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POSTURE GIRDLE

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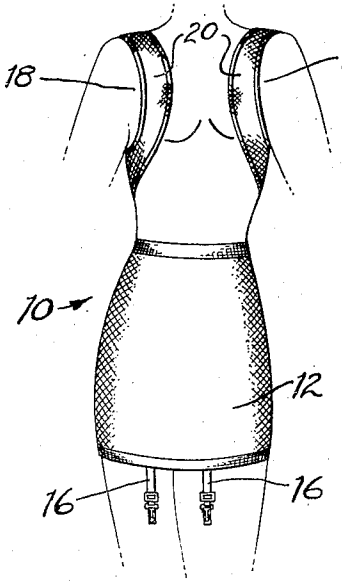


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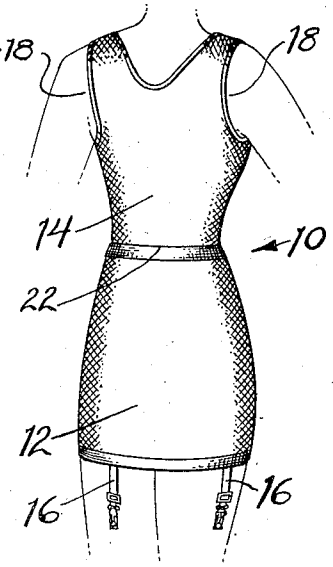


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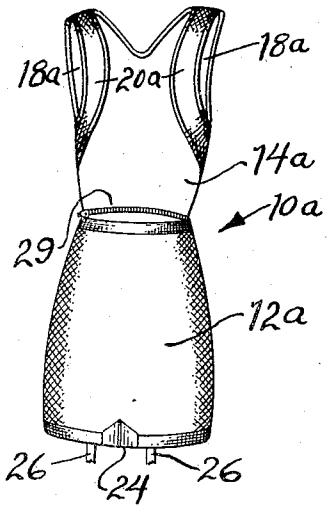


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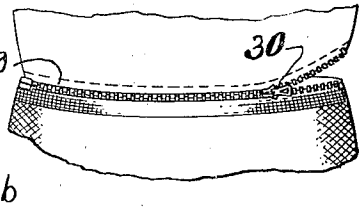


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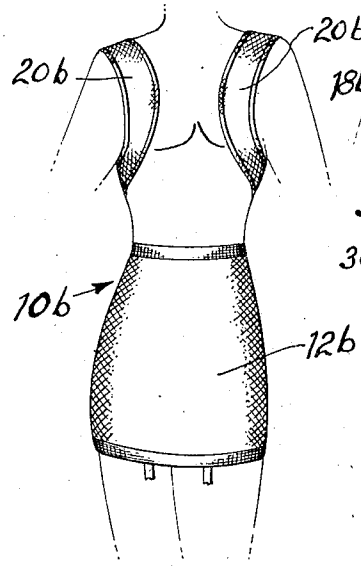


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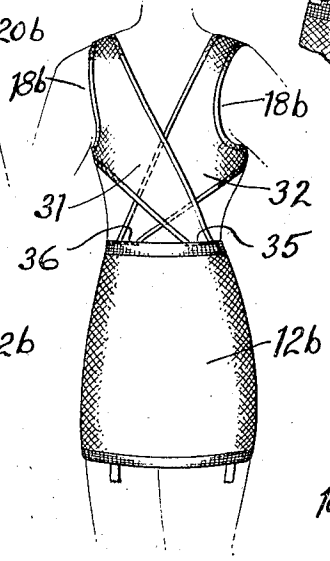
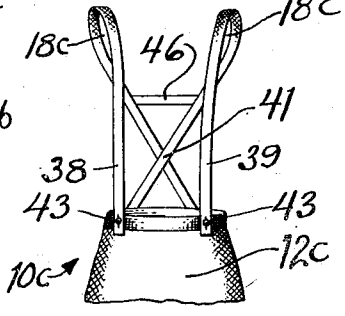


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POSTURE GIRDLE

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This invention relates to combination garments the parts of which have a combined function and, more particularly, to a combined body molding garment such as a girdle or panty girdle combined with a shoulder bracing or supporting part so that the entire upper figure of the wearer is not only moulded but assumes a correct posture.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a combination garment which when worn gives to the wearer a correct posture in addition to serving the well known functions and purposes of corsets, corselets and girdles.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel shoulder brace to be secured to a girdle.

