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FIG.1.

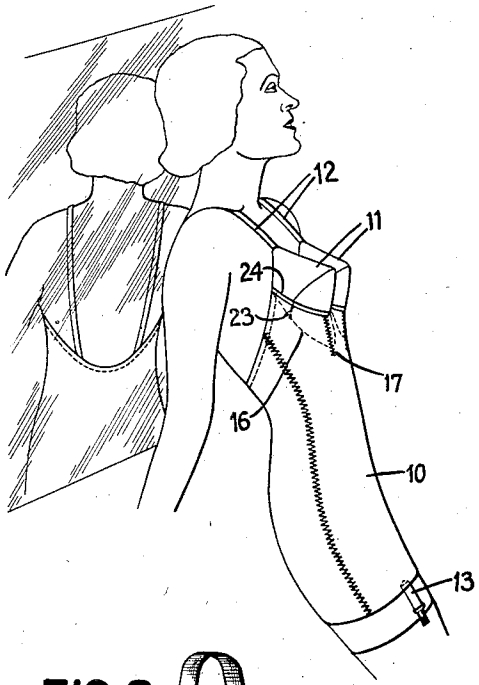


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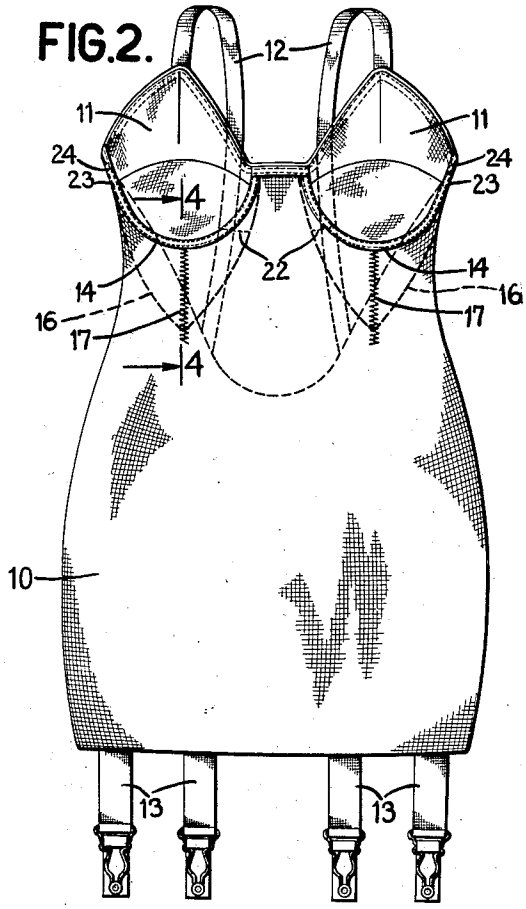
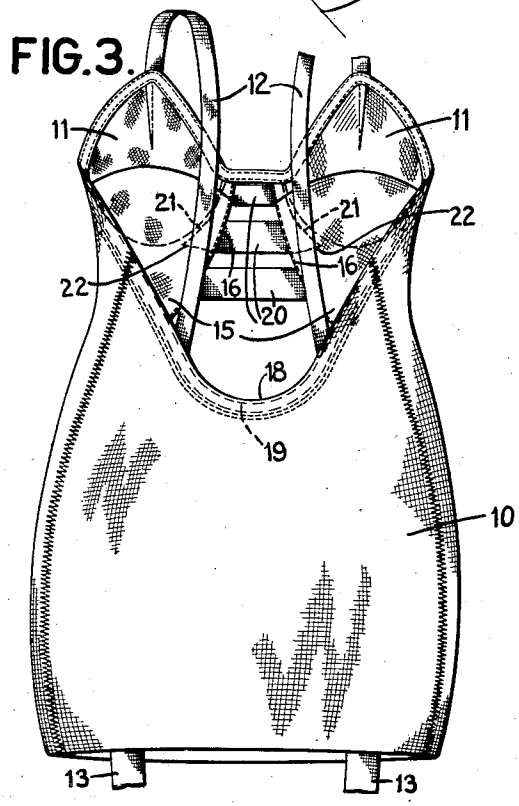


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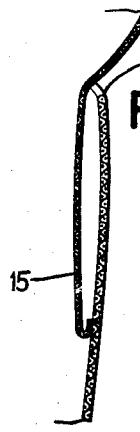


