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Fig. 1

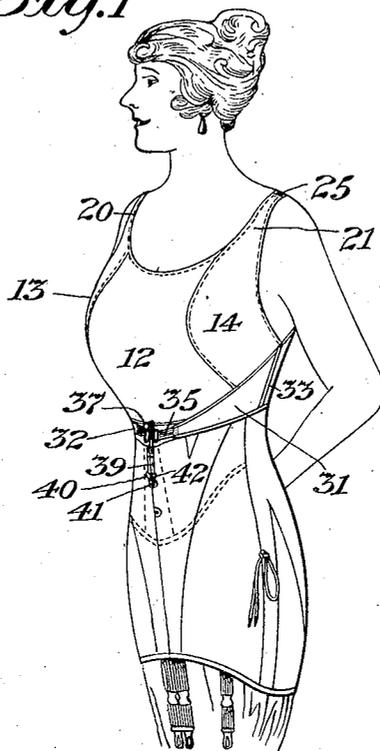
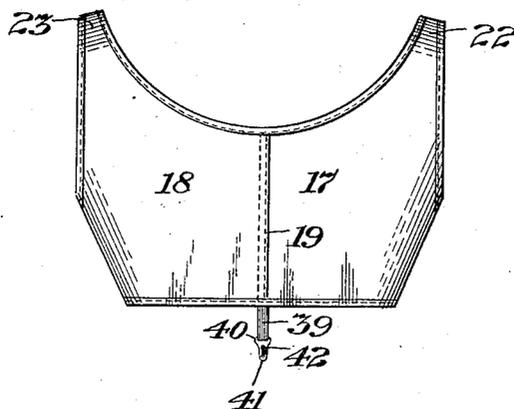