A further object of the invention is to provide novel means for preventing slippage of a garment of the girdle type.

Other and more specific objects of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art as the following description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention and modifications thereof proceeds with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a view from the front of an embodiment of a garment of the invention in position on a wearer;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 taken from the rear;

Fig. 3 is a front view of a modification;

Fig. 4 shows a detail of the modification of Fig. 3 from the rear;

Figs. 5 and 6 are views similar to Figs. 1 and 2 of a modification; and

Fig. 7 is a front view of a further modification.

Referring to the drawings and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2 thereof, the combined garment 10 comprises a girdle section 12 and an upper section 14. The girdle section 12 may, if desired, follow the somewhat conventional lines for single garments of this type and may be made of two way stretch elastic. Garters 16 are affixed in any desired manner to the girdle section 12.

The upper section 14 is cut from the material of which it is made so as to fit to the back of the wearer and to keep the shoulders back thereby automatically urging the chest forward. This encourages the wearer to assume a correct posture with comfort. Arm openings 18 are provided by the strap-like loops 20 which lie in front of the shoulders of a wearer. The upper and lower parts 14 and 12 are joined together along a seam 22 by any suitable stitching or other fastening means. It will be noted that the material of the

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upper part 14 ends just below the armpit but does not continue across the waist as viewed from the front. The cut of the upper part 14 particularly around the arm holes 18 is such that the shoulders are forced back and in cooperation with the parts 14 and 12 assures correct posture of the body.

Fig. 3 of the drawings shows a modified form of a garment 10a which is similar to the garment 10 of Figs. 1 and 2. The girdle portion 12a is formed like a panty girdle inasmuch as it is provided with a crotch portion 24. Garters 26 may be provided on the portion 12a if desired. The upper portion 14a is or may be similar in all respects to the upper portion 14 previously described. The portions 12a and 14a are joined by a zipper 29. This latter feature is illustrated more in detail by Fig. 4 of the drawing which shows the zipper seam and the operation slide 30. By opening the zipper portion 12a may be lowered from the waistline when necessary. The arm holes 18a and the loops 20a are similar to the arm holes 18 and the loops 20 of Fig. 1.

Figs. 5 and 6 illustrate another embodiment 10b of the garment 10 of Fig. 1, in which a two part upper section is provided. The lower section or girdle 12b is similar to the section 12 of Figs. 1 and 2. The upper portion comprises two parts 31 and 32. The left hand part 31 has an arm hole 18b and a loop 20b. The upper end of the part 31 is cut in a manner similar to the corresponding half of the section 14 of Fig. 1. The lower end of the part 31 is joined as shown at 35 to the section 12b. The part 32 is similar to the part 31 except that it is cut to form a right hand part and includes an arm hole 18b and a strap portion 20b. Its lower end is joined at 36 to the section 12b. The parts 31 and 32 are crossed over the back of the wearer as shown when the garment 10b is put on.

Fig. 7 shows a further modification in which the portion 12c is or may be similar to the portion 12 of Figs. 1 and 2. The upper portion of the modified garment 10c of Fig. 7 is of strap construction and may be composed of light web-like straps. Two straps 38 and 39 form the brace part and are crossed at the back as indicated at 41. The straps may be joined to the girdle part by buttons 43 in front and by similar buttons (not shown) at the back. The piece of material 46 joining the straps 38 and 39 above the cross over region 41 will force the shoulders of the wearer back. The cross over of the back parts of the straps provides, in effect, arm openings 18c.

It will be understood that the top section composed of the parts **31** and **32** or the top section composed of the parts **38** and **39** may be used with the panty girdle *12a* of Fig. 3 if desired. The parts **31** and **32** as used in this connection will preferably be connected by quick detachable means to the panty girdle section.

The invention claimed is:

1. A posture girdle comprising, an expansible girdle designed to embrace the lower part of the body of the wearer, said girdle beginning at the waist line and extending downward to embrace the hips, abdomen and buttocks, an upper portion secured to and rising from the waist line of the girdle and extending upward over the back of the wearer, said upper portion being provided with shoulder loops extending forwardly around the shoulders of the wearer to thereby provide a shoulder brace effect.

2. A garment as provided for in claim 1, wherein the upper portion is detachably secured to the girdle at the waist line thereof, and wherein the lower end of the girdle is provided with hosiery supporting elements.

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