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PANTY GIRDLE

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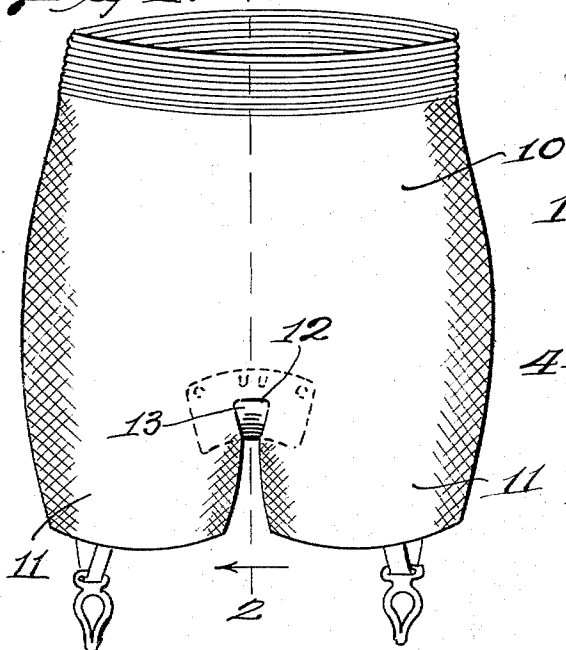


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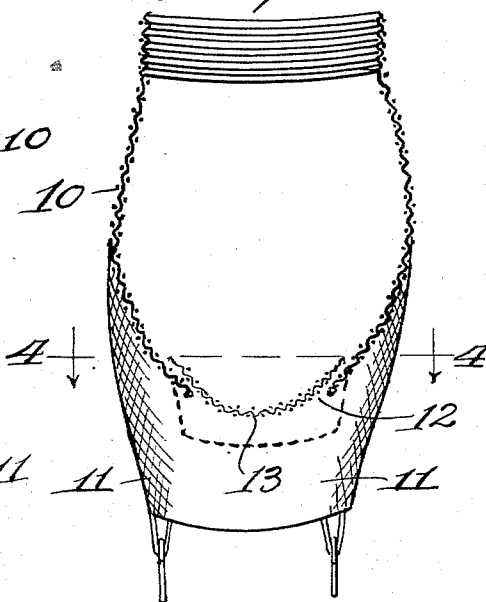


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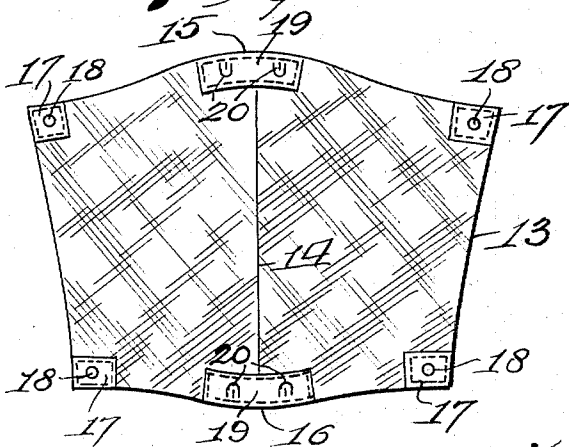


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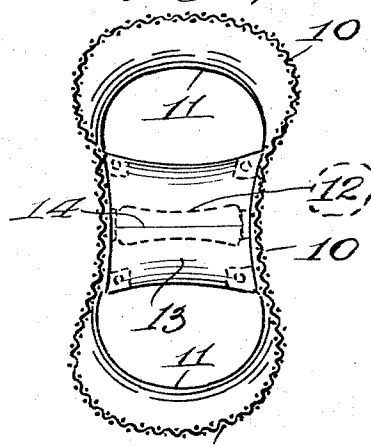


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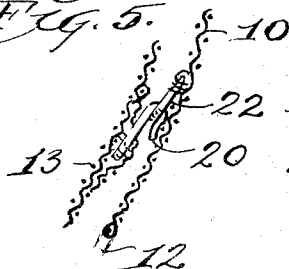


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My invention relates to panty girdles of the type having a crotch opening, and the principal object of my invention is, to provide a separately formed closure of soft, flexible material for said crotch opening, and to equip said girdle and closure, with readily releasable means whereby the closure may be readily secured to or removed from the girdle, thus facilitating interchange of closures and the convenient laundering thereof.

