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Fig. 1.

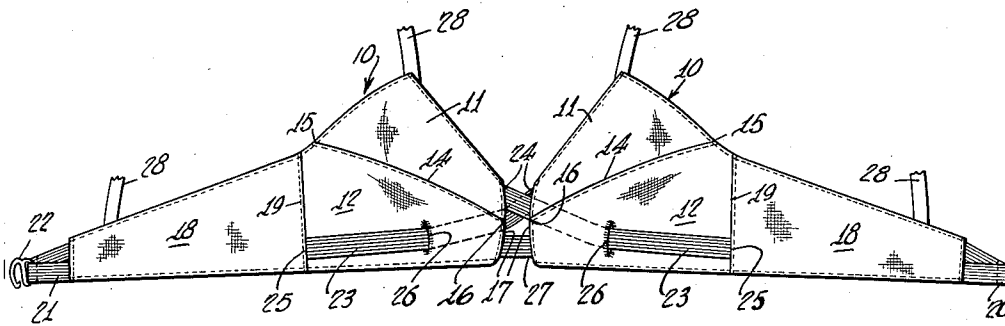
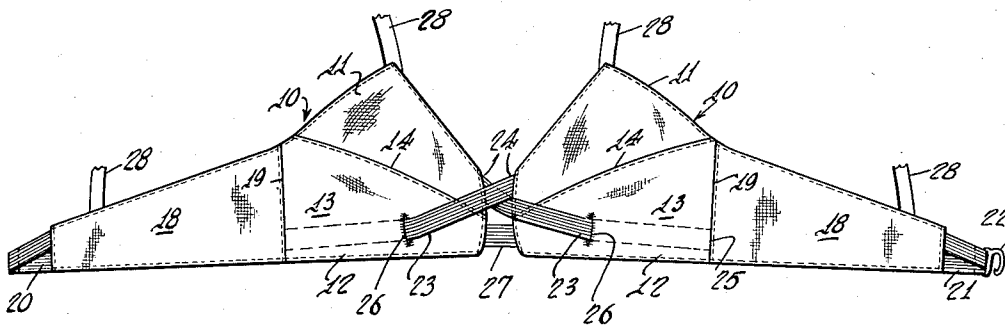


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a brassière, and more particularly to an undergarment for supporting and covering a woman's breasts.

It has heretofore been proposed to provide
5 brassières with two breast covers having portions which overlap at the front, and that have the ends of the overlapping portions reduced in size and connected to the sides of the garment by elastic straps, laces, stitching, hooks, or other
10 securing means, as disclosed, for example, in Patents Nos. 1,400,295, 1,595,920, 1,771,262, 1,958,963, 2,061,739 and 2,152,629, among others. In some instances one of the overlapping portions is designed to pass outwardly through a slit in
15 the other.

Due to the overlapping portions, there is at least a double thickness of material at the front of the bust in the space between the breasts which makes such brassières somewhat uncomfortable to wear and with certain bodily movements tends to cause an undesirable bunching or
20 bulging of the material.

It is an object of my invention to overcome these inconveniences by providing a brassière of
25 inexpensive construction that has separate breast pockets spaced apart from each other at the front and cross-connected by resilient straps to allow freedom of bodily movement of the wearer without causing any uncomfortable or disagreeable
30 bunching or bulging of the material.

Another object of the invention is to provide a brassière that is self-conformable to body movements of the wearer.

A further object is to provide a brassière that
35 will hold the breasts apart and will support them at their inner side and from below without the undesirable features of the prior art devices.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in
40 which:

Figure 1 is a front view of the brassière laid out flat; and

Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof.

The brassière comprises two separate breast
45 pockets 10 each consisting of an upper fabric portion 11 and a lower fabric portion 12. The inner surface of the lower portion 12 may be provided with a lining 13 of suitable material stitched around its edges. The upper portion is
50 preferably unlined.

The two portions are joined by an obliquely extending curved seam 14 and are so formed as to provide the required fullness and shape for covering the breasts. The seam extends from a
55 point 15 adjacent the upper rear edge of the

pocket to a point 16 at approximately the middle of the front edge 17.

The brassière has two fabric side sections or pieces 18 of tapering form having their front ends secured by seams 19 to the rear ends of the
5 pockets. The rear or free end of one of the side sections carries an elastic strap or tape 20 formed in a loop, and the other carries a similar elastic strap or tape 21 provided with a hook-shaped catch 22 whereby the two ends may be detach-
10 ably fastened when the brassière is in place on the body of the wearer. Other suitable fastening means may be employed instead.

The two pockets are cross-connected by elastic
15 straps or tapes 23. Each of the straps 23 has one end stitched at 24 to the upper front edge portion of one pocket and its other end secured at 25, to the lower portion of the seam 19 at the front edge of the opposite side section 18. Each
20 strap passes under the front edge 17 of the opposite pocket and preferably passes outwardly through a slit 26 in the lower portion of said pocket, although the strap may pass between the lower portion 12 of said pocket and the lining
25 13 thereof. The two straps cross each other in the space between the opposed front edges 17 of the two pockets. The lower front edges of the two pockets are preferably connected by an elastic strap 27.

Usual shoulder straps 28 may be provided with
30 their ends secured to the breast pockets 10 and to the side sections 18, respectively.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that the two breast pockets are spaced
35 apart at the front and do not contact or overlap each other, thus avoiding any disagreeable and uncomfortable bunching of material, and affording a construction of more pleasing appearance, having a better fit, and one that is cooler and more comfortable to wear. The straps 23, as
40 heretofore noted, are fastened at their ends and pass under the front edges and out through slits in the lower portions of the pockets, thus serving to support the breasts in normal form both from below and at the inner side, and to hold
45 them apart.

What I claim is:

1. A brassière comprising a pair of side sections, a pair of separate breast pockets having their front edges spaced apart and each having
50 its rear edge secured to the front edge of the adjoining side section, and elastic straps connecting the upper front edge portion of each pocket to the lower front edge portion of the opposite side section, said straps each passing
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outwardly through a slit in the lower portion of the opposite breast pocket.

2. A brassière comprising a pair of side sections, a pair of separate breast pockets having their front edges spaced apart and each having its rear edge secured to the front edge of the adjoining section, and elastic straps connecting the upper front edge portion of each pocket to the lower front edge portion of the opposite side section, said straps crossing each other freely in the space between the front edges of the pockets and each passing outwardly through a slit in the lower portion of the opposite breast pocket.
3. A brassière comprising a pair of side sections, a pair of separate breast pockets having their front edges spaced apart and each having its rear edge secured to the front edge of the adjoining side section, elastic straps connecting the upper front edge portion of each pocket to the lower front edge portion of the opposite side section, said straps crossing each other freely in

the space between the front edges of the pockets and each passing outwardly through a slit in the lower portion of the opposite breast pocket, and an elastic strap connecting the lower front edge portions of the breast pockets and spanning the space therebetween.

4. A brassière comprising a pair of side sections, a pair of separate breast pockets having their front edges spaced apart and each having its rear edge secured to the front edge of the adjoining side section, each of said pockets having an upper portion and a lower portion joined by an oblique curved seam extending from a point adjacent the line of connection with the adjoining side section to a point approximately at the middle of the front edge of the pocket, and elastic straps connecting the upper front edge portion of each pocket to the lower front edge portion of the opposite side section, said straps each passing outwardly through a slit in the lower portion of the opposite breast pocket.

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