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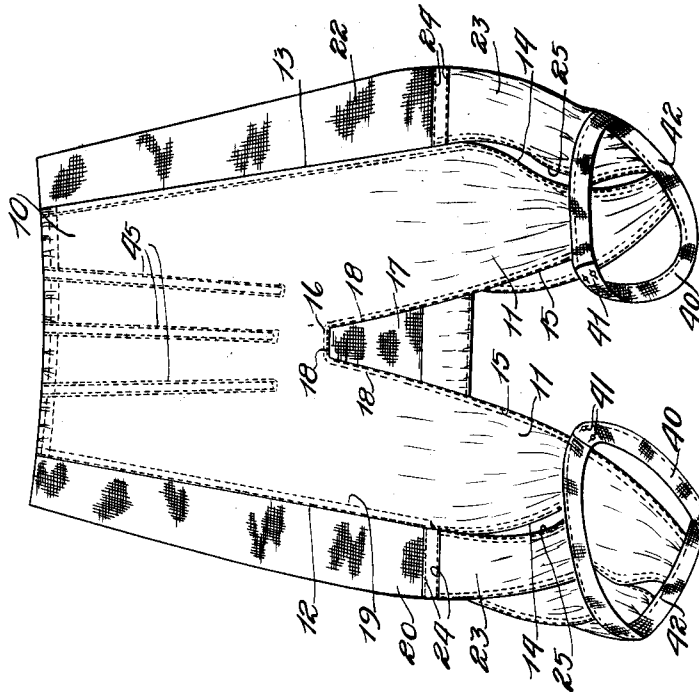
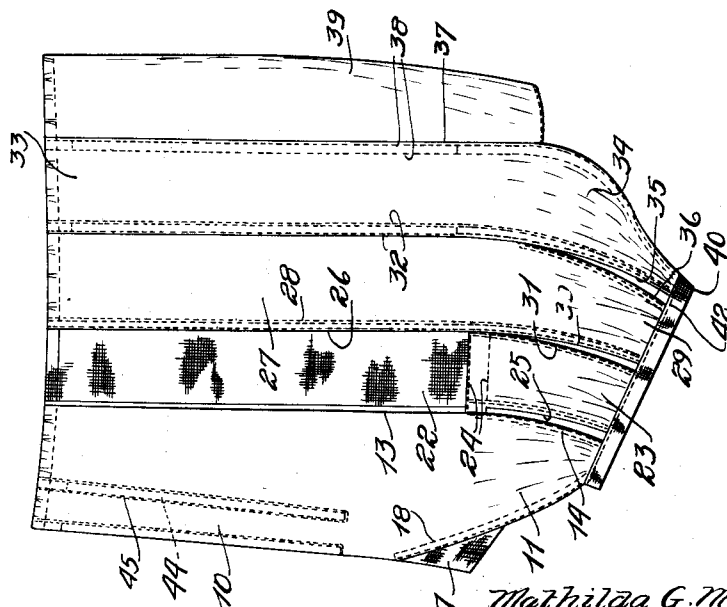


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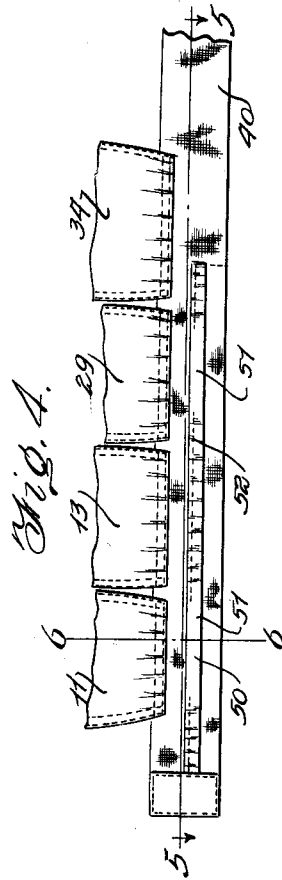
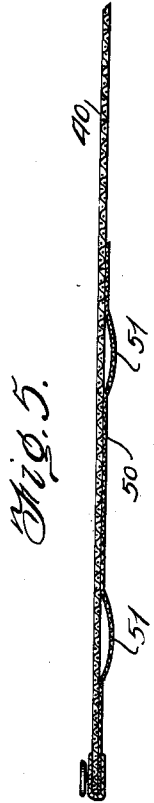
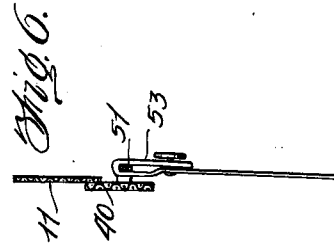
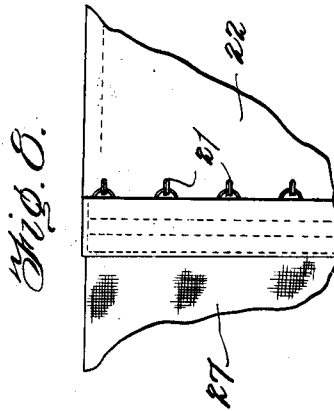
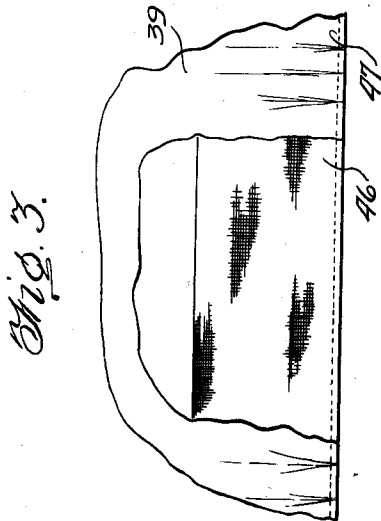
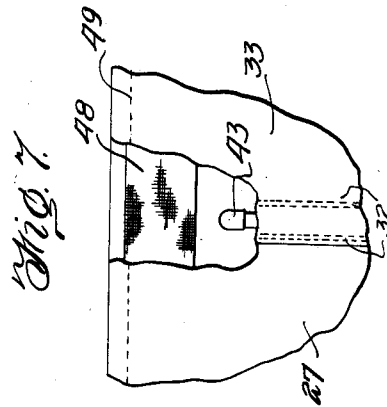
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This invention relates to garments for women and has special reference to a girdle provided with hose supporters.