A further object of my invention is, to provide a girdle crotch closure which, when in use, is disposed wholly within the girdle so as to combine therewith in covering and protecting all those portions of the wearer's body and legs which would otherwise be exposed through the crotch opening and the releasable connections between the girdle and closure being located so that they cannot in any way produce discomfort to the wearer.

A further object of my invention is to locate the releasable connections between the medial front and rear edges of the closure and the girdle so to resist to a maximum degree, those service strains developed in that portion or zone of the closure which overlies and closes the crotch opening.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the panty girdle with the crotch opening closure in position thereupon.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view looking against the outer face of the closure.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail section showing the detachable connection used between the intermediate portions of the front and rear edges of the closure and the panty girdle.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged detail showing the detachable connection used between the corners of the closure and girdle.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the body of the garment which is preferably woven from more or less elastic material, of such size as to snugly fit the lower portion of the torso, the hips and buttocks and depending from the lower end

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of said body, are short depending leg encircling members 11.

Formed in the crotch of the garment between the upper inner portions of the leg encircling members 11 and extending from front to rear is an opening 12, which as shown, may be slightly widened at both ends.

The closure 13 contemplated by my invention is formed from one or more layers of soft, flexible, readily laundered fabric such as silk, glove silk rayon, cotton or the like and said closure is generally rectangular in shape as seen in Fig. 3.

The closure is formed from two practically identical members, united by a medial seam 14 extending from front to rear and the two members are shaped so that the central portion of the rear edge of the finished closure curves outwardly to a lesser degree, as designated by 16. This particular structure and shape of the closure enables it to assume a substantially saddle shape when applied to the crotch portion of the girdle over the opening 12.

Secured by stitching to the corners of the closure on the underface thereof, are small reinforcing members 17 of fabric, which overlie the stud members 18 of conventional snap fasteners with said studs projecting above the faces of members 17.

Secured on the underface of closure 13, along the outwardly curved edges 15 and 16 and overlying the ends of seam 14, are short strips of fabric 19 and positioned between and secured to the closure and said strips, are the base portions of hooks 20, which latter pass through the strips 19 and lie immediately above same.

Secured to the inner face of girdle 10 to the sides of the ends of crotch opening 12 and the socket members 21 are conventional snap fasteners, which are adapted to receive the studs 18 of the closure when same is applied for use.

Secured to the inner face of the girdle just above the ends of crotch opening 12 are conventional eyes 22, which receive the hooks 20 when the closure is applied for use.

The construction just described provides simple and effective means for detachably securing the closure 13 on the inner face of the crotch portion of the girdle over the opening 12, with the fastening means overlaid by said closure so as to entirely eliminate direct contact between the wearer's skin and said fastening means and at the same time, maintaining the closure in a smooth, comfortable position over the crotch opening and the edges thereof.

Thus the closure when applied for use, affords

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complete coverage for the crotch portion of the wearer's body and whenever necessary, the readily separable hooks and eyes and snap fasteners, enables the closure to be bodily removed from the garment or partially disconnected, thus permitting the closure to be conveniently manipulated so as to uncover the crotch opening and permit natural body functions.

While in use, the greatest tensile strains are impressed on the closure in the zone between members 19, along seam 14 and to resist such strains, I prefer to use the hook and eye connections 20 and 22 between the front and rear edges of the closure and the wall of the girdle above the ends of opening 12.

My improved construction minimizes the possibility of chafing of the wearer's skin in the crotch portion of the body and the ready detachability of the closure provides for a convenient interchange of clean and soiled closures and the laundering of the latter.

It is to be understood that the crotch opening closure contemplated by my invention, should be formed of soft flexible, readily launderable material, of uniform thickness throughout its area and without bulkiness, so as to contact the body with maximum protection and very little, if any, discomfort.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a panty girdle which is simple in structure, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

Minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved panty girdle may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing

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from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claim.

I claim as my invention:

The combination with a panty girdle having short leg encircling portions and there being a substantially rectangular, front to rear narrow crotch opening formed between the upper inner portions of said leg encircling members, of a substantially rectangular closure of flexible material within the crotch portion of the girdle, the length and width of which closure are substantially greater than the length and width of said crotch opening, so as to completely cover and close said crotch opening and extend substantial distances beyond the edges thereof, complementary fastening members on said panty girdle and closure for detachably securing the central portions of the ends of said closure to the inner face of the panty girdle, beyond and in alignment with the ends of said crotch opening and other means for detachably securing the corners of the closure to said garment at points beyond and laterally from the ends of said opening.

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