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Fig. 1.

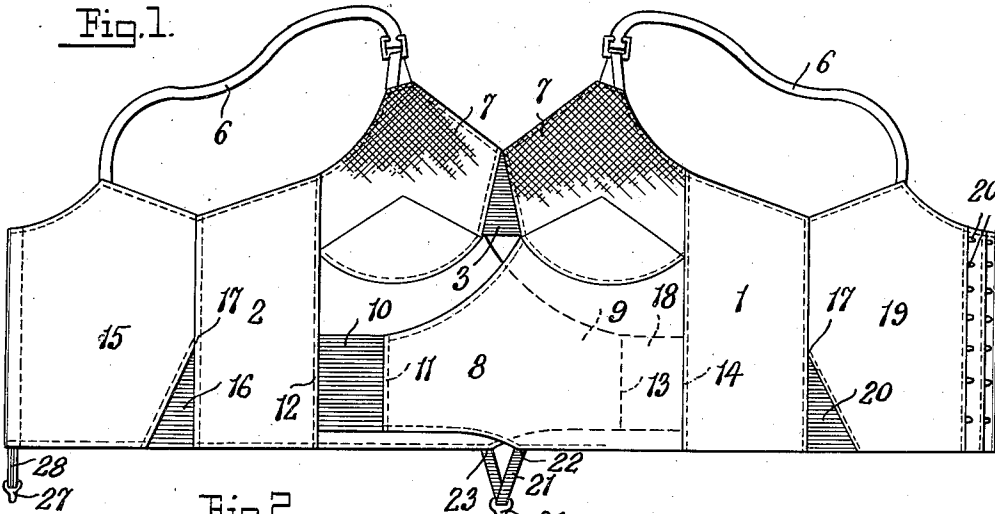


Fig. 2.

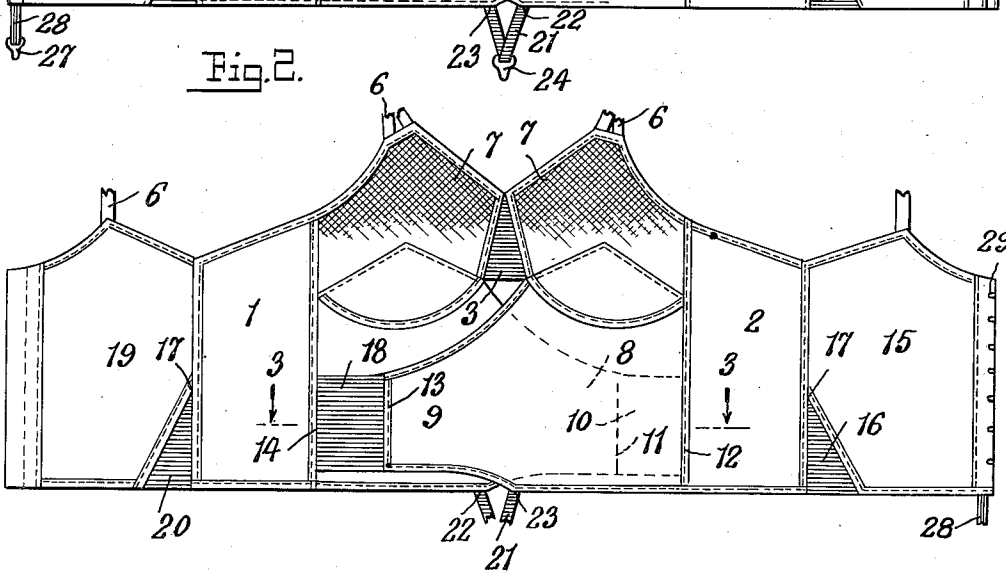
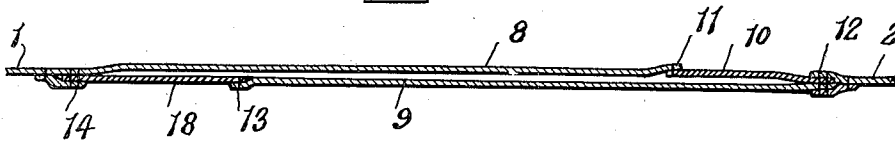


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to brassières and particularly to the type of brassière shown and described in our Patent No. 2,327,488, dated August 24, 1943.

In said patent is shown a brassière having a diaphragm-overlying portion located below the breast-cups and composed of two overlapped flap-like sections extending in opposite directions and adjustable as to extent of overlap whereby the overlying portions may be drawn smoothly and with a selected degree of tautness over the diaphragm. The present invention comprises the provision of self-regulatable means by which the overlapped, oppositely-extending diaphragm-covering portions of the brassière will be resiliently adjustable across the diaphragm so that a proper and smooth fit of the garment is assured without requiring adjustments on the part of the wearer, and in the provision of other means, by which comfort and wearing satisfaction is obtained.

