

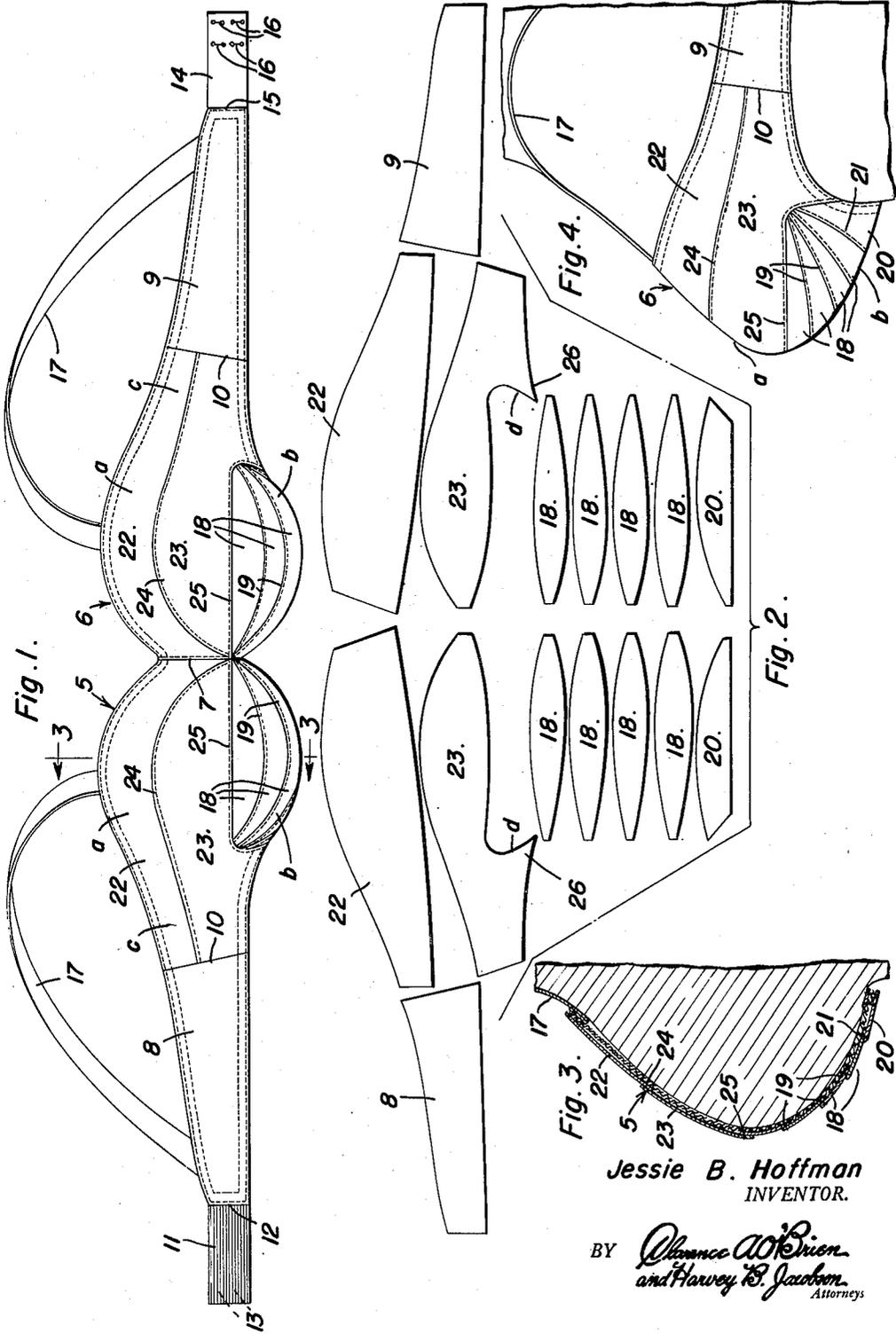
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This invention relates to brassières, and the principal object of the invention is to provide a brassière which is very comfortable to wear, and which has breast cups that are so constructed as to support the breasts in a lifted position without pressing up and flattening them.

Another object of the invention is to provide a neat brassière of the above character which comprises simple parts of such form that garments of uniform quality may be economically and readily manufactured.

A further object is to provide a brassière in which the binding force of the body bands is transmitted mainly to the upper portions of the breast cups so that the latter are effectively held up to comfortably support the breasts in lifted position without unduly pressing on the lower portions of the breasts.

The exact nature of the invention will become apparent from following description when considered with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a brassière embodying the present invention;

Figure 2 shows in plan the separate parts which yield the major portion of the garment shown in Figure 1, when said parts are assembled;

Figure 3 is an enlarged vertical section through one of the breast cups in position on the body, the section being taken on the plane of the line 3—3 of Figure 1; and,

Figure 4 is a fragmentary side elevational view showing the brassière in position on the body.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the brassière consists of two similar breast cups 5 and 6 stitched together along their inner edges as at 7 and having their upper portions *a* extended outwardly beyond their lower portions *b* as at *c*, body bands 8 and 9 stitched at 10 to the respective extensions *c*, an elastic strap 11 stitched at 12 to the free end of band 8 and carrying spaced hooks 13, an inelastic strap 14 stitched at 15 to the free end of band 9 and carrying longitudinally spaced pairs of eyes 16 for selective engagement by the hooks 13 to secure the brassière in place at the back of the body, and wide shoulder straps 17 attached to the tops of the breast cups and the body bands in the usual way. Each breast cup has a suitable lining *e*.

The lower portion of each breast cup consists of a plurality of similar longitudinally disposed elongated strips 18 having convex longitudinal edges overlapped and stitched together at 19, and a bottom similarly disposed strip 20 of similar length having a straight lower edge and a convex

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upper edge which is overlapped upon and stitched at 21 to the lowest strip 18. By joining the strips 18 and 20 along convex edges, this portion of the cup is given the desired concaved form.

The upper portion of each breast cup consists of upper and lower longitudinally disposed strips 22 and 23 having convex adjacent edges overlapped and stitched together at 24. The lower strip 23 has a convex edge overlapped upon and stitched to the adjacent edge of the uppermost strip 18 at 25, and the outer portion of strip 23 has a depending extension 26 provided with a curved inner edge *d* which is joined by the stitching at 25 to the outer ends of the strips 18 and 20 of the lower cup portion *b*. The outer end portions of the strips 22 and 23 project beyond the lower cup portion to provide the extensions *c* which are joined to the bands 8 and 9. Thus, the binding force of the bands 8 and 9 is transmitted mainly to the upper portions of the breast cups.

From the foregoing description, it will be apparent that the invention is such as to effectively attain the objects stated above. Minor changes in details disclosed herein are contemplated within the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A brassière including two similar breast cups stitched together along their inner edges and having their upper portions extended outwardly beyond their lower portions, and means to secure the cups in position on the wearer including body bands stitched to the outer ends of said upper portions, the lower portions of the breast cups comprising a plurality of longitudinally disposed elongated strips having convex longitudinal edges stitched together, the upper portions of the breast cups comprising upper and lower elongated strips having convex edges stitched together, the lower strips of said upper cup portions having depending extensions stitched to the outer ends of the strips of said lower cup portions.

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