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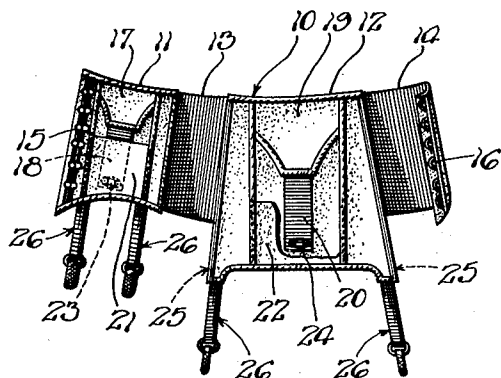


Fig. 1

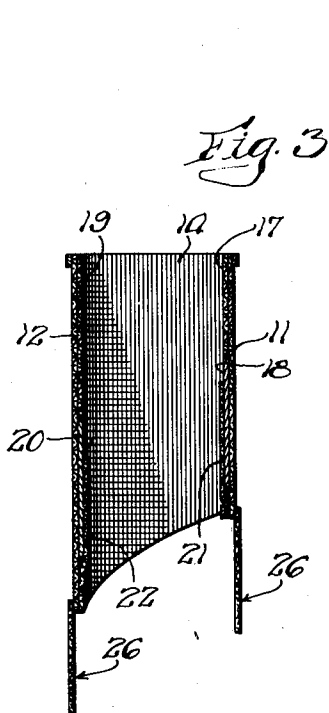


Fig. 3

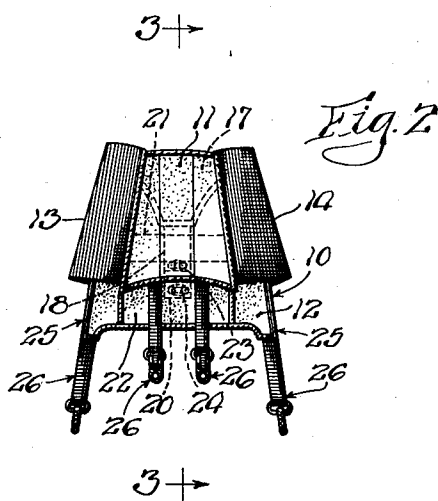


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to certain novel improvements in corsets and the like and has for its principal object the provision of an improved arrangement of this character which will be economical in manufacture.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the above described character which will be provided with attaching portions which will be located in a position so that they will be properly oriented when the body is arranged in body encircling position.

Another object of the invention is to provide an arrangement of the above described character in which the attaching portions may be disposed in sections which serve to substantially cover the same when not in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, showing the preferred form of construction and in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view depicting the inner side of a corset constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a front view of the device as illustrated in Fig. 1 showing the device arranged as when disposed in body encircling relation; and

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2 drawn to an enlarged scale.

In the accompanying drawing wherein I have illustrated a preferred form of construction for my invention 10 generically indicates a corset or so called girdle which is constructed in accordance with my invention and which comprises a front portion 11 and a rear portion 12. An elastic sector 13 is arranged intermediate the portions 11 and 12 and an elastic sector 14 is attached to the side of the sector 12 opposite the sector 13. A plurality of attaching members 15 are provided along the free edge of the sector 11 and co-operating attaching elements 16 are provided along the free edge of the sector 14. When the device is arranged in body encir-

cling relation the elements 15 and 16 are connected together and by reason of the elastic sectors 13 and 14 the structure is held in body encircling relation with the sectors 11 and 12 arranged diametrically opposite to each other as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2.

On the inner side of the section 11 I secure a tab 17 which is preferably formed so as to be of substantially triangular formation as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1 and which is secured to the sector 11 adjacent the upper or wider edges thereof so that the narrow or lower end thereof will be free from the sector 11. Secured to the lower end of the tab 17 is a strip 18 which depends therefrom for a distance so as to be slightly shorter than the height of the sector 11.

On the inner side of the sector 12 I secure a tab 19 which is substantially similar to the tab 17 and which is secured to the sector 12 in the manner substantially similar to the manner in which the tab 17 is secured to the sector 11. To the lower or free end of the tab 19 I secure a strip 20 which is made of a length so that the end thereof may be arranged in spaced relation with respect to the lower end of the sector 12.

It has been pointed out that it is an object of my invention to provide an arrangement whereby the attaching portions provided may be covered when not in use. In order to accomplish this I secure a strip 21 across the sector 11 on the inner side thereof adjacent the lower edge and this section 21 is secured in position in a manner so that the upper edge thereof is not secure and thus this strip 21 co-operates with the section 11 to define a pocket into which the strip 18 may be extended. Similarly a section of material 22 extends across the sector 12 on the inner side adjacent the lower edge and the section 22 is also secured in position in the manner which will define a pocket into which the strip 20 may be extended. It is, therefore, manifest that the strips 18 and 20 which provide the attaching portions may be stored in the pockets defined when not in use.

When use of the strips 18 and 20 is desired they are removed from the pockets and by reason of the mounting thereof on the

sectors 11 and 12 and in view of the fact that the sectors 11 and 12 are diametrically opposed when the device is arranged in body encircling relation it is manifest that the strips 18 and 20 will be properly oriented. If desired suitable attaching elements such as the pin members 23 and 24 may be provided adjacent the lower ends of the strips 18 and 20 respectively.

- 10 If desired the structure 10 may be provided with the usual reenforcing strips generically indicated by 25 which will extend vertically of the sectors 11 and 12 which are preferably formed from inelastic material.
- 15 The usual garter structures generically indicated by 26 are also secured to and depend from the lower ends of the sections 11 and 12.

It is manifest from the foregoing description that I have provided an expeditious construction which will embody attaching portions which will be readily accessible when so desired but which may be arranged so as to be stored in pockets or the like so as to be out of the way when not in use.

25 It is also apparent that the strips 18 and 20 may be very advantageously formed from elastic material.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification, without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

40 In combination with an undergarment, supporting means including tabs adapted for having the upper portions thereof secured to the front and rear portions of said undergarment on the inner surface thereof, said tabs including strips depending from the lower free ends thereof, and sections of material secured to said front and rear sections on the inner surface thereof and having the upper edges thereof free from said sections whereby said strips may be extended between said sections of material and said front and rear depending strips be stored in the pockets thus defined.

55 In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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