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Fig. 1

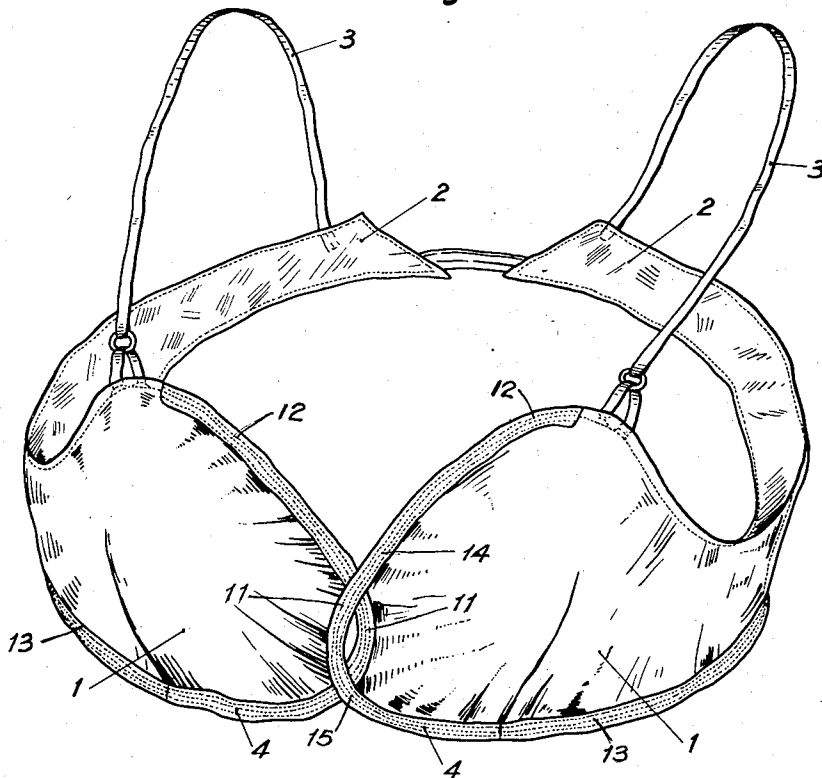


Fig. 3

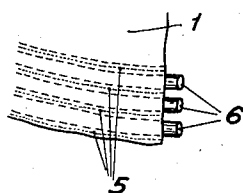
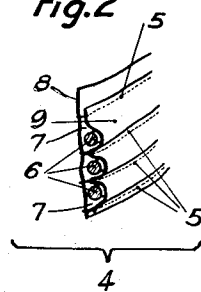


Fig. 2



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The invention relates to a brassière which has the advantage of possessing a certain amount of firmness, whilst having flexible qualities which make it very comfortable to wear.

According to the invention, each of the pockets of the brassière is surrounded at least in part by a stiffening border composed of a plurality of stems of plastic material independent of each other and disposed parallel to each other, each of the stems being positioned in a sheath of fabric.

An embodiment of the brassière made in accordance with the invention, is shown by way of example in the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing a front view of the brassière.

Figs. 2 and 3 are detailed views on a larger scale showing the stiffening border which surrounds the pockets of the brassière.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view on a large scale of the end part of the stiffening border which surrounds the pockets of the brassière, detached from the brassière and viewed from the opposite end of the brassière.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of a portion of the stiffening border sewed to the brassière and cut away perpendicularly to the stiffening stems and viewed from the interior of the brassière after the stems have been slightly drawn out of their sheaths.

The brassière shown in the drawings forms pockets 1, 1 at its front part, and behind, there are bands 2, 2 detachably connected to each other by means of a button or any equivalent tie. Braces 3 are attached to the pockets, on the one hand, and on the other hand, to the upper edge of the rear bands 2.

Each of the pockets of the brassière is partially surrounded as shown in Figure 1 by a stiffening border 4. This border is composed of a plurality of stems of plastic material 6 (Figures 2 and 3) which are independent of each other and are disposed parallel with respect to each other in the interior of the sheaths 7.

The sheaths for the stems extend from one end to the other of the stiffening border 4.

The stiffening border 4 may be made in the following manner as illustrated in Figure 2: The stems 6, slightly spaced from each other, are disposed in parallel relation on a band of fabric 8 which is covered by a second band of fabric 9. These two bands are sewed together between the stems 6 and along the outer edges thereof by rows of stitching 5. The stiffening border is subsequently sewed to the edge of the material

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1 which forms the pockets as illustrated in Figure 3.

The stiffening thus formed supports the breasts without causing any inconvenience to the person wearing the brassière.

The stems 6 can be made of any kind of suitable synthetic materials. More especially, a linear polyamide insoluble in water can be employed, the thickness of the stems being chosen so as to secure suitable elasticity and stiffening.

As shown in Figure 1, the border 4 is principally curved at the middle of the breast at 11 where it has maximum curvature. The upper branch 12 extends up to the middle of the pocket, the lower branch 13 extends for a greater length. The curvature of the border 4 is principally obtained due to the fact that between the two pockets the borders are positioned one upon the other in overlapping relation and are secured to each other at two distinct regions 14 and 15.

This particular feature of the present invention enables the reinforcing or stiffening border to be curved without having any tendency to straighten out, which would have a tendency to stretch the material of the pockets and to consequently compress the breast. Furthermore, the stiffening border is thus permanently curved and the brassière is always in its normal form.

It will also be noted that between the regions 14 and 15, the material of the right pocket is sewed to the stiffening border which surrounds the left pocket and that the material of the left pocket is secured to the border surrounding the right pocket which insures a good appearance of the brassière assembly.

It is quite understood that the invention is not strictly limited to the embodiment described, which has only been given by way of example.

In this manner, instead of being applied to one part of the pockets only, as shown in the illustration, the border can go completely round the pockets. Furthermore, the stems of plastic material could be in any suitable section, round, oval, rectangular or the like, and they could be of any number.

I claim:

1. A brassière comprising substantially two pockets, each of these pockets being at least partially surrounded by a stiffening border, said stiffening border consisting in a sheath of fabric in which at least one flexible stem of plastic material is inserted, said stiffening borders of the two pockets having a maximum curvature at their median portion and positioned in overlapping relation at said median portion of maximum

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curvature with the stiffening border of one pocket overlapping the stiffening border of the other at two distinct spaced regions located one above the other between the pockets and directly connected to each other at said two distinct spaced regions between the two pockets. 5

2. A brassière comprising substantially two pockets, each of these pockets being at least partially surrounded by a stiffening border, said stiffening border consisting in a sheath of fabric in which at least one flexible stem of plastic material is inserted, said stiffening borders of the two pockets having a maximum curvature at their median portion and positioned in overlapping relation at said median portion of maximum curvature with the stiffening border of one pocket overlapping the stiffening border of the other at two distinct spaced regions located one above the other between the pockets and directly connected to each other at said two distinct spaced regions between the two pockets, said pockets being composed of fabric and the fabric of one pocket being secured to the border of the other pocket between the two regions where the overlapping borders are connected to each other. 15 20 25

3. A brassière comprising substantially two pockets, each of these pockets being at least partially surrounded by a stiffening border extending from the lower edge portion of the pocket upwardly along the inner side edge of the 30

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pocket to and along the upper edge of the pocket, said stiffening border consisting in a sheath of fabric in which at least one flexible stem of plastic material is inserted, said stiffening borders of the two pockets having a maximum curvature at their median portion and positioned in overlapping relation at said median portion of maximum curvature with the stiffening border of one pocket overlapping the stiffening border of the other at two distinct spaced regions located one above the other between the pockets and directly connected to each other at said two distinct spaced regions between the two pockets.

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