One important object of the present invention is to provide a garment of this class wherein means of novel character exists which effectively prevents rolling up of the garment.

A second important object of the invention is to provide a girdle in which the construction is such that novel means exist therein which effectively eliminates strain on hosiery when worn with garters and which may be worn with or without garters as may be desired by the wearer.

A third important object of the invention is to provide a novel arrangement of shaped material in such a garment, the material being so shaped as to control the distribution of flesh without causing bulging of leg tissue and preventing tautness from garters when used with the garment.

A fourth important object of the invention is to provide a girdle having a novel spacing between the lower parts of certain of the strips of shaped material whereby comfortable freedom against a sense of tightness and heat is attained without injuriously affecting the manner in which the garment supports the wearer.

A fifth important object of the invention is to provide certain novel arrangements of elastic gores, the arrangement being such as to allow freedom in stooping and sitting, comfort against body heat, and being hygienically advantageous.

A sixth important object of the invention is to so construct a girdle as to provide a novel arrangement of elastic belt and vertical stays whereby the flesh will be held in proper place without discomfort arising from the stay ends pressing against the lower ribs of the wearer.

A seventh important object of the invention is to provide a novel garter attaching means so arranged that garters may be attached to and detached from the garment with great ease, the garter supporting element being so arranged as not to interfere with the elastic members providing leg attachments for the lower parts of the garment.

With the above and other objects in view, as will be presently apparent, the invention consists in general of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views, and:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the girdle with the material laid flat, the view disclosing the left side of the girdle and disclosing the releasably secured vertical edges whereby the garment may be opened for application to and removal from the body of the user.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the garment with the material laid flat.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary detail of the lower median portion of the back of the girdle, the view being broken away to show certain elastic means there used.

Fig. 4 is an inside face view of one of the elastic leg bands used herein and disclosing the garter attaching means.

Fig. 5 is a detail section on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a detail section on the line 6—6 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 7 is a detail view partly broken away to show the stay arrangement in relation to the elastic waist band used herein.

Fig. 8 is a detail showing the fastening means used for securing the separable vertical edges of the girdle.

In the embodiment of the invention as here shown there is provided a front section having an upper abdomen covering portion 10 from which extends downwardly a pair of diverging front leg portions 11. The section 10 has straight upper lateral edges 12 and 13, the edge 13 being on the left side of the garment as worn and constituting one of the detachable edges of the garment. The edges 12 and 13 diverge downwardly. The outer edge 14 of each leg portion merges at its upper edge with the edge 12 or edge 13 as the case may be and is curvilinear so that it produces the proper fit of the respective leg portion on the outer side. The inner edge 15 of leg portions 11 are connected at their upper ends by horizontal transverse edge 16 and extend divergingly downwardly therefrom. In the space between the upper parts of the edges 15 is fitted a transversely elastic webbing 17 which is secured at its respective edges by stitch lines 18.

Secured to the edge 12 by stitching 19 is the front edge of a long transversely elastic web 20. Detachably secured to the edge 13 by suitable detachable connections, here illustrated by hook and eyes devices 21, is the front edge of a second long transversely elastic web 22. An outer leg portion 23 has its upper edge secured by stitch lines 24 to the lower end of the respective webbing 20 and 22, the stitching 24 being arranged to cause slight shirring of the material of the sections 23 so as not to interfere with the lateral stretching of the

elastic webbing. The edges 14 and the forward edges 25 of the portions 23 are free from each other. The rear edge of each of the webs 20 and 22 are secured to the forward edge 26 of the upper part of a forward side section 27 by stitching 28. Each section 27 has a depending leg portion 29 the forward edge 30 of which is free from the rear edge 31 of a respective section 23.

