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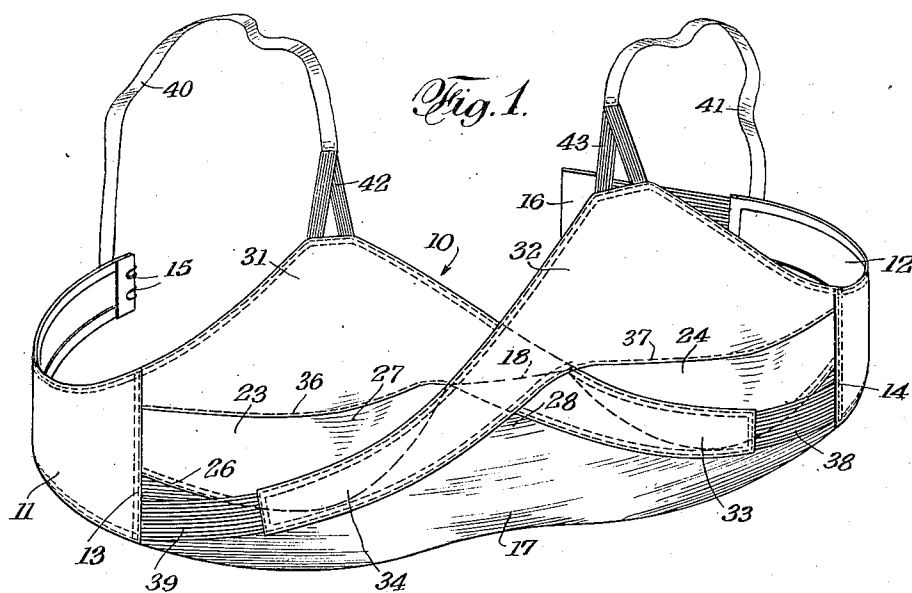
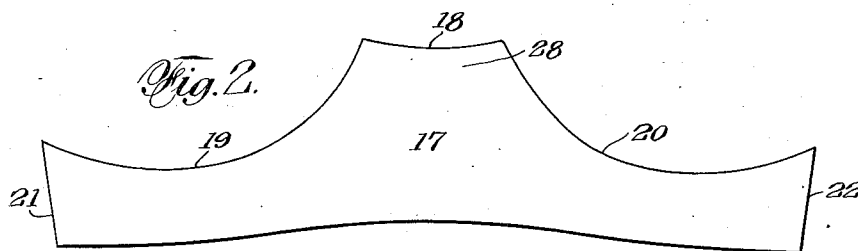
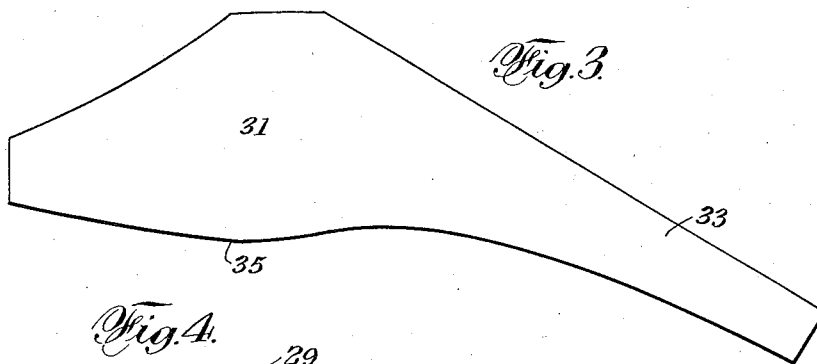
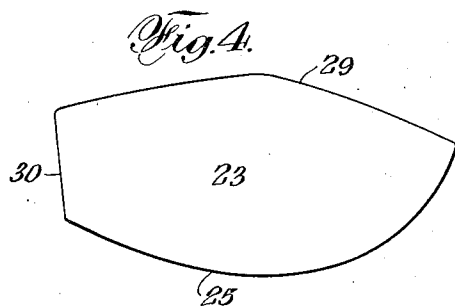
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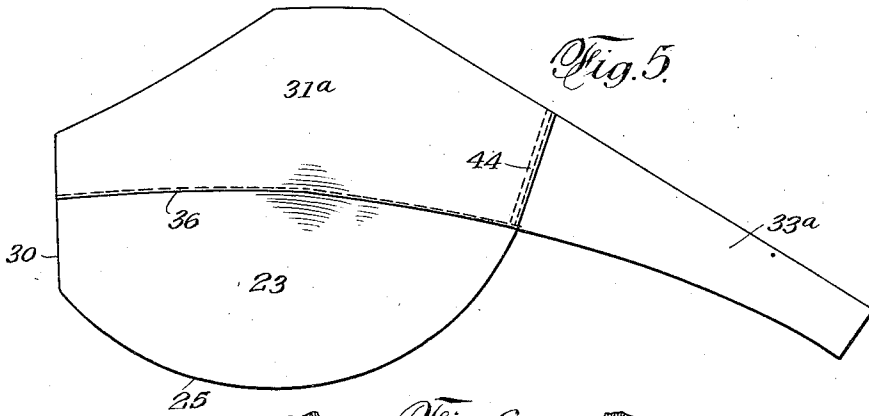
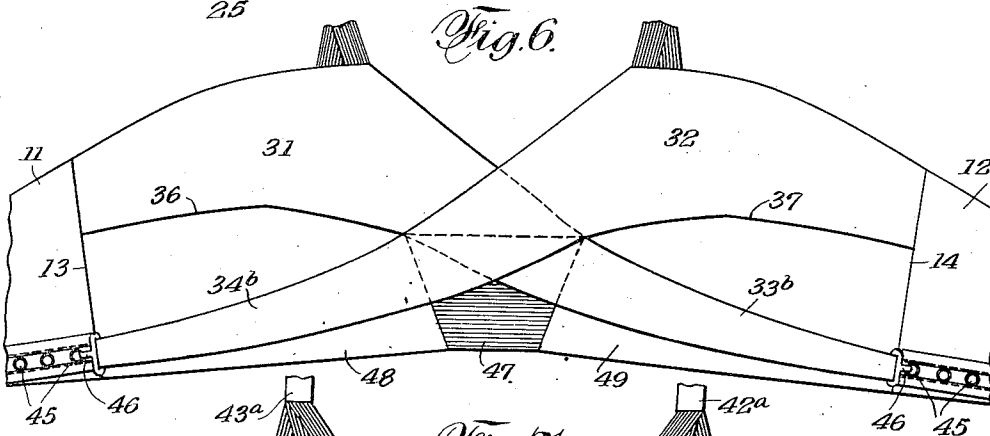
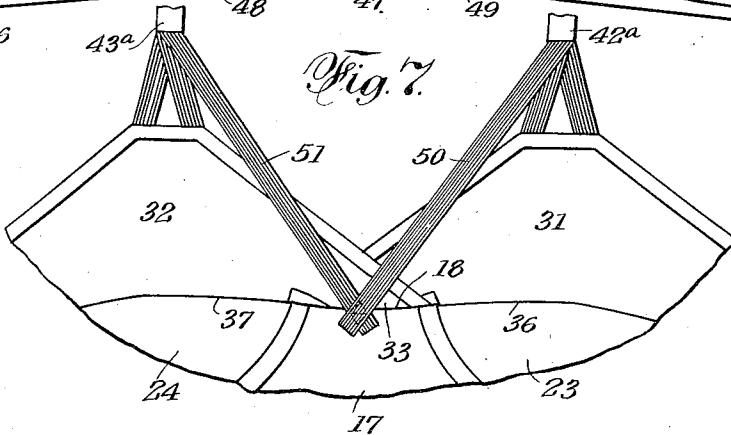
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This invention relates to brassières and has for its primary object the provision of a garment designed to separate the breasts and to firmly support them with ease and comfort.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the indicated type in which the breast-supporting portions are interrelated whereby the supporting force of each breast is transmitted to the other to firmly confine the same.

