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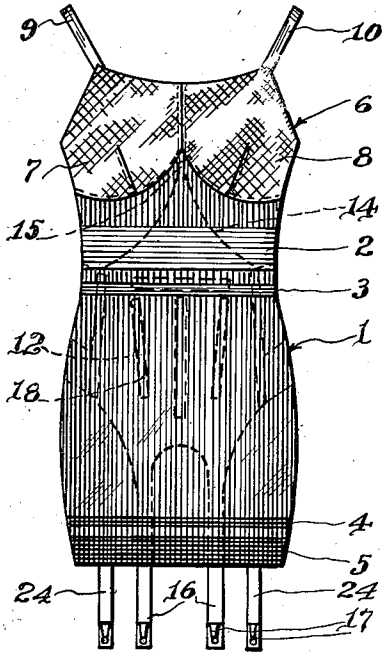


Fig. 1.

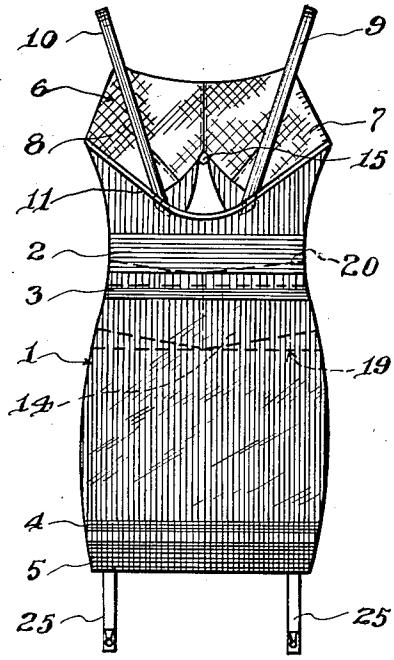


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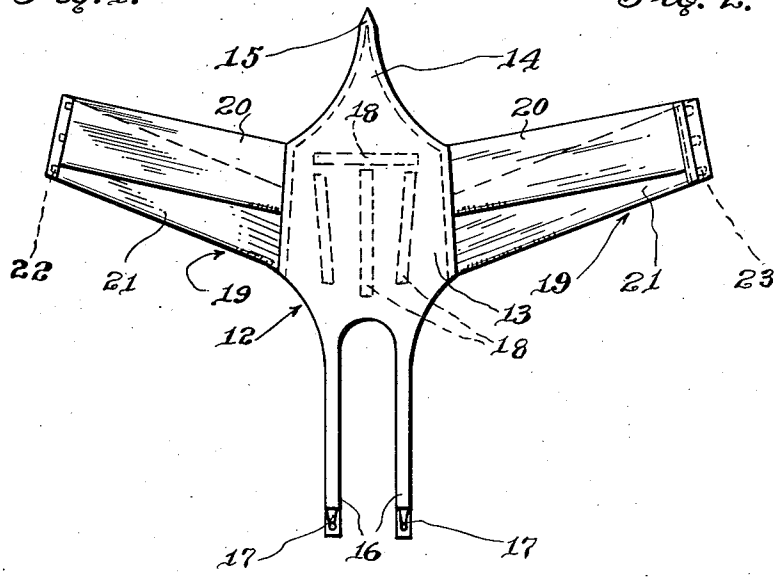


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This invention relates to reducing garments and is made especially for women who are fleshy over the abdomen.

The main object of the invention is to provide a garment which will conform closely to the natural shape of the body and which will afford adequate support to or control of those parts of the figure which are most subject to excessive development or deformation and, while resisting those undesirable involuntary movements or displacements of the figure which are inconsistent with the preservation and maintenance of graceful natural outline, will nevertheless freely permit of all necessary voluntary movements of the body and at the same time insure the maximum ease and comfort.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment having a glove like fit for exerting the desired circumferential tension, to reduce the abdomen and waist and make the body of the wearer appear slender and graceful.