Fig. 2

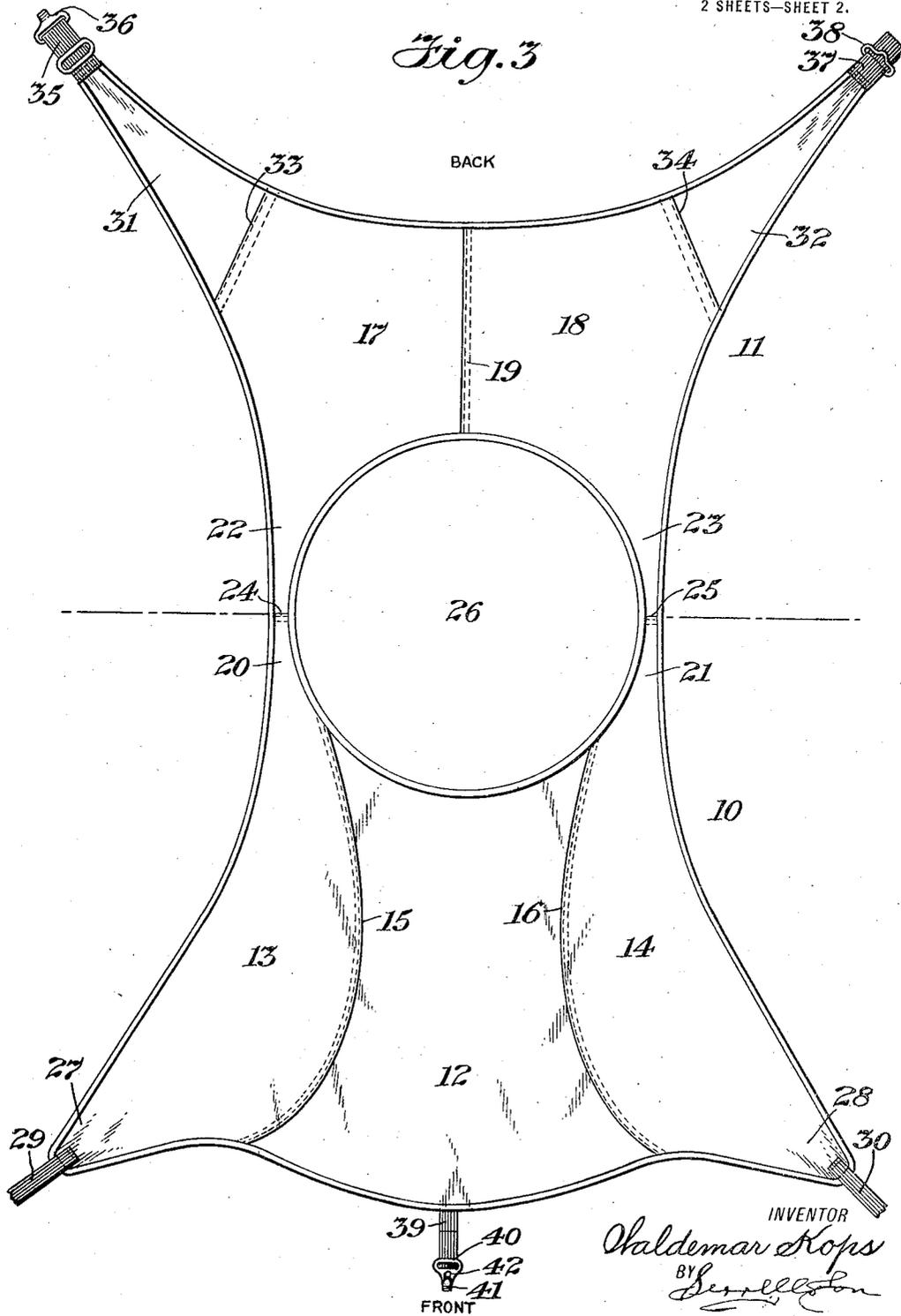


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALDEMAR KOPS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Brassières, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a brassière and more particularly to that type of brassière which is constructed to function not only as a corset cover but also as a support for parts of the body of the wearer. The brassière made in accordance with this invention is so constructed that when adjusted to position it acts as a corset cover and also as a support for the busts of the wearer, and furthermore as a resting device for the small of the back of the wearer, at the same time producing a flattening front effect which is so much in vogue at present. In carrying out the invention, the brassière is preferably made to comprise a front member composed of a plurality of sections and a back member which is connected to the front member by shoulder straps together with extensions leading from the lower portions of the side sections of the front member and extensions leading from the lower side portions of the back member so that the extensions leading from the front member are adapted to be passed around the waist of the wearer and adjusted to position to cause the front member to act as a support for the busts of the wearer and those portions of the extensions coming at the rear of the body to act as supports for the back of the wearer, while the extensions of the back member which are adapted to also be passed around the waist of the wearer and secured in position are employed to complete the adjustment of the garment to place on the body of the wearer.

I am aware that heretofore various forms of brassières have been so constructed as to be adapted to be connected about or approximately about the waist line of the wearer, but so far as has come to my knowledge none of these various devices have been so constructed as to conform to the body of the wearer to function adequately not only as a corset cover but as a bust supporter and a back resting device, and at the same time providing in the body of the wearer the front flattening effect which fashion demands at the present time. The garment

made in accordance with my present invention will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my present form of improved brassière.

Fig. 2 is a back elevation of the same, and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged plan view illustrating the garment extended and in a flat position.

Referring particularly to the drawing, the brassière made in accordance with this invention preferably comprises a front portion 10 and a back portion 11. As illustrated the front portion is made up of sections indicated respectively at 12, 13 and 14 so shaped and connected by lines of stitching or otherwise along the lines indicated at 15 and 16 as to conform to and support the busts of the wearer. The back member is also preferably made of sections indicated at 17 and 18 and connected along a central line of stitching indicated at 19. These front and back members are connected to one another by shoulder straps which are preferably formed by extensions of the sections forming the front and back members. As clearly shown in Fig. 3, the front section 13 is provided with an upper extension 20, and the corresponding back section is provided with an upper extension 22. These extensions 20 and 22 are connected by a line of stitching 24 or otherwise so that when connected the extensions form a shoulder strap on one side of the garment. Similarly on the other side of the garment the section 14 is provided with an upper extension 21 and the corresponding section 18 of the back member is provided with an extension 23. These extensions 21 and 23 are connected along the line of stitching 25 so that the extensions form a shoulder strap on this side of the garment. The upper edges of the sections of the garment are so formed as to provide a central opening 26 through which the head of the wearer is passed in slipping the garment on to the body or removing the same therefrom. As illustrated, this opening 26, when the garment is flat, is substantially circular, although of course it may assume any other configuration, being sufficiently large, as will be understood, to readily permit of the passage of the head of the wearer through the same.

