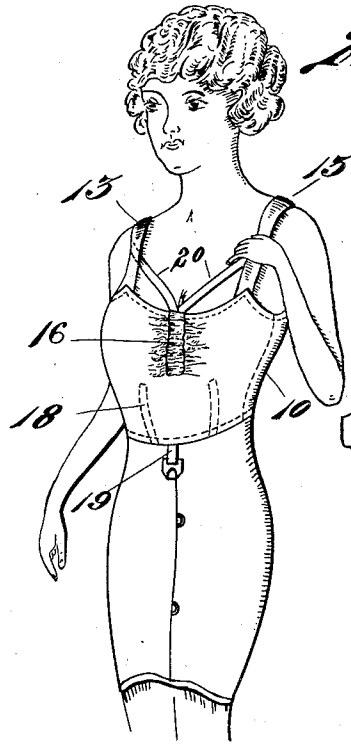
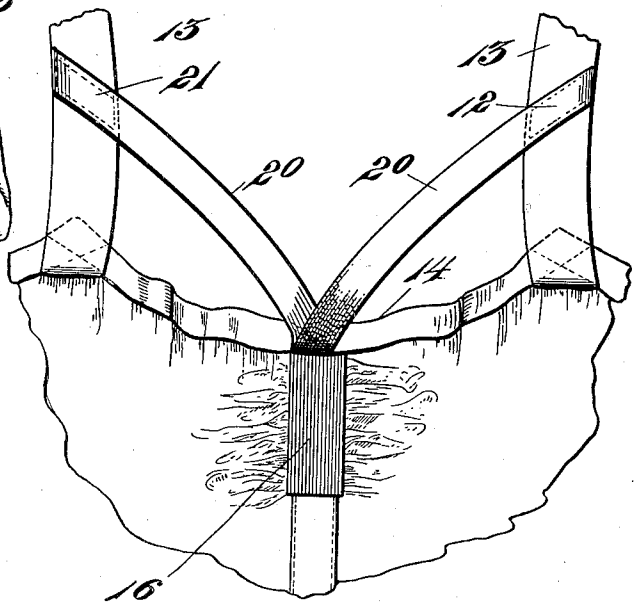


Fig. 3.



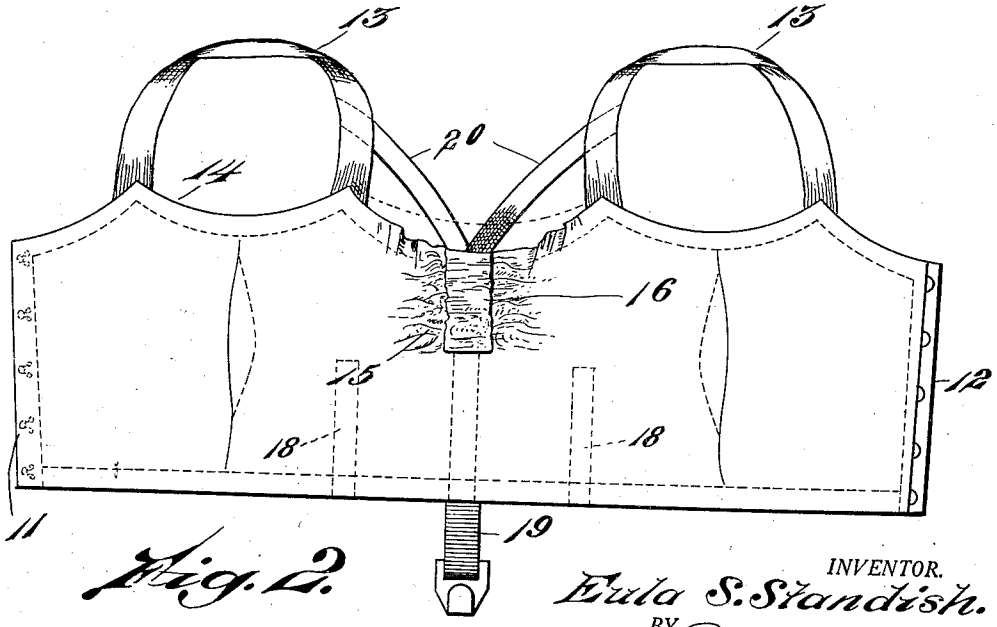


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to an improved construction of brassière; and has for its object to so form such a garment as will closely fit and follow the form when drawn snugly about the bosom of the wearer, the desired result being obtained primarily by providing a pair of shoulder straps and leading diagonally downwardly therefrom a pair of stay straps and attaching these stays to the front, upper edge of the garment whereby a strain on these stay straps serves to draw the middle, upper edge of the garment down into the valley between the breasts to assist in supporting the same.

