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Fig. 1

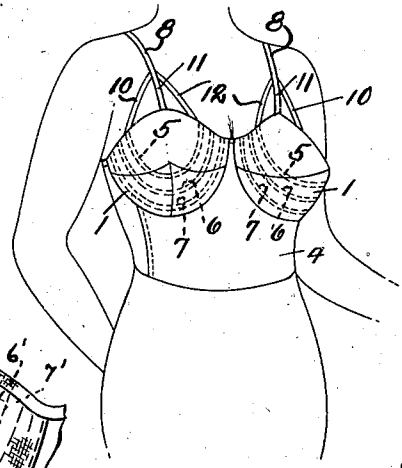


Fig. 4.

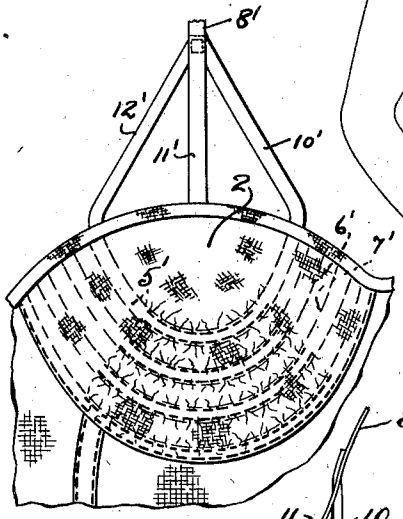


Fig. 2.

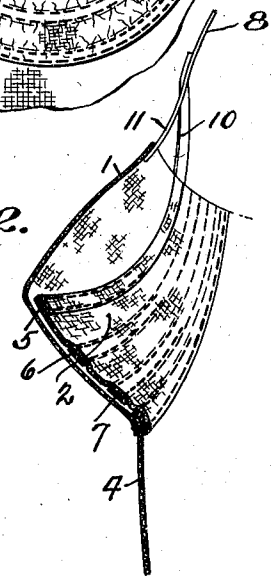
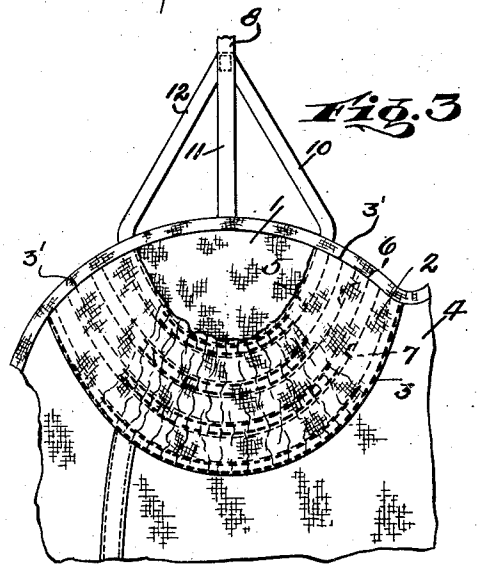


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to improvements in brassières and has for one of its objects the provision of a brassière which will support the bust without distortion, i. e., support the bust at the bottom and sides without unsightly bulging at the sides, thereby imparting to the bust the desired rounded natural appearance.

Attempts have been made to provide brassières which will hold up sagging busts. Some of these structures have been provided with stays and other supporting members at the bottom of the brassière, but in all of these prior devices, in an endeavor to raise the bust the same is caused to bulge at the sides and to present an unsightly appearance instead of the rounded natural appearance desired.

The present invention provides a brassière which is so constructed as to lift or raise a sagging bust at the bottom and at the same time restrain it against bulging at the sides thereby imparting to the bust the desired perfect natural appearing shape or contour.

In the accompanying drawing:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of an embodiment of my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a view of the brassière when not in use; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of a modification of my invention.

Referring to the drawing in detail and first of all to the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, 1 designates the outer covering for the entire bust, this covering being made of lace or other suitable material, within which is provided a bust supporting and restraining member 2.

The covering 1 and the member 2 are attached to each other by stitching, for example, along the arcuate lines 3 at the bottom and along the arcuate lines 3' at the upper edge of the supporting member, both in turn being attached to the body portion 4 of the brassière preferably by the same stitching along said arcuate lines.

The supporting member 2 may be constructed of lace or other suitable material and is provided with a plurality of elastic bands 5, 6 and 7 attached thereto, the band 5 being at the upper edge of the supporting member. Each of these bands extends from one side of the supporting member to the other and terminates at the top of the supporting member on both sides as shown in Fig. 1.

The material of the supporting member 2 adjacent the elastic bands 5, 6 and 7 is shirred for a portion of the length of the bands, as shown in Fig. 3, for the purpose of obtaining a perfect fit.

The brassière is supported on the wearer by means of shoulder straps 8 which are preferably of elastic material. Each of these straps terminates in three legs 10, 11 and 12. It will be noted that the end legs 10 and 12 are secured to the brassière at the ends of the strap 5. If desired the legs 10 and 12 and the strap 5 may be integral.

It will be obvious that when in use the supporting member of my improved brassière will snugly fit about the lower portion of the bust, the elastic bands 5, 6 and 7 pulling the same up at the bottom and in at the sides to provide a perfect rounded contour. In effect the brassière acts as a sling for the bust.

The form illustrated in Fig. 4 is similar to the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3 except that the covering 1 of the preferred form is eliminated and instead of the supporting member terminating at the upper elastic band it extends to the top of the brassière whereby the opening above the bands is eliminated and whereby the supporting member serves also as a covering for the bust.

In this form the elastic supporting member is designated 2', the elastic bands 5', 6' and 7', the shoulder straps 8' and the bifurcations of the shoulder straps 10', 11' and 12'.

It will be understood too that while I have illustrated and described three elastic bands 5, 6 and 7 I do not wish to be limited to any particular number as obviously the number of bands may be varied as desired. It is also to be understood that instead of elastic I may employ satin, for example, if desired. Also, various other changes and modifications may be made in the structure illustrated and described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A brassière comprising bust supporting members each provided with a plurality of elastic bands, said supporting members being adapted to engage the lower portion of the bust, said bands overlying said lower portion of the bust to raise or lift the bust from beneath while restraining the same against bulging at the sides, and shoulder straps for supporting said brassière, said straps terminating at the ends of one of said elastic bands.

2. In combination a brassière, a pair of bust supporting members carried thereby, each of said supporting members being provided with a

plurality of elastic bands extending in concentric arcs and overlying the lower portion of the busts to lift or raise the busts from beneath while restraining the same against bulging at the sides.

3. In combination a brassière, a pair of bust supporting members carried thereby, a plurality of elastic bands secured to each of said members, said bands extending in concentric arcs and overlying the lower portion of the busts to raise or lift the same from beneath while restraining the busts against lateral bulging, shoulder straps for said brassière, said straps being bifurcated, the bifurcations terminating at the ends of the inner of said elastic bands.

4. In combination a brassière, a covering for the busts, said covering comprising a plurality of supporting bands secured to said covering and extending in concentric arcs and overlying the lower portion of the busts to raise or lift the same from beneath while restraining the busts against lateral bulging, shoulder straps for said brassière, said straps being bifurcated, the bifurcations terminating at the ends of the inner of said supporting bands.

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