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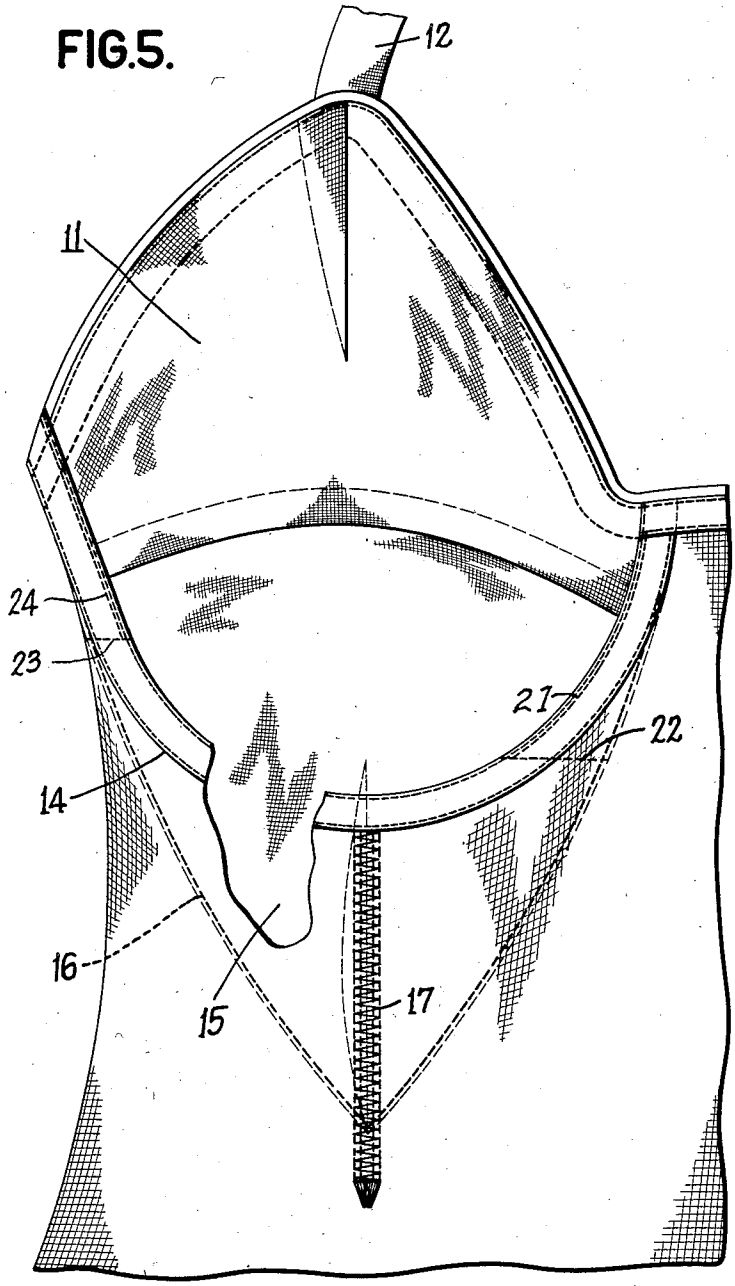
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FIG.5.



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This invention has for its object the provision of a garment comprising improved means for supporting and styling the figure, and particularly the bust. Another object is the provision of means whereby the garment may be donned with facility, yet will provide firm and adequate support when in use. Other and further objects and advantages will appear from the detailed description which follows, together with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the improved garment in place upon its wearer;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the improved garment;

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the improved garment;

Fig. 4 is a transverse section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 5 is a detailed view showing the attachment of one of the bust pockets.

In the embodiment illustrated, the improved garment of the present invention is formed with a body portion 10, preferably made of elastic material which is stretchable both horizontally and vertically, and pockets 11, which receive and support the breasts of the wearer. The pockets 11 are formed of net or other suitable material, and are attached to the inner side of the body portion 10 in a novel manner hereinafter described. Shoulder straps 12 are attached at one end, by stitching, to the upper extremities of the respective pockets 11 and, at their opposite ends, to the rear section of the body portion 10 at its upper edge or backline (Fig. 3). If desired, hose supporters 13 may be provided, as shown.

In prior garments of the present class it has been usual to affix the breast-supporting pockets to the body portion, by stitching, along the upper edge of the body portion, as, for instance, along the arcs 14, Fig. 2. Since the pockets are usually of inelastic material, such as net or lace, the effect of attaching them in this manner is to destroy or interfere with the elasticity of the adjacent parts of the body portion, with the result that the garment is difficult to put on and provides a more or less rigid support, if any, for the bust, rather than an elastic support. Also, in stretching the body material in donning the garment, the user is likely to rip the stitching joining the pockets to the body.

In order to obviate these disadvantages, the pockets of the present garment are formed with downwardly extending V-shaped portions 15 (Figs. 3, 4), which are joined to the body portion 10 by stitching along lines 16 (Fig. 2). When the garment is relaxed and off the body the non-elastic bust-pocket material should be of somewhat greater area, between the V-stitching 16, than the overlying elastic material. This will allow a desired stretching of the elastic material directly beneath the bust as the garment is worn, thereby producing an uplift effect, as will be later explained. Furthermore, as a result of this construction, since the pockets 11 do not restrict the elasticity of the adjacent or overlying parts of the body portion the garment may be readily slipped over the body, and yet will clasp the body in a firm but yielding manner.

In order to increase the firmness of the support afforded, the body portion 10 is preferably notched by removing a small V-shaped piece immediately beneath each pocket 11, the edges then being stitched together as at 17 (Fig. 2). Also, if desired, an elastic band 19 may be inserted in the upper edge 18 of the back section of the body portion 10, extending between the outer corners of the respective pockets 11, thus increasing the firmness of the support afforded by the garment. The band 19 is preferably simply anchored at its ends and is loosely held within a pocket formed by a hem provided along the edge 18.

