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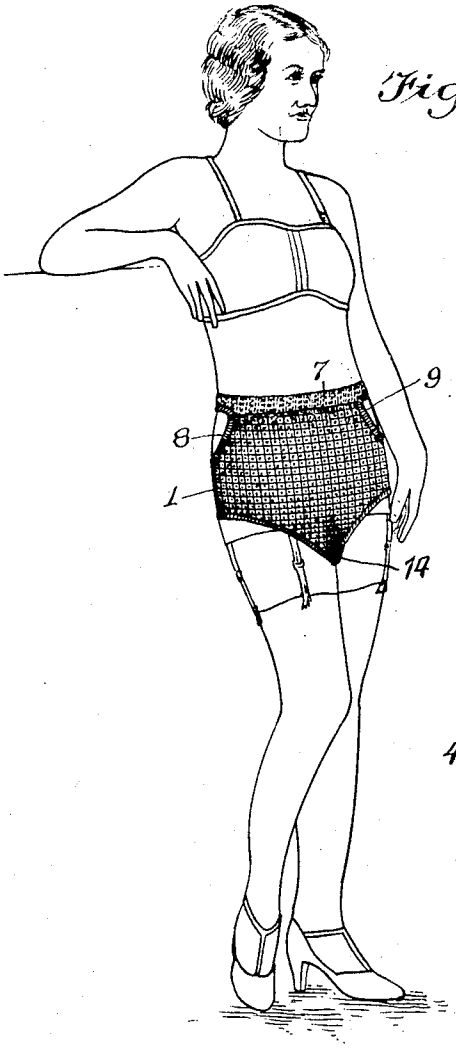



Fig. 2.

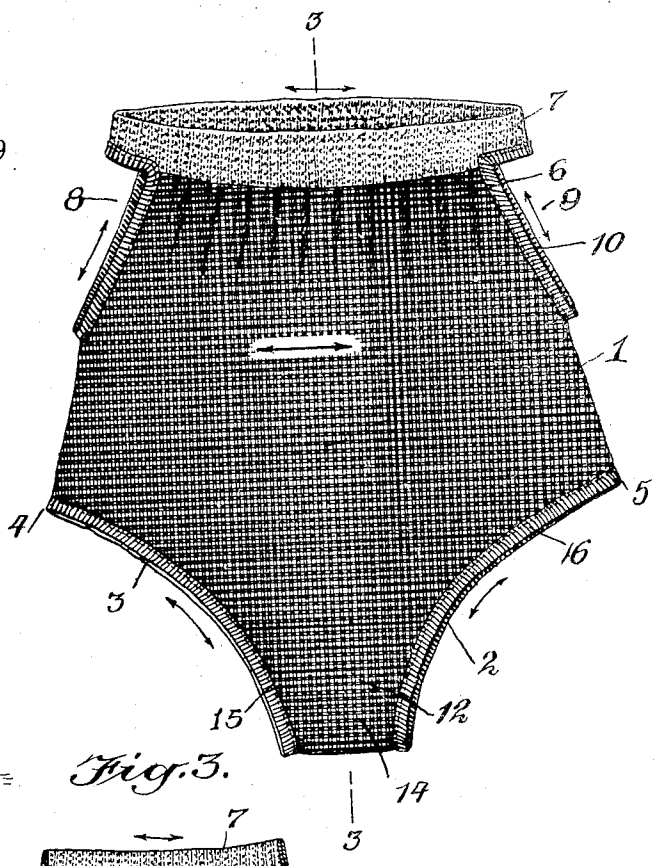
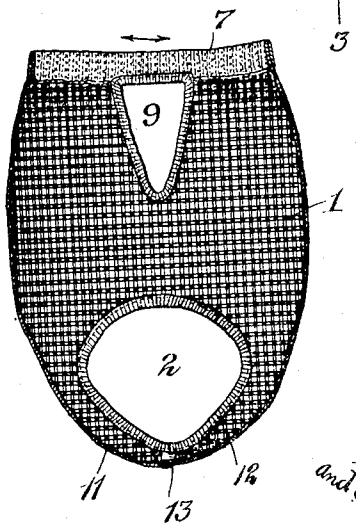



Fig. 3.