More specifically, the invention contemplates the provision of a brassière in which each breast housing cup is connected with the garment at or near its opposed side seam to provide means for flattening and thus dividing the breasts and simultaneously utilizing the supporting force of one breast to more effectively and firmly confine the other.

The foregoing objects and other objects, features and advantages of the invention are realized in the structures depicted in the accompanying drawings which are exemplary of the invention, and in the following specification which is based on said drawings.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a brassière incorporating features of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a pattern view of the front body portion thereof.

Fig. 3 is a similar view of the upper cup part as formed with the supporting force transmitting portion.

Fig. 4 is a pattern view of the lower cup part.

Fig. 5 is a front view of one cup as provided with a separately attached supporting force transmitting portion.

Fig. 6 is a front view, partly broken, of an alternate form of the invention.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary inside view of still another modified form.

In that form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the brassière comprises a front generally designated 10 and rear portions 11 and 12 stitched along the respective side seams 13 and 14. The rear portions may be detachably secured in any conventional manner such as by the hooks 15 on the portions 11 engaging complementary eyes on the extension 16 of the portion 12.

The front 10 includes a lower band part 17 which, as shown, extends between the side seams 13 and 14. This band may be of inelastic material but is preferably made of a material stretchable in the width of the garment as represented by the lines of Fig. 1. The band 17, shown in

Fig. 2, has its upper edge 18 extending to a point between the breasts and forming the terminus for the curved edges 19 and 20 which extend to the respective side edges 21 and 22. The latter edges are stitched at the respective seams 13 and 14.

The front 10 also includes the lower cup parts 23 and 24, the righthand part 23 being shown in Fig. 4 and having a curved lower edge 25 complementary and stitched to the curved edge 19 of the band 17 as at 26. The seam 26 is so formed that when the band 17 is disposed on the wearer, the portion 27 of the cup part 23 bulges outwardly as shown. Disposed in the above manner, the lower cup parts 23 and 24 are separated by the portion 28 of the band 17, the upper edge 29 of the cup part 23 and the corresponding edge of the cup part 24 forming a substantial continuation of the edge 18 of the band. The side edge 30 of the cup part 23 is also secured to the rear portion 11 at the seam 13. The shape and disposition of the cup part 24 is the same as, but opposite to that described for the part 23.

The front 10 is completed by the inclusion of the upper cup parts 31 and 32 (Figs. 1 and 3). In their present form, each part is provided with an integral extension respectively 33 and 34, the extension 33 being disposed over portions of the lower cup part 24 and the band 17, and the extension 34 being similarly and oppositely disposed over portions of the lower cup part 23 and band 17. It will be noted from Fig. 1 that the extensions 33 and 34 cross each other at the middle of the front and directly over the edge 18 of the band 17.

The upper cup parts 31 and 32 are each formed with a bottom edge 35 which is sewed, as by lines of stitching 36 and 37 to the upper edge of the respective lower cup parts 23 and 24, the parts 31 and 32 being also bulged to complete the cups receptive of the breasts. Each seam 36 and 37 extends from its respective side edge 13 and 14 to the respective rear end of the edge 18 of the band 17. By this construction, the extensions are left free and unattached and merely superimposed on the front of the garment.

The end of each extension 33 and 34 may be directly connected to the garment as at the respective seams 14 and 13. However, it is preferred to interpose an elastic band between said extension ends and said seams. These bands are shown at 38 and 39.

The garment above described may be com-

pleted by the inclusion of shoulder straps 40 and 41 which may have elastic portions 42 and 43.

