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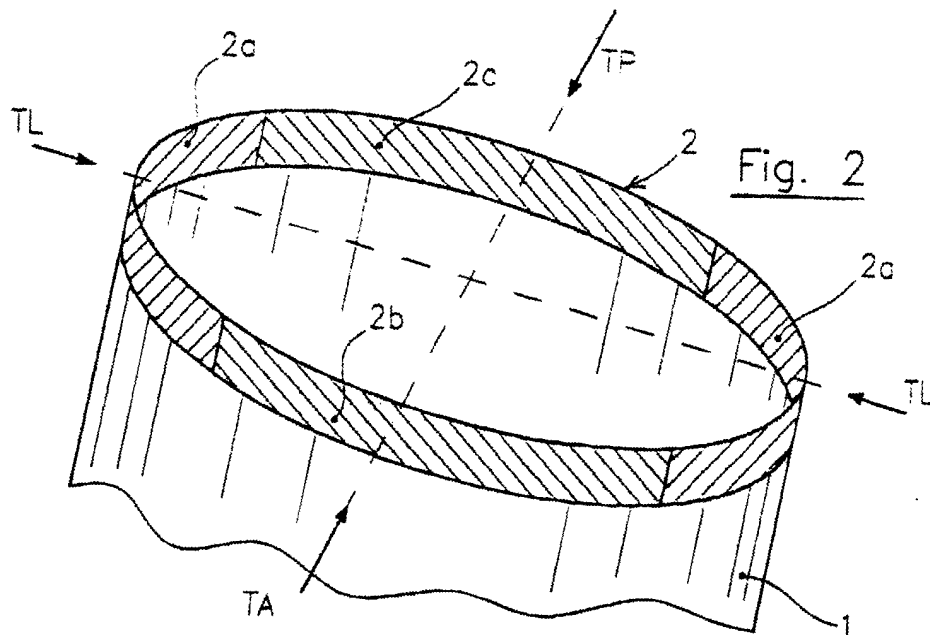
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(54) **Elastic garment with portions having differentiated radial compressions**

(57) Garment made of elastic yarn comprising at least one tubular structure (1) suited, by virtue of its elasticity, to be worn adherent to the body, in which the tubular structure (1) has at least one coaxial band (2) composed of consecutive portions (2a, 2b, 2c) having differ-

ent elastic constants with respect to one another and suited to exercise a correspondingly different radial compression action (T_L , T_A , T_P) on the body. In particular the band is the elastic band, or waistband, of the girdle of a pair of pantyhose.





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