A further object of the invention is to insert an elastic tape into the front, central portion of the garment which serves to pucker this portion of the garment and cooperate with the pair of stay straps to assist in causing the garment to more closely fit the contour of the bust, whereby the combined action of the tape and stay straps serves to draw the upper portion of the garment inwardly to more closely fit the form of the bust.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, as will be more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a view showing my improved garment as applied to a form.

Figure 2 shows the garment in extended position with the stay straps connected to the puckering elastic strip.

Figure 3 is an enlarged view showing the inner portion of the upper edge of the garment and stay straps as connected to the upper edge of the garment and to the shoulder straps.

In some cases it is found desirable by the wear of a brassière to have the same closely fit and support the form so as to follow the contour of the breasts and drawn down snugly into the valley or central space between them to better support these portions which have heretofore been left unsupported by the old type of brassière, and to accomplish this in a simple and effective way, I have mounted a puckering elastic strip in the upper, middle portion of the brassière and have connected thereto stay straps which lead from the shoulder straps diagonally downward with their lower ends attached to the elastic puckering member, whereby a strain on these stay straps serves to draw the edge of the garment inwardly and causes it to better fit and support the bosom of the wearer; and the following is a detailed description of one form of garment by which these advantageous results may be obtained:—

With reference to the drawings, 10 designates the body of my improved form-fitting garment which may be made of any desired fabric, such as silk or linen or other fabric and preferably in one piece, the same being of a suitable length to extend about the body of the wearer and is provided with suitable fastenings on its rear edges 11 and 12 by which the garment may be secured tightly about the body at substantially the bust line.

Shoulder straps 13 are attached to the upper edge 14 of the garment to hold it up in position about the breasts.

In order to draw inwardly the central, front portion 15 of the garment and cause it to closely fit against the breast and into the space or valley between the breasts, I have cut this edge downwardly on the bias from the point where the straps are attached to the middle of the garment and I have attached a narrow strip of elastic webbing 16 to this front, central section in vertical position to extend from the upper edge 14 of the garment, the elastic strip or webbing being such that when the garment is not under tension it is contracted and will pucker the upper, central portion of the fabric and draw downward the central upper edge portion thereof and when the garment is in position and drawn tightly about the body of the wearer this elastic strip is under tension and will stretch and become elongated and so serves to draw this portion of the garment inwardly about the breasts into the valley to follow the outline and offer substantial support for these parts. In order to cooperate with the action of this elastic strip, I have provided a pair of stay straps 20, preferably of elastic material the upper ends of which are attached at 21 to the shoulder straps 13 a substantial distance above the upper edges of the garment and these stay straps are arranged to extend downward on an angle and are connected to the edge 14 of the garment at the upper end of the elastic webbing 16, whereby these stays 20 perform a double function; first, they cooperate with the elastic webbing to

draw the front, upper edge of the garment inwardly and cause it to more closely fit the contour of the body of the wearer and also these stay straps serve to assist in retaining the shoulder straps in position and prevent them from slipping from the shoulders of the wearer.

In order to provide further support for the breasts, I have attached stiffening bones or stays 18 on either side of the central portion of the garment to extend from the lower edge thereof up about one-half its width to a point just below the breasts of the wearer.

A strap 19 extends downward from the front, lower edge of the brassière having a fastening member to be attached to a lower garment to assist in holding the brassière down in position and render more effective the combined tensioning action of the elastic strip and stay straps and so cause the garment to more closely fit the form and better support the breasts of the wearer.

The foregoing description is directed solely towards the construction illustrated, but I desire it to be understood that I reserve the mechanical changes to which the device is susceptible, the invention being defined and limited only by the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A brassière having a body portion adapted to be drawn tightly about the body of the wearer at and below the bust line, supporting shoulder straps attached to the upper edge of the garment, the front upper edge of the garment being cut downwardly on the bias from the point of the strap attachment to the middle of the garment, an elastic strip attached to said upper middle edge and extending downward a portion of the width of the garment and positioned therein to pucker the garment when not under tension, elastic stay straps connected at one end to said shoulder straps a substantial distance above the edge of the garment and extending down diagonally and connected to said central elastic strip, and a connector on the lower edge of the garment to be attached to another garment to cooperate with said stay straps to tension the front of the brassière and the elastic therein and simultaneously tighten the garment on the stay straps and draw it down into the valley between and about the breasts to support the same.

2. A brassière having a body portion adapted to be drawn tightly about the body of the wearer at and below the bust line, supporting shoulder straps attached to the upper edge of the garment, the front upper edge of the garment being cut downwardly on the bias from the points of the strap attachment to the middle of the garment, an elastic strip attached to said upper middle edge and extending downward a portion of the width of the garment and positioned therein to pucker the garment when not under tension, elastic stay straps connected at one end to said shoulder straps a substantial distance above the edge of the garment and extending down diagonally and connected to said central elastic strip, and a connector below the elastic strip cooperating with said stay straps to tension the front of the brassière and the elastic therein and simultaneously tighten the garment on the stay straps and draw it down into the valley between and about the breasts to support the same.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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