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FIG. 1

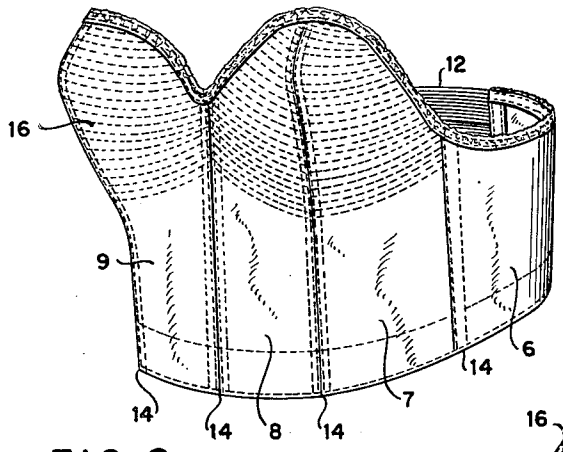


FIG. 5

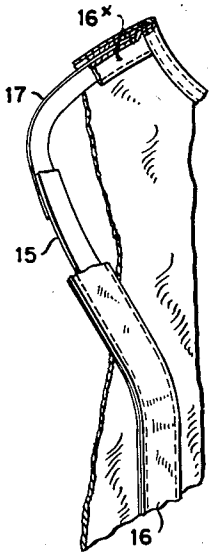


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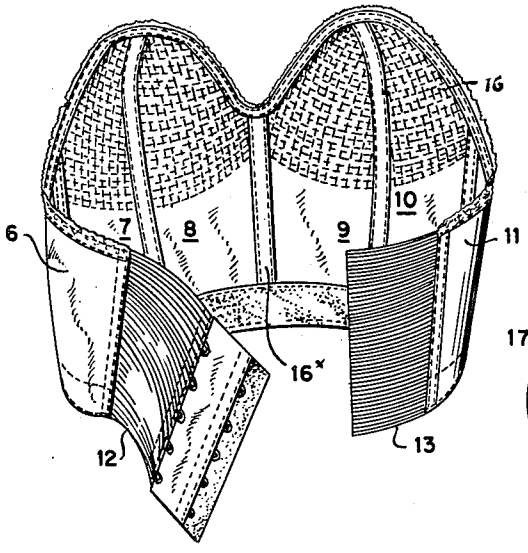


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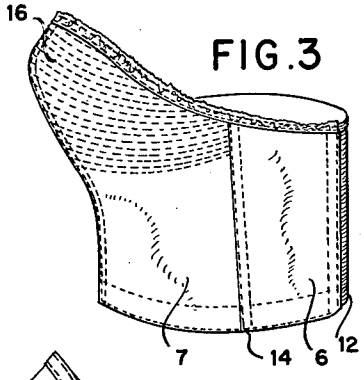
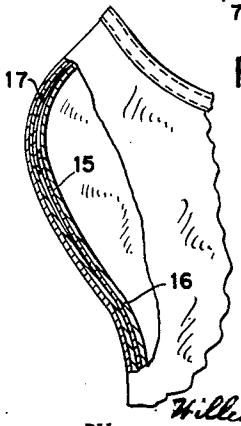


FIG. 4



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This invention relates to brassières and more particularly to strapless brassières.

The object of the present invention is to provide an improvement upon strapless brassières.

According to my invention the brassière is of substantial width in the body-encompassing portion and has a general cylindrical shape except for the cup-shaped front recesses. The cylindrical body-encompassing portion is made up from panel sections having a substantially trapezoidal outline. These trapezoidal panels are stitched together with vertically disposed flexible elements, so that the flexible elements are made to contact and underlie the vertical panel stitching. The flexible elements which may, for example, be made of coated steel are held to the panels by means of tape.

This invention is illustrated in the embodiment shown in the accompanying drawing and in which,

Fig. 1 is a perspective front view showing an embodiment as worn,

Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view,

Fig. 3 is a side view,

Fig. 4 is a cut-away sectional view of a cup showing the construction thereof, and

Fig. 5 is a broken away view of a cup, showing the manner of over-lapping the flexible elements therein.

Referring to the drawings, the brassière including cup members is made up of a plurality of panels, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, and two flexible bands 12 and 13 which latter are adapted to engage each other in an easily attachable-detachable manner as by hooks and eyes.

The panels are stitched together and at their point of juncture 14 a bone 15 of, for example, steel coated with baked enamel is attached by tape 16x and stitching behind the point of juncture to effect pliable rigidity thereto.

The cup sections 16 are made semi-rigid by means of close stitching in contours embracing the cup sections. The cup formations and stitching forces vertical flexible elements applied to the cups themselves to gracefully curve outward as shown more clearly in Fig. 3.

An important feature of this invention is illustrated in Fig. 5 wherein a light relatively thin element or bone is made to overlap the lower and thicker vertical flexible element 15 at the vertical center of each cup. The top flexible element 17 is curved downward and is in sliding engagement with the upward flexible member 15,

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thereby permitting ease of wear and a graceful line.

The said co-acting relatively different vertical cup "bones" give a pleasing appearance to the brassière when worn and afford satisfactory amplifying characteristics with improvement over those in use.

It will be noted that the inner layers of the panels 7, 8, 9, and 10 may be provided with stitches extending in one direction and which are crossed by stitches in the outer layers. In the embodiment shown, the inner layers are initially stitched in generally vertical lines and the outer layers are stitches in horizontal lines which latter stitches extend through the inner layers. This particular arrangement of stitches may be changed or eliminated if desired.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

A strapless brassière having a diaphragm encircling base line consisting of a right and left element having breast receiving pockets therein, each element consisting of a pair of coacting substantially trapezoidal panels having rectangular base sections and joined together vertically along the longest side of said trapezoids, a tape sewn interiorly of said panels over said joined longest edges and secured to each of said panels, said joined longest edges of said trapezoid being disposed outwardly adjacent the top thereof to form said breast receiving pockets, the said elements being themselves sewn together at a line intermediate said breast receiving pockets, thereby forming a V-shaped configuration in the front of said brassière, a top outwardly disposed depending flexible strip and a bottom upright flexible strip having an outwardly disposed portion adjacent its top overlapping the bottom of the top strip, said strips being disposed between said tape and said joined trapezoidal panels with the overlap of the strips being disposed in a median portion of said breast receiving pockets, and means for detachably and flexibly securing said pair of elements together.

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