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Fig. 1.

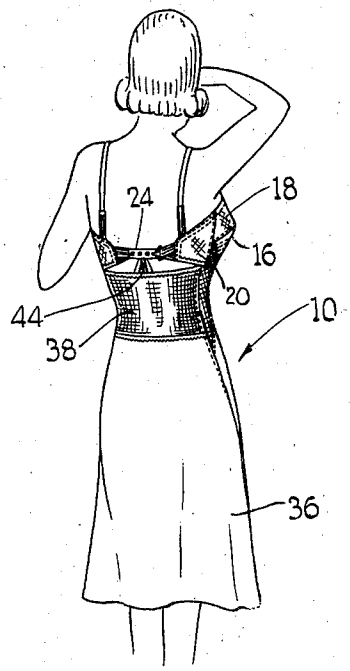


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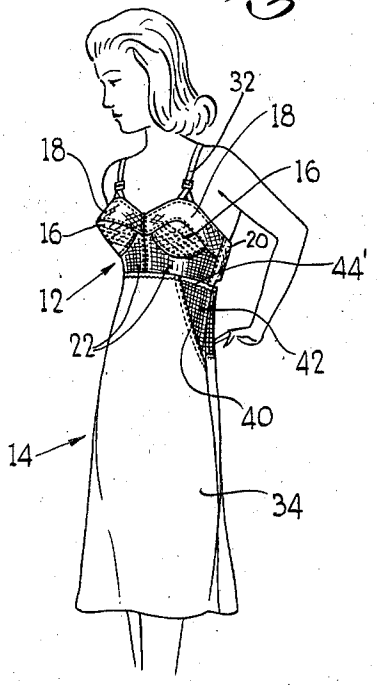
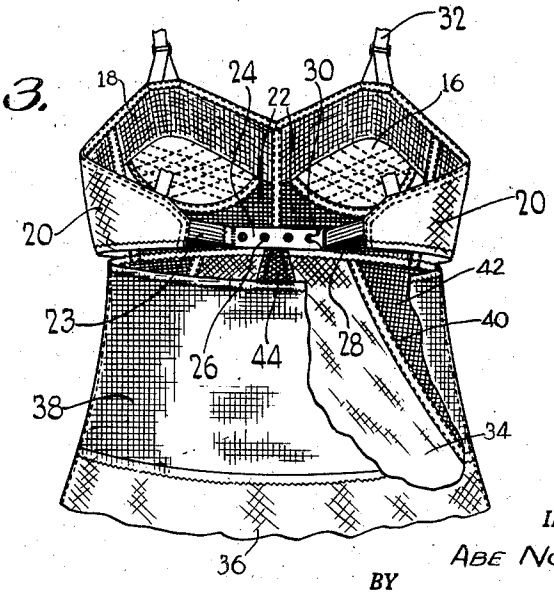


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a brassière slip, i. e. a garment whose upper portion is a brassière for molding and supporting the breasts and whose lower portion is a half-slip which depends from brassière.

Heretofore in one type of brassière slip, the half-slip was secured to the entire lower edge of the brassière. With such construction the half-slip interfered with the normal breast-supporting function of the brassière by pulling the breasts down. In addition, closing of the tight bust encircling brassière band gathered the loose material of the half-slip at the rear of the garment and thus disturbed the smooth fit of dresses on a wearer's back.

Another type of brassière slip minimized these defects by completely eliminating the connection between the brassière and half-slip at the rear of the garment. However, with this construction the back of the brassière rode up on the wearer, allowing the breasts to drop.

It is, accordingly, an object of the present invention to provide an improved brassière slip which incorporates the desirable features of the above types of brassière slips but does not have their drawbacks.

More specifically, it is an object of the invention to provide a brassière slip which anchors the rear of the brassière on the half-slip without pulling the brassière down or gathering the slip at the rear of the garment.

Another object of the invention is to provide a brassière slip in which the bust encircling brassière band can be adjusted to different girths without affecting the fit of the half slip.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible embodiments of this invention

Figs. 1 and 2 are rear and front views, respectively, of my improved brassière slip on a wearer; and

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the upper half of the garment, with the back of the half-slip partly broken away.

Referring now to the drawing, 10 denotes a brassière slip embodying my invention and comprising a brassière top 12 and half-slip 14.

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The brassière top 12 includes a pair of fabric panels 16 each of which forms the bottom half of a breast cup whose top half comprises another fabric panel 18. The abutting lateral edges of the two top panels 18 at the front center of the garment are stitched to each other, the lateral edges of said panels at the side of the garment being sewed to rearwardly extending tapering fabric panels 20 which are adapted to go around the wearer's back. The edges of the tapering panels to which the top panels are secured depend below the bottom edges of said top panels.

The brassière top also includes a pair of flexible, circumferentially elastic, vertically inelastic panels 22 secured to the lower edges of the bottom panels 16 and also to the portions of the lower edges of the top panels 18 which extend laterally beyond the bottom panels 16. The elastic panels 22 are stitched to each other at the front center of the brassière and their bottom edges are located at approximately the same level as the bottom edges of the tapering panels 20, the side edges of said elastic panels being sewed to the depending lateral edges of said tapering panels.

The free end of one of the tapering panels 20 is connected by a flexible longitudinally elastic tape 23 to a fabric strip 24 having a linearly arranged series of eyelets 26 provided thereon. The free end of the opposite tapering panel is connected by a flexible longitudinally elastic tape 28 to a rigid hook 30 which can be inserted in any one of the eyelets 26 to adjust the girth and tightness of the brassière 12, as is well known to the art.