A further object of the invention is to provide an elastic form shaping casing fitting around the body of the wearer combined with an inner belt part elastic and part inelastic for reducing the size of the abdomen and for distributing the abdominal flesh evenly.

A still further object of the invention is to join the casing and inner belt at a point which will allow the said parts to cooperate with each other and also permit each individual element to perform its function.

A still further object of the invention is to position and attach the inner belt in relation to the outer casing so that any tendency of downward slippage of the inner belt is overcome by the upward pull of the outer casing.

Other objects of the invention will appear as the disclosure progresses. The drawing is intended to merely indicate a possible embodiment of the invention. It is obvious that the actual needs of manufacture may necessitate certain mechanical changes. It is therefore not intended to limit the invention to the embodiment illustrated but rather to define such limits in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment.

Figure 2 is a back view thereof and

Figure 3 is a separate view of the inner belt shown in an opened up position.

Referring to the drawing in detail, numeral 1 designates the casing made of elastic material such as cloth or silk textile fabric woven with rubber thread and shaped to fit the torso of the wearer. The circumferential portions 2, 3, 4 and 5 are more closely woven or tensioned than the rest of the casing. Inserted in the bust portion 6 are inserts 7 and 8 of loose lace like material. Shoulder straps 9 and 10 are attached at their ends to the top edges of the said inserts and to the low cut top edge 11 of the rear portion of the casing.

Within the casing is a belt 12 adapted to fit around the abdomen and hips of the wearer. The belt comprises a front portion 13 made of inelastic material of double thickness and provided with a pointed upwardly extended portion 14 and connected to the casing only at the extreme point 15. A pair of tabs 16 lead from the bottom of the central portion and are provided with hose engaging elements 17 at their ends. Inserted between the walls of the front portion are stiffening members 18 made of steel or other suitable material.

Attached to the ends of the front portion are belt portions 19 made of elastic material. Each of said portions consists of two lengths of material 20 and 21 woven with a rubber thread and partly overlaying each other. At the outward ends of the belt are cooperating fastening elements 22 and 23 for holding the belt around the waist of the wearer. Another pair of front tabs 24 and 25 and a pair of rear tabs 26 and 27 are attached to the bottom edge of the casing for engaging the hose of the wearer.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a woman's form fitting garment for properly shaping the abdomen and diaphragm of the wearer and distributing the flesh evenly. The inner belt will always be kept in the proper relation to the casing and will not slip around and cause annoyance to the wearer. The circumferential portions 2 and 3 of the casing being of tighter weave are arranged around the top edge of the inner belt. The reason of this construction is that the tighter area of the casing pressing around the body at that point will prevent any displacement or lumping of the flesh above the top edge of the belt. Thus the casing and inner belt cooperate in this respect.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a garment of the class described, a form fitting casing made of resilient material shaped to fit the torso of the body, an inner belt, said belt comprising an inelastic front portion and elastic straps, means for fastening the strap portions around the waist of the wearer, stiffening elements in said inelastic front portion, and means

to attach the top only of said inelastic front portion to said casing.

2. In a garment of the class described, a casing made of resilient material to fit the torso of the body, a bust portion, said bust portion including right and left sections, each having a convex substantially semi-circular bottom edge, the top edge of the front of said casing having its upper edge cut to correspond to the curvature of the bottom edges of said bust portion and stitched together, an inner belt, said belt comprising an inelastic front portion and elastic straps, the upper edge of said inelastic portion being pointed, the said pointed end only attached to the central meeting point of said bust portion and said casing, and means for fastening the said elastic straps around the waist of the wearer, a circumferential portion of the said casing adjacent the top edge of said inner belt woven under greater tension.

3. In a garment of the class described, a form fitting casing made of resilient material shaped to fit the torso of the body, an inner belt, said belt comprising an inelastic front portion and elastic straps, the upper edge of said inelastic portion being pointed, means for fastening the strap portions around the waist of the wearer, stiffening elements in said inelastic front portion, and means to attach the said pointed edge to said casing, the rest of the belt being detached from said casing.

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