Secured to the upper part of the rear edge of each section 27 by stitching 32 is a rear side section 33 having a depending leg covering portion 34 the forward edge 35 of which is free from the rear edge 36 of the respective portion 29. The inner edge 37 of each section 33 is attached by stitching 38 to a respective side edge of a back section 39. On each side of the garment the portions 11, 23, 29 and 34 have their lower edges connected in slightly laterally spaced relation to the upper edge of an elastic band 40 the ends of which are detachably connected by any suitable means such as the button and button hole connections 41. The elastic leg bands 40 are connected to the several portions by stitching 42, the material of the sections being shirred or gathered at the lower edges so as to permit the necessary free expansion of the bands 40.

The stitchings 32 are arranged in parallel rows to form pockets for stay members 43. Similar pockets for front stays 44 are formed by stitching 45.

At the bottom edge of the back section 39 is an elastic strip 46 to the bottom edge of which the material of the section 40 is gathered by stitching 47. The ends of this strip 46 are attached to the sections 33 by the stitching at the inner edges of these sections.

The upper edges of all the sections, except those formed by the elastic webs 20 and 22, are gathered to elastic belt members 48 by the stitching 49, the upper edges of the webs 20 and 22 and the several members thus form a belt which surrounds the waist when the garment is worn.

Secured to the inner face of each leg band 40 is a fabric strap having alternate gathered or shirred portions 50 and free slack portions 51, the portions 50 being held to the leg band by stitching 52. Garter loops 53 (Fig. 6) may be attached to the free portions 51. But one of these loops is here shown but it is obvious that the free portions 51 may be located wherever desired on the band 40 and as many garter loops may be used as is desired or found convenient.

It will now be seen that when the garment is worn the elastic waist belt secures it firmly in place without unduly resisting movements of the wearer. The webs 20 and 22 fit snugly over the hips and prevent unsightly bulging of the flesh at such locations. The leg portions are securely held from rolling up by the leg bands 40 yet, because these portions are laterally free from each other, the movements of stooping or sitting may be accomplished without discomfort or inconvenience. Because the garters are attached to the leg bands 40 no extra stress is produced on the hose when stooping or sitting and yet there is proper support afforded the hose at all times.

There has thus been provided a simple and efficient garment of the kind described and for the objects specified.

It is obvious that changes may be made in the form and construction of the invention without departing from the essential constructive fea-

tures. It is not therefore desired to confine the invention to the form here shown and described but it is desired to include all forms which come within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed, is:

1. In a girdle, a front section having a bifurcated lower portion forming a pair of diverging leg covering members, a gore of transversely elastic webbing secured between the upper portions of the leg covering members, a back section, side sections at each side of the girdle connecting the lateral edges of the upper parts of the front and back sections, a band of elastic webbing at the lower edge of said back sections, the side sections at each side of the front section consisting of long strips of laterally elastic webbing, said elastic side sections having depending leg covering members attached to their lower ends, the remaining side sections having depending portions forming leg covering members, and a pair of elastic leg bands, the leg covering members at each side of the girdle being connected in spaced and gathered relation to a respective band.

2. In a girdle, a front section having a bifurcated lower portion forming a pair of diverging leg covering members, a gore of transversely elastic webbing secured between the upper portions of the leg covering members, a back section, side sections at each side of the girdle connecting the lateral edges of the upper parts of the front and back sections, a band of elastic webbing at the lower edge of said back sections, the side sections at each side of the front section consisting of long strips of laterally elastic webbing, said elastic side sections having depending leg covering members attached to their lower ends, the remaining side sections having depending portions forming leg covering members, a pair of elastic leg bands, the leg covering members at each side of the girdle being connected in spaced and gathered relation to a respective band, elastic belt means connecting the upper ends of the elastic side sections and having the upper edges of the remaining side sections and the front and back sections stitched thereto.

3. In a girdle, a front section having a bifurcated lower portion forming a pair of diverging leg covering members, a gore of transversely elastic webbing secured between the upper portions of the leg covering members, a back section, side sections at each side of the girdle connecting the lateral edges of the upper parts of the front and back sections, a band of elastic webbing at the lower edge of said back sections, the side sections at each side of the front section consisting of long strips of laterally elastic webbing, said elastic side sections having depending leg covering members attached to their lower ends, the remaining side sections having depending portions forming leg covering members, a pair of elastic bands, the leg covering members at each side of the girdle being connected in spaced and gathered relation to a respective band, elastic belt means connecting the upper ends of the elastic side sections and having the upper edges of the remaining side sections and the front and back sections stitched thereto, and stays attached in upright laterally spaced relation to the front and back sections and terminating at their upward ends in downwardly spaced relation from the elastic belt means.