As best shown in Figure 3 a series of non-elastic tapes 20 are preferably provided inside of the front portion of the garment, these being attached merely at their ends by the lines of stitching 16. The tapes may be slightly longer than the portion of the elastic material which they overlie when the latter is not stretched so that a limited amount of stretch between the bust pockets may be permitted. This enables the accommodation of the garment with comfort to different figures.

It will be apparent from the foregoing description that, when the garment is in place upon the wearer, that portion of the body immediately below the bust is firmly confined by the elastic material of the body portion 10, and the result of the inward pressure upon the body over the area covered by the portions 15 of the pockets 11 which underlie the elastic material, and particularly the pressure along the arcs 14, will be to support and raise the breasts and cause them to project outwardly into the pockets. The uplift effect will be assisted to a certain extent by the shoulder straps 12, which may be under some tension transmitted from the elastic material to which they are joined at the back.

It is not necessary to have the pocket material free of the elastic material along the entire

arcs 14. The important thing is to allow a certain freedom of stretch to the lower portions of these arcs which are nearly horizontal and it is in fact preferable to stitch the pockets directly to the upper, inner portions of the arcs by means of stitching 21. This better enables the maintenance of the proper shape of the garment and the desired relation between the bust pockets and elastic fabric when the garment is either on or off the figure. A cross line of stitching 22 may conveniently be provided from the lower end of the stitching 21 outwardly to the line of stitching 16. At each side of the garment the same effect may be produced by terminating the line of stitching 16 as shown in Fig. 1 and joining the end of it by a cross line 23 with stitching 24 which then continues along the upper part of the arc 14. In this way the pockets will be free of the upper edge of the elastic material only along the portions of the arcs 14 between the lines 22 and 23.

An advantage of the present invention in connection with the uplift effect is the adaptability of the garment to busts of different sizes. The construction is normally such that the arcs 14 when unstretched would fall across the busts rather than beneath them. It is, therefore, necessary, in applying the garment to the figure, to slightly stretch the arcs 14 and place them under tension beneath the curves of the busts. In this way the pockets are adapted to receive busts of different sizes and in all cases the tension along the arcs 14, when the latter are depressed beneath the busts, tends to lift the busts and causes them to extend outwardly from the body. Furthermore, as stated before, the shoulder straps assist in producing the uplift effect but at the same time no objectionable pull is imparted directly to the busts as the shoulders are moved. This is due to the fact that the pull of the straps is not transmitted directly through the non-elastic pocket material to the arcs 14 but is simply transmitted to the body material along the lines 16 and the pull is thus absorbed by the elastic material directly beneath the busts.

It will be understood that the terms employed in the foregoing specification are terms of description and not of limitation, and many departures from the present disclosure may be made within the scope of this invention. While it is preferred to form the garment substantially entirely of two-way stretch material, except for the bust pockets, other portions of the garment may, if desired, also be formed of non-elastic or one-way stretch elastic material. Just below the busts, however, there should always be an elastic section to which the non-elastic bust pocket is attached and which it partially underlies.

What I claim is:

1. A garment comprising an elastic member having its upper edge extending directly beneath the busts of the wearer, breast-supporting pockets provided with approximately V-shaped portions extending downwardly beyond the upper edge of said elastic member and attached to said elastic member along the edges of said V-shaped portions and shoulder straps connecting said pockets and the back of said garment.

2. A garment comprising an elastic member provided at its upper extremity with arcuate edges approximately the curvature of the bust, breast-supporting pockets having portions extending downwardly beyond said arcuate edges and attached along their mid-sections to said elastic member below said arcuate edges, and shoulder straps connecting said pockets and the back of said garment.

3. A garment comprising an elastic member provided at its upper extremity with arcuate edges approximating the curvature of the bust, breast-supporting pockets provided with approximately V-shaped portions extending downwardly beyond said arcuate edges and attached to said elastic member along the edges of said V-shaped portions, and shoulder straps connecting said pockets and the back of said garment.

4. In a garment of the class described, an elastic member adapted to encircle the body and having a portion extending directly below the bust, and breast-supporting pockets having approximately V-shaped portions extending downwardly and underlying said elastic member and attached to said elastic member along the edges of said V-shaped portions.

5. A garment comprising a body portion of elastic material provided at its upper end with arcuate edges approximating the curvature of the bust, breast supporting pockets having approximately V-shaped portions extending downwardly beyond said arcuate edges and attached to said body portion along the edges of said V-shaped portions, and shoulder straps connecting said pockets and the back of said body portion.

6. A garment comprising a body portion of two-way elastic material extending directly below the busts of the wearer, breast supporting pockets having portions extending downwardly and underlying said body portion, said pockets being attached by stitching to said body portion adjacent the edges of the mid-sections of said downwardly extending portions, the area of said portions within the stitching being greater than that of the overlying body portion when the latter is unstretched.

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