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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to an improved panties, the object being to provide a construction which will act as a covering garment and also present a comfortable constricting structure for the hips without presenting an unnecessary bulk at the waistline.

Another object of the invention is to provide a pair of panties wherein a flexible or elastic webbing is positioned to form an upper band adapted to snugly fit the waistline, while the remaining parts snugly fit the parts of the body below the waist.

A further object, more specifically, is to provide a panties with ample leg openings, an elastic of flexible webbing belt, and openings at the sides below the belt which limit the constricting effect of the body of the garment to the hips while the band snugly fits and more or less constricts the waist.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a figure with a garment disclosing an embodiment of the invention applied thereto;

Figure 2 is a front view of the garment when lying flat;

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view through Figure 2 on the line 3—3, the garment being shown distended.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a body which is formed with inclined sides when the garment is flat so as to present a tapering structure from near the center to the top, and a substantially tapering structure from the center to the bottom, said bottom tapering structure having the edges arc shaped and forming leg openings 2 and 3. As clearly shown in Fig. 2, when the garment is lying substantially flat the parts taper from a line drawn through points 4 and 5. The upper edge of the garment front and back is formed with puckers 6, said upper edge being stitched to the belt 7 when the parts are more or less stretched, whereby when the belt which is of flexible elastic material constricts, the puckers will fit. The belt 7 may be formed merely of knit elastic yarn or may have rubber yarn knit therein, as preferred, though ordinarily a good grade of elastic knit webbing without rubber yarn is used as it will produce the desired constricting action.

An important point also is the provision of the apertures 8 and 9 at the sides extending from the lower edge of the belt 7 downwardly approximately half-way to the points 4 and 5. These openings are provided with an elastic binding 10 which may be of any desired elasticity and which allows the body of the garment to function freely. The front and rear of the garment merge into the crotch extensions 11 and 12 which are stitched together at 13, whereby what may be termed a crotch strap 14 is presented. By reason of the arc-shaped openings 2 and 3, as shown in Fig. 2, the garment fits the legs properly without causing the crotch strap 14 to bind or in any way to be uncomfortable. The respective openings 2 and 3 have their edges joined with somewhat elastic bindings 15 and 16, said bindings naturally stretching with the body of the garment without undesirable tension, as these members are elastic but are preferably not provided with rubber yarn.

It is to be understood that the garment is preferably rather snug fitting and is used by persons who do not use the conventional corset. When in use the garment acts as panties and, in addition, gives a slight constricting action which molds the figure to a certain extent without discomfort. The band 7 is preferably formed of material which will stretch more than the body 1 and, therefore, the notches or cut-out hip portions 8 and 9 are desirable in order that the garment may be readily moved into place. The garment is in the nature of a step-in and is consequently pulled upwardly over the feet and legs and the band 7 must stretch sufficiently over the hips while at the same time snugly fitting the waist.

The garment is preferable made from knit goods so as to provide the desired elastic action without discomfort. In regard to the belt 7, this is made of goods known as Lastex which is a knit fabric having fabric and rubber arranged in a desired way whereby there will be ample strength and yet an appreciable elastic action. Instead of using a knit belt it is evident that a woven elastic belt could be used. Any desired form of woven elastic fabric might be substituted for the knit fabric and desirable results secured, though the knit fabric of the material known as Lastex is preferable as it may be made to present a very pleasing appearance and one which will secure the mechanical action desired without discomfort to the person and without injuring any part of the garment.

What is claimed is:

A panties formed with front and back panels tapering from a central line in both directions said central line being below the hip line of the person wearing the panties one end of the panels forming leg portions and the other a body portion, said body portion having openings at the upper side edges between the hip line and the top of the garment, an elastic binding connected to said body portion for each of said openings, said binding encircling said openings, and an elastic band connected to the upper edges of said panels and extending beyond said upper edges on each side.

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