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Fig. 1.

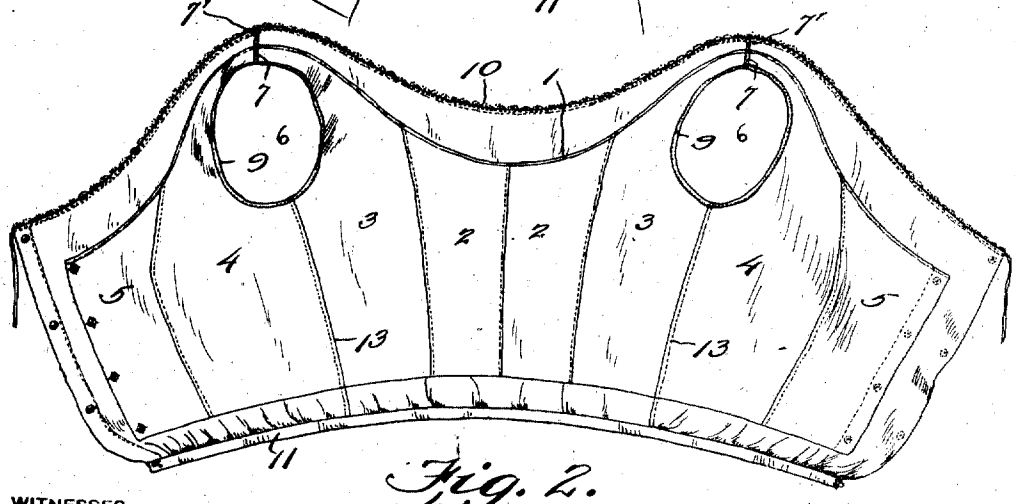


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCES L. JAMES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wausaukee, in the county of Marinette and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Corset-Covers and Brassières, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to undergarments for women, and more particularly to body garments.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a combined corset cover and brassière so constructed as to eliminate the extra thickness around the waist of the wearer and in which the shoulder strap of the brassière is prevented from slipping from under the corset cover.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of this character which may be easily laundried.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of this improved garment shown applied, the front of the brassière being closed and the corset cover open, and

Fig. 2 is an elevation of the garment taken from the inside.

In the embodiment illustrated, a brassière 1 of ordinary construction is shown composed of two back sections 2, seamed to the side back sections 3 which in turn are connected by seams with the front side sections 4 carrying the usual fronts 5. While this brassière is described and shown as composed of the parts above referred to, it is obvious that it may be composed of any number of sections, the necessary feature being that it closely fit the figure of the wearer for whom it is intended to operate as a support.

The front and rear side sections 4 and 3 have the usual arm-hole recess 6 and are united at the shoulder by a seam 7. This brassière is so cut as to terminate above the waist line of the wearer for whom it is intended, to avoid unnecessary thickness at this point. The free edges of the fronts 5 are provided with the usual fasteners 8 for closing the garment.

The corset cover 10 within which the brassière is disposed and by which said brassière is concealed, may be made in any suitable or desired manner provided it extend at the top and bottom thereof beyond the top and bottom of the brassière, and preferably beyond the front edges thereof. The arm-holes of the corset cover and brassière are made of uniform size and are joined together at this point, being preferably bound by a reinforcing strip 9 and they may be finished in any suitable or desired manner. The shoulder seams 7′ of the corset cover are made to register with the seams 7 of the brassière and are secured together at this point as is shown clearly in Fig. 2, the corset cover extending at the upper edge thereof beyond the upper edge of the brassière so as to completely conceal it and the fastening of the two garments at this point prevents all possibility of the shoulder straps of the brassière slipping below the shoulders of the corset cover, avoiding the necessity of using lingerie clips, which are commonly employed for this purpose and which frequently become detached.

As shown, the brassière is also connected with the corset cover at the under arm seams, indicated at 13, but it need not necessarily be connected at this seam.

From the above description it will be obvious that a garment constructed in the manner described provides for the supporting of the bust of the wearer by a tight fitting under garment and permits the use of a loose corset cover which may be held in place by a belt 11, a gathering string 12 being shown herein arranged at the top thereof, although this need not necessarily be so made.

When wearing thin dresses, it is very desirable that a fancy garment be worn, and yet with stout persons, it is necessary that a supporting inner garment in the form of a brassière be also used, and by constructing the two garments together as herein shown and described, the necessary support may be provided, and which will be completely concealed by the dressy outer garment 10. It will also be obvious that by connecting these two garments only at the arm holes and

shoulder seams that they may be easily laundried, it not being necessary to connect them at the under-arm seam as shown at 13.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention together with the device which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made as are within the scope of the claimed invention.

I claim:—

1. A corset cover having a brassière arranged therein and secured thereto at the shoulder seams and around the arm-holes, the cover extending beyond the upper and lower edges of the brassière and completely concealing it.

2. A corset cover having a brassière arranged therein and secured thereto at the shoulder seams and around the arm-holes, the cover extending beyond the brassière at its top and bottom, the brassière terminating short of the waist line of the wearer and each provided with fasteners for independently connecting the fronts thereof.

3. A combination body garment comprising a loose blouse corset cover with a brassière arranged therein and connected thereto at the shoulder seams and arm holes only, said cover completely encompassing the brassière and extending above the upper edge thereof at both its back and front and below the lower edge thereof, said brassière terminating at a point above the waist line of the wearer, and a retaining band secured to the lower edge of the cover and of a length to encircle and snugly fit the waist of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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