It will be noted from the structure described that the band 17 is designed to firmly engage the body beneath the breasts and that the described cups are designed to receive them. An effective separation of the breasts is obtained by the pull exerted by the extensions 33 and 34, not only by virtue of their connection with the side seams 13 and 14, but by the force imparted to them because of their contact with the lower cup parts 23 and 24. Thus, the extension 33 which supports the lower cup part 24 is given a supporting force which it transmits to the upper cup part 31. A flattening of the breasts resulting in their separation is the result. The band 17, if elastic, and the bands 38 and 39 provide the garment with sufficient yield to obviate binding and to afford the wearer easy freedom of movement and comfort with good fit.

In manufacture, the extensions may be otherwise provided. Instead of the integral form of Figs. 1 and 3, a separate part 33a may be sewed as at 44 to the upper cup part 31a. Fig. 5 shows this economical construction.

Other modifications in the structure may be made. Fig. 6 incorporates some of these. For instance, instead of or in addition to providing for adjustability for the extensions by using the elastic bands 38 and 39, such adjustability may be obtained by employing separable fastener means such as the eyes 45 having selective engagement with hooks 46 on the ends of the extensions 33b and 34b. Also, instead of providing a completely elastic body band, only the middle portion thereof may be elastic as shown at 47, the remaining portions 48 and 49 being inelastic as can be understood. In such a structure, these latter parts may comprise the lower cup parts of the brassière. In other respects, the garment may follow that described.

In addition to the above, auxiliary breast-separating means may be used, not instead of, but as an aid to the separating means described. Such means are shown in Fig. 7 and comprise bands 50 and 51 commonly connected to the band 17 at the middle of its upper edge 18 and extending to the respective shoulder straps 42a and 43a. These bands, though preferably elastic as shown, may likewise be of inelastic material. While these bands are shown as intercepting the converging edges of the upper cup parts, in use, they will be completely hidden by these parts. Thus positioned, the bands 50 and 51 will engage the inner breast portions to separate them as can be well understood.

While for the purpose of this disclosure, the brassière has been shown as a separate entity, it will be obvious that the structure of the brassière may be incorporated in any other garment such as a bathing suit, a slip, a corselette, etc.

From the above it can be seen that the purposes of the invention have been realized in a structure of desirable design. However, no limitation in the scope of the invention, as claimed, is intended by this specific disclosure because variations within the spirit thereof may well be made by those skilled in the instant art.

I claim:

1. A brassière or like garment comprising a front portion having a body band and individual breast-holding cups, and a rear portion connected to said front portion at respective side seams; the body band having a mid portion to lie between the breasts of a wearer, and portions extending outwardly from the mid portion and shaped arcuately to lie under each breast; the breast-holding cups each comprising a lower part and an upper part, said lower parts being secured to said arcuately shaped portion and to the side seam and spaced apart from each other by the mid portion of the body band, the upper edges of the lower cup parts forming a substantial continuation of the upper edge of the mid portion of the body band, and each said upper part being secured to its respective lower part and to the respective side seam, said upper parts each having an extension which crosses the other at the middle of the front of the garment and extends freely downwardly and outwardly toward and is secured to the opposite side seam wholly outside of the adjacent cup and in supporting relation thereto and to underlie the breasts of the wearer.

2. A brassière or like garment comprising a front portion formed of a body band long enough to extend under both breasts of a wearer, and breast-holding cup portions secured to the body band, rear portions connected to said front portion at respective side seams, and an extension on each cup portion, said extensions crossing each other at the middle of the front of the garment, each extending wholly outside of and in supporting contact with the other cup, and each connected to the garment at the respective opposite side seam of said garment.

3. A brassière or like garment comprising a front portion formed of a body band extending under both breasts and right and left breast-holding cup portions secured to said body band, rear portions connected to said front portion at right and left side seams, and extensions on each said cup portion, the extension of the right cup portion being disposed wholly on the outside of and in supporting engagement with the left cup and detachably connected at the left seam, and the extension of the left cup portion being disposed wholly on the outside of and in supporting engagement with the right cup and detachably connected at the right seam.

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