More particularly, the invention contemplates an arrangement wherein the lower portion of the garment below the breast-cups is provided with oppositely-extending flap portions constituting a diaphragm-covering area, the ends of said flap portions being attached to relatively wide-expandible or elastic inserts, the latter being each permanently secured or anchored at one end in a vertical seam of the garment.

These and other objects are attained by the invention, a more particular description of which will hereinafter appear and be set forth in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein an illustrative embodiment of the invention is shown, Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a brassière constructed in accordance with the invention, and in its open position; Fig. 2 is a view looking at the inside of the brassière, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

The garment is preferably composed of two main parts or sections designated respectively at 1 and 2, these parts cooperating to form the body portion, said sections 1 and 2 being centrally connected together between the breast-cups by means of the triangulated elastic insert 3. The sections 1 and 2 are provided at the top with the conventional shoulder-straps 6, and each of the sections is provided with the breast pocket or cup 7. Located below each of the breast-cups is a diaphragm-covering portion, that formed on the section 1 being indicated at 8, while that formed on the section 2 is indi-

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cated at 9. The section 8 is tapered at one end to form a flap-like terminal and this end is attached at 11 to one end of an elastic band or insert 10 which has its opposite end attached at 12 in a vertical seam in the garment.

The section or flap 9 is shaped similarly to the flap 8, and at its end, the flap 9 is stitched at 13 to one end of the elastic band or insert 18 which has its opposite end permanently secured in the seam 14. This arrangement is such that the tendency of the diaphragm portion of the body to expand is firmly but resiliently resisted by the overlapped flap portions 8 and 9. The elastic portions 10 and 18 thereof are of substantial width and as a result, the formation of wrinkles or folds extending longitudinally across the diaphragm-covering portion of the garment is prevented, and at the same time the width of the elastic inserts is such as to permit the necessary and desired expansion of these overlapped parts to the required extent to allow the garment to be worn with comfort, while at the same time providing the required support for the portion of the body which these parts of the garment overlie.

Extending from the portion 1 of the garment is the rear panel 19 and inserted between said rear panel 19 and the portion 1 is a triangulated elastic insert 20 which is expansible longitudinally of the garment. Said insert is widest at the lower edge of the garment and it will be noted that its upper end or apex, indicated at 17, is substantially in line with the upper edge of the elastic insert 18.

Similarly, the body portion 2 of the garment is provided with the rear panel 15 and located between said panel and the portion 2 is the triangulated insert 16 which is similar in shape and arrangement to that disclosed at 20. These inserts 16 and 20, providing an area of expansibility as wide as the elastic inserts 10 and 18, cooperate therewith in providing expansibility along the lower portion of the garment so that comfort of wear is secured, yet the portions of the body are properly supported and confined without being unduly constricted.

The portions 8 and 9 of the garment are provided at their lower ends with a loop member 21, preferably of elastic webbing, which has one end attached at 22 to the section 8, and its other end attached at 23 to the section 9, said loop carrying a hooked fastener member 24 adapted for attachment to the wearer's girdle or other lower garment.

In use, the garment is united about the wearer's body by the interengagement of the conventional

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hook-and-eye fastener elements 20 and 29. The hook 24 on loop 21, as well as a hook 27 on loop 28, are engaged with the girdle or other lower garment. By the disposition of the overlapped parts 8 and 9 in the diaphragm area of the garment and the fact that the ends of these portions are attached to wide elastic inserts, tension will be imposed transversely of the wearer's body and across the diaphragm thereof to thereby restrain outward bulge of these portions of the body. As previously pointed out, these elastic inserts 10 and 18 and the cooperating triangular inserts 16 and 20 are of such area that the same allow considerable expansibility along the lower portion of the garment, yet effectively restrain the confined portions of the body against protuberance.

While I have shown one embodiment of the invention, it is obvious that the same is not to be restricted thereto but is broad enough to cover all structures coming within the scope of the annexed claims.

What we claim is:

1. In a garment of the character described, a body portion having a pair of bust cups, a flap located below each bust cup and extending laterally therefrom, said flaps extending oppositely to one another and lying in overlapped relation over the diaphragm of the wearer, each of said flaps having a tapered end, each of the tapered ends

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being attached to one end of a relatively wide elastic insert, the opposite end of the elastic insert being permanently secured in a vertical seam of the garment and above the lower edge of the garment, the tapered end of the innermost of the flaps and the elastic insert secured to the same being disposed behind and concealed by the outermost one of the flaps.

2. In a garment as provided for in claim 1, including a second pair of elastic inserts extending upwardly from the lower edge of the garment to a point on a line with the top edge of each of the first elastic inserts, said second elastic inserts being located at points remote from the points of attachment of the ends of first elastic inserts to the garment.

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