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Fig. 1.

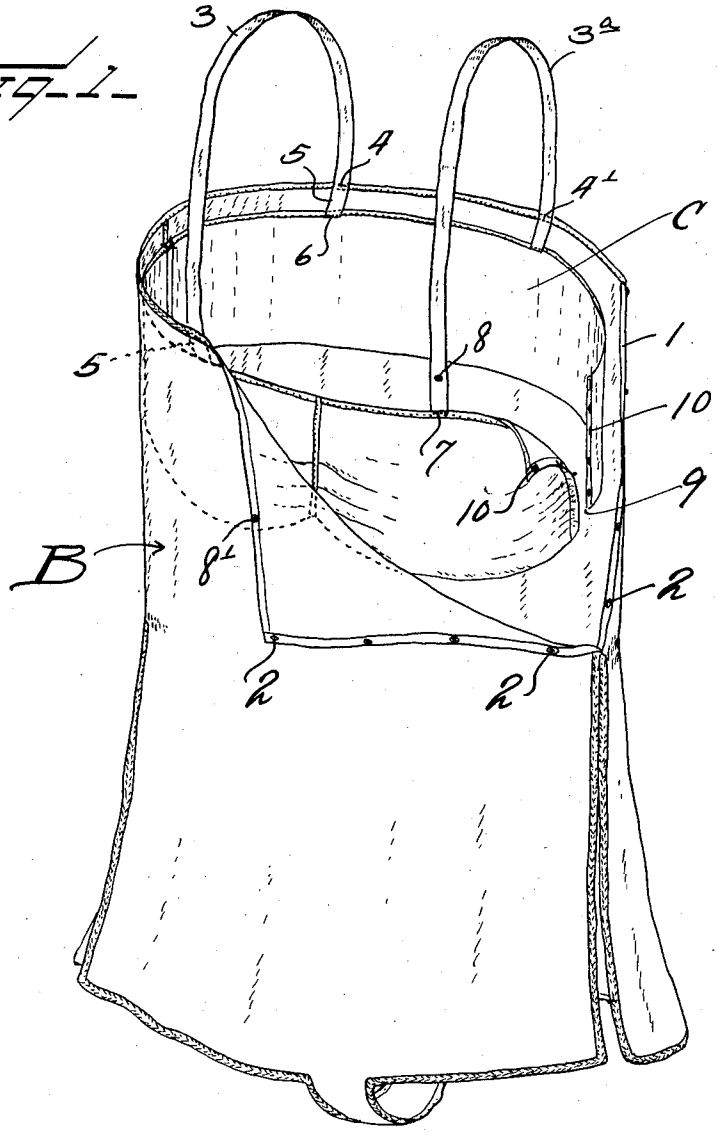
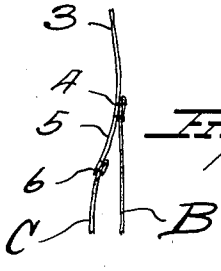


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to certain improvements in body garments and has relation more particularly to ladies' apparel and it is primarily an object of the invention to provide an under body garment which may be worn with comfort and ease and which may be readily applied or removed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind which comprises in its structure a confining band or brassière which is operatively supported by the major garment and thereby obviating the necessity of employing supports other than those carried by the major garment.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a garment which obviates the necessity of employing bands around the waist to gird and tire, and which is constructed in a manner to permit at all times free and easy movement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind which is supported or suspended from the shoulders and avoids gapping or girding.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind which affords maximum comfort to the wearer and which is constructed in a manner whereby the requisite laundrying is facilitated.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved body garment whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective illustrating a garment constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention, a portion being thrown back for clarity in disclosure;

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view of somewhat a diagrammatic character illustrating in detail a means herein disclosed for supporting the confining band or brassière.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawing, B denotes a body garment which may be of any general style, such as a teddy, slip or knickers, but for the purposes of disclosure the garment proper will be herein referred to as the major garment.

The garment as herein disclosed has its waist portion at a side thereof slit, as at 1, so that the application or removal of the garment will be readily accomplished, the marginal portions of said slit or cut 1 having disposed therealong coacting fastening members 2 of any preferred type whereby the slit 1 may be readily closed to maintain the garment in proper form upon the body.

The upper end portion of the garment has associated therewith the shoulder straps 3 and 3ª which provide the only supporting medium for the garment in its entirety whereby it is possible to make the major garment B of such style or design to be worn with extreme comfort and without the necessity of girdling at the waist line and to obviate gapping. The extremities or free end portions of the strap 3 are stitched or otherwise attached, as at 4, at requisite points at the upper end or marginal portion of the major garment B, said connected portions of the strap 3, however, being continued to provide tabs 5 which in turn are stitched or otherwise attached, as at 6, to the upper marginal portion of the confining band or brassière C.

One end portion of the strap 3ª is stitched or otherwise attached, as at 4′, to the upper marginal portion of the major garment B while its opposite end portion is stitched or otherwise connected, as at 7, to the upper marginal portion of the band or brassière C. This latter end portion of the strap 3ª, however, is provided at a desired point spaced from its connection with the band or brassière C with a fastening element 8 which is adapted to have separable connection with a fastening element 8′ suitably positioned upon the upper marginal portion of the garment B. By means of the separable fastening elements 8 and 8′ the upper portion of the garments B to one side of the slit 1 may be readily thrown back or further opened as illustrated in Figure 1 to materially facilitate the application or removal of the garment.

The brassière or band C is also slit transversely thereof as indicated at 9 with the resultant end portions provided with the separable fastening elements 10 whereby said end portions of the brassière may be at-

tached or connected in order to assure the proper fitting of the band or brassière around the bust.

While the accompanying drawing shows the slit 1 in the side of the garment and the slit 10 in the brassière or band C also at the side of the garment, it is to be understood that either of these slits may be positioned at any points which are deemed preferable or as the necessities of practice may require.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a body garment constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and used, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:—

In combination with a body garment, a confining band within the garment, shoulder straps having their ends connected with the upper marginal edge of the confining band, all of the end portions of said straps but one being connected to the upper marginal edge of the body garment, and means forming separable connection between the remaining strap and the upper marginal edge of the body garment, as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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