Conventional shoulder straps 32 are also provided.

The half-slip 14 includes a front fabric panel 34 whose upper edge is sewed to bottom edges of the elastic panels 22. The slip also includes a rear fabric panel 36 stitched to the front panel along the sides of the garment. The rear panel, however, is considerably shorter than the front panel and has sewed to its top edge a flexible circumferentially elastic, vertically inelastic panel 38, the combined height of the two rear panels 36, 38 being substantially equal to that of the front panel 34.

The top portion of the front panel is symmetrically tapered on both sides, as at 40, to reduce the width of its upper edge to a length not greater than the distance between the apices of the breast cups. The spaces left by these tapered edges are filled with inserts 42 each comprising a triangular, flexible, circumferentially elastic, vertically inelastic panel whose lower apex is approximately

coincident with the upper edge of the rear fabric panel **36**. The slanting edges of the triangular panels are stitched to the tapered edges of the front fabric panel and the vertical edges of the triangular panels are sewed to the lateral edges of the rear elastic panel **38** so as to constitute an effective extension thereof. In addition, the overlapping portions of the upper edges of the triangular panels **42** and lower edges of the elastic panels **22** are sewed together with circumferentially expansible stitching **44'**.

This combination of contiguous attached elastic panels **22**, **38** and **42** provide a body encircling band at approximately the waist of the wearer and below the breast supporting portions of the brassière which is circumferentially elastic and which will, therefore, cling to the body of the wearer and serve as a fixed belt to which the back of the brassière can be anchored. This band also serves to carry the weight of the half-slip and permits the brassière to function unimpededly.

One of the ends of the bust encircling brassière band, e. g. the fabric strip **24** having the eyelets **26**, is connected to the upper edge of the rear elastic panel **38** by an anchoring strip **44** of material which is vertically resilient. For this purpose, the strip **44** may be made out of the same material as that of the elastic panels **22**, **38** and **42** but turned 90°. However, I prefer to have the strip not quite as resilient as said elastic panels and therefore cut said strip on the bias. Said strip **44** serves to resiliently anchor the rear of the brassière to the slip and thus inhibits the normal tendency of the brassière to hike up at the rear.

It will be noted that, since one end of the bust encircling brassière band is unconnected to the half-slip, said band may be tightened on a wearer without gathering the half-slip, even though the elastic panel **38** should be eliminated. In addition, because almost the entire rear edge of the brassière is unconnected to the half-slip, the back of the half-slip does not tend to pull the breasts down. This reduced pull is also present at the front of the half-slip where, due to the narrow upper edge of the half-slip panel **34** and circumferentially elastic panels **22**, the pull of the front of the half-slip is concentrated between the breasts, where it will least affect the uplifting action of the brassière top.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A brassière slip comprising a breast molding and supporting brassière top and a half-slip, said brassière top including a bust encircling brassière band having two ends provided with means for mutual detachable attachment at the rear of a wearer, the upper portion of the front of the half-slip being tapered to such an extent that the upper edge thereof is no longer than the distance between the apices of the brassière breast cups, the tapered edges being connected across the back of the half-slip by a circumferentially resilient rear panel, a circumferentially resilient panel interconnecting the lower edge of the front of the brassière top and the narrow upper edge of the front of the half slip and overlapping the circumferentially resilient rear panel to form a circumferentially resilient, waist encircling band, and a vertically elastic strip of material permanently interconnecting one of said brassière band ends with the upper edge of the rear circumferentially resilient panel, the other of said ends being unconnected to said panel.

2. A brassière slip comprising a breast molding and supporting brassière top and a half-slip, said brassière top including a bust encircling brassière band having two ends provided with means for mutual detachable attachment at the rear of a wearer, the upper portion of the front of the half-slip being tapered to such an extent that the upper edge thereof is no longer than the distance between the apices of the brassière breast cups, the tapered edges being connected across the back of the half-slip by a circumferentially resilient rear panel, and a circumferentially resilient panel interconnecting the lower edge of the front of the brassière top and the narrow upper edge of the front of the half-slip and overlapping the circumferentially resilient rear panel to form a circumferentially resilient, waist encircling band.

3. A brassière slip comprising a breast molding and supporting brassière top and a half-slip, said brassière top including a bust encircling brassière band having two ends provided with means for mutual detachable attachment at the rear of a wearer, said half-slip including a circumferentially resilient panel at the rear thereof whose upper edge is at approximately the same level as the upper edge of the front of the half-slip, and a circumferentially resilient panel interconnecting the lower edge of the front of the brassière top and the upper edge of the front of the half-slip, said panels being contiguously disposed to form a circumferentially resilient, waist encircling band.

4. A brassière slip comprising a breast molding and supporting brassière top and a half-slip, said brassière top including a bust encircling brassière band having two ends provided with means for mutual detachable attachment at the rear of a wearer, a circumferentially resilient, waist encircling band around the upper edge of the half-slip which interconnects said brassière top and half-slip only at the front of the brassière slip and is adapted to cling to the wearer, and a strip of material interconnecting said bust encircling band adjacent said ends with the rear of said circumferentially resilient band.

5. A brassière slip as set forth in claim 4 wherein the strip of interconnecting material is vertically elastic.

6. A brassière slip as set forth in claim 4 wherein the strip of interconnecting material is vertically elastic and is permanently attached to the bust encircling band and to the resilient band.

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