In order to adjust the garment to position

and secure the same in place, the lower portions of the sections of which the front and back members are made are also provided with extensions and devices for maintaining the garment in position. As illustrated, the section 13 of the front member is provided with a lower or waist line extension 27 and similarly the front section 14 is provided with a lower or waist line extension 28 adapted to extend part way around the waist of the wearer. Secured to the extremity of the extension 27 is a tape 29, and secured to the extremity of the extension 28 is a similar tape 30. In the back member of the garment the section 17 thereof is provided with a lower or waist line extension 31 secured thereto as indicated along lines of stitching 33 and similarly the back section 18 is provided with a lower or waist line extension 32 secured thereto by lines of stitching 34 or otherwise. As will be readily understood, the extensions 31 and 32 may be integral parts of the back sections 17 and 18 respectively instead of being made in separate parts as herein shown and described. At the extremity of the extension 31 the same is fitted with a band 35 of any suitable material made adjustable in length and fitted with a hook member 36. Similarly at the extremity of the extension 32 the same is fitted with a band 37 which may also be adjustable in length and fitted with a loop member 38 adapted to be engaged by the hook 36. In order to maintain the front member in position, that is to prevent the same from riding or working up on the body of the wearer, the same, as illustrated, may be provided centrally in the lower edge thereof with a tape or other extension 39 which also may be adjustable in length and is fitted with an attachment 40 having therein a hook 41 to engage an eyelet in the underlying corset body or other garment of the wearer, and also an eye 42 which may be employed to engage with a stud on the steel of the underlying corset. Either one of these devices or other devices may be employed as hereinbefore stated for maintaining the front portion of the garment from shifting or working up on the body of the wearer.

In the use of the garment as hereinbefore described, the same is first placed on the body of the wearer by passing the head through the opening 26. The front member is then placed in position and due to the formation of the parts thereof the side sections extend to and part way around the waist of the body of the wearer to conform to the same, due, as will be understood, to the curved lines of union between the side sections 13 and 14 and the central section 12, these lines of union being indicated respectively at 15 and 16 as hereinbefore de-

scribed. The extensions 27 and 28 of the side sections which pass part way around the waist of the wearer are then drawn to position by extending the tapes 29 and 30 in opposite directions around the waist to the front thereof and drawing the parts to position and tying the tapes or otherwise securing the same together. In this adjustment of the front member the tension applied by the tapes causes a substantially straight downward pull in the central section 12 of the front member and diagonal pulls in the direction of the extensions toward and around the waist line of the wearer causing the garment to fit not only at the front, but also at the sides of the body to form an adequate support for the busts producing a flattening front effect. This is due, as will be understood, because of the possibility of so shaping the garment by the variation of the sizes of the front sections 12, 13 and 14 together with the conformation of the edges by which the same are joined as to make the front member conform to the body of the wearer whatever the size and conformation of the same may be so as to distribute the pressure in adjusting the garment to position without localizing the same and thereby causing or tending to cause any ill or injurious effects which excessive pressure is likely to cause when localized by a corset or brassière. Also obviously, the garment may be made to conform to the figure of the wearer by other constructions of the front member without departing from the nature and spirit of this invention. Also inasmuch as the extremities of the extensions 27 and 28 are adapted to overlie each other at the back of the waist line and to be drawn to position by the tapes 29 and 30 in the adjustment of the garment, these extremities of the extensions act as a back rest or back support for the small of the back of the wearer. After the front member has been thus adjusted the extensions 31 and 32 of the back member are extended part way around the waist of the wearer so that these back member extensions overlie portions of the extensions of the side sections of the front member, and the hook 36 is caused to engage the loop 38 to complete the adjustment of the garment to position and maintain the same in place on the body of the wearer. As will be furthermore understood, the tension or pull placed on the front member extends to the back member through the shoulder straps, while the counter pull or tension on the back member in adjusting the same to position acts in the other direction through the shoulder straps to some extent, at least, to assist in maintaining the garment in place; and also that the hook 41 or the eye 42 may be caused to engage a loop or stud in a garment or on a corset

steel to maintain the front member in place so as to prevent the garment from working up on the body of the wearer.

I claim as my invention:

- 5 1. A brassière comprising a front member made to conform to the body of the wearer and having extensions adapted to be adjust-
 10 ably positioned around the waist of the wearer, one of said extensions being of suffi-
 15 cient length to overlie the small of the back so as to act as a supporting device for the
 20 back of the wearer, and a back member connected to said front member at its upper por-
 25 tions by means adapted to extend over the shoulders of a wearer and having exten-
 30 sions leading therefrom at its lower outer parts adapted to extend to and to be adjust-
 35 ably secured in position around the waist of the wearer.
2. A brassière comprising a front member having central and side sections stitched to-
 40 gether so as to conform to the body of the wearer with extensions leading from the lower outer parts of the side sections adapt-
 45 ed to be adjustably connected together about the waist of the wearer, said extensions lead-
 50 ing from said side sections at such an angle that a draft thereon at their ends around the waist will cause a substantially straight downward pull upon said central section and a transversely diagonal pull across the front member thereby causing said member to produce a front flattening effect and to serve as a support for the busts of the wearer, said extensions of the side sections having means thereon whereby they may be adjustably connected together and one of said extensions being of sufficient length to overlie and thereby support the small of the back of the wearer, and a back member connected to the front member at its upper outer portions by means adapted to extend over the shoulders of the wearer and having extensions leading therefrom at its lower outer parts adapted to extend to and to be adjustably secured in position around the waist of the wearer.
3. A brassière comprising a front member having central and side sections stitched to-
 50 gether so as to conform to the body of the wearer with extensions leading from the lower outer parts of the side sections adapt-

ed to extend to and to be secured in position about the waist of the wearer, said exten-
 55 sions leading from said side sections at such an angle that a draft thereon around the waist will cause a substantially straight downward pull upon said central section and a transversely diagonal pull across the front member thereby causing said member to produce a front flattening effect and to
 60 serve as a support for the busts of the wearer, tapes connected to said extensions adapted to be passed around the waist and to be secured at the front of the wearer for exerting a draft upon the extensions, said
 65 extensions being adapted to be drawn to overlapping relation at the back of the wearer to serve as a support for the small of the back, and a back member connected to the front member at its upper outer
 70 portions by means adapted to extend over the shoulders of the wearer and having extensions leading therefrom at the lower outer parts thereof adapted to extend to and to be adjustably secured in position around the
 75 waist of the wearer.

4. A brassière comprising a front member made to conform to the body of the wearer and having extensions adapted to be adjust-
 80 ably positioned around the waist of the wearer and leading at such an angle from said member at its lower outer portions that a draft on the ends of said extensions will produce a composite straight downward and transversely diagonal pull upon the front
 85 portion thereby causing the same to produce a front flattening effect and to serve as a support for the busts of the wearer, one of said extensions being of sufficient length to overlie the small of the back so as to act as
 90 a supporting device for the back of the wearer, and a back member connected to said front member at its upper outer portions by means adapted to extend over the shoulders of a wearer and having extensions
 95 leading therefrom at its lower outer parts adapted to extend to and to be adjustably secured in position around the waist of the wearer.

Signed by me this 17th day of January, 1920.

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