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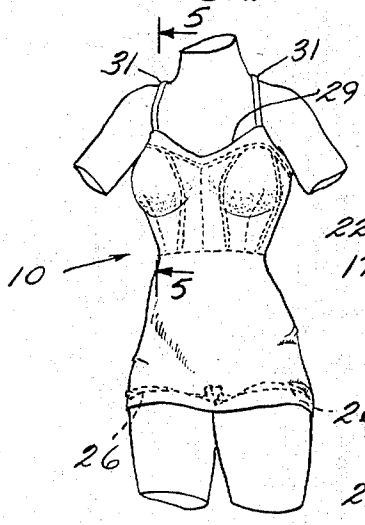


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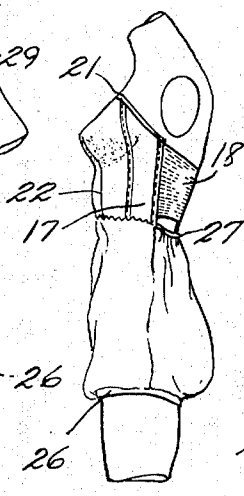


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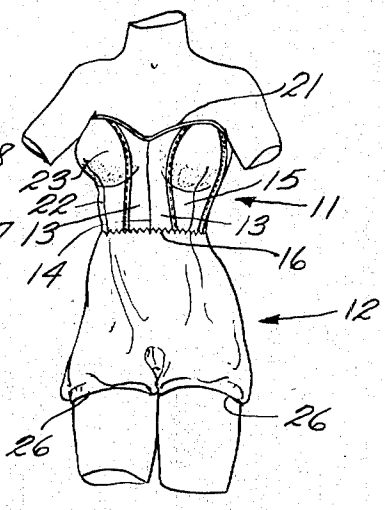


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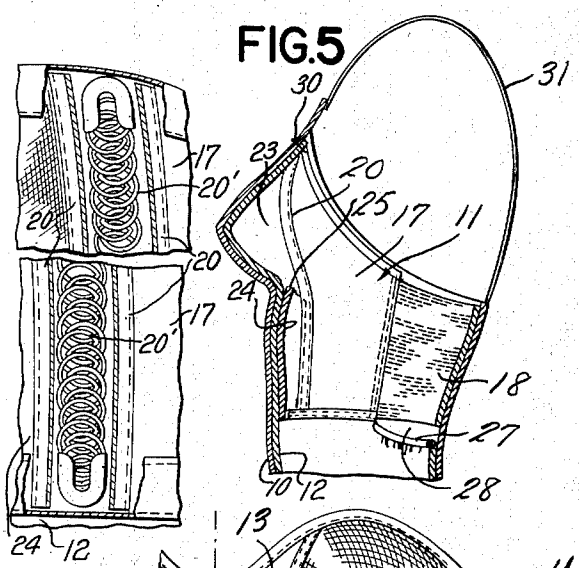


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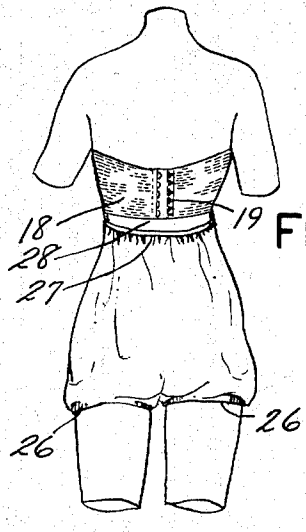


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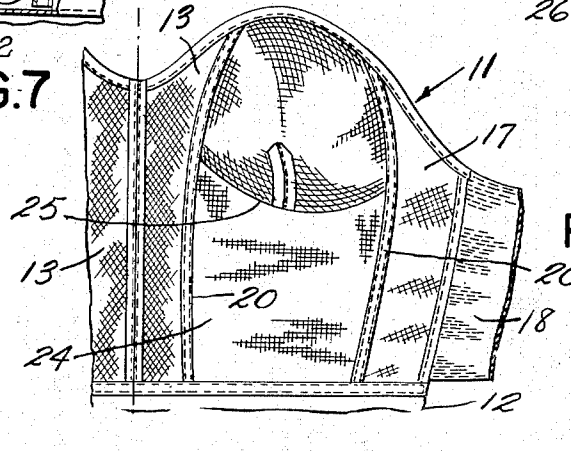


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This invention relates to ladies' bathing suits, dresses, sportswear, beachwear and play clothes.

Broadly, it is an object of the invention to provide a combination garment which comprises a foundation and an outer garment.

More particularly, it is an object of the invention to provide a combination unitary garment which has a foundation comprising a brassière attached to panties at the front portion while the rear portion between the back of the brassière and the top of the panties is not attached, thus leaving an opening. The top of the brassière only is attached to the upper front of the outer garment.

Heretofore, garments, especially bathing suits, have been made with linings attached to the outer fabric of the garment, the lining generally being made of a stretchable material, such as jersey, while the outer material was preferably made of a wool or nylon fabric having rapid drying qualities. In bathing suits, or garments, of this character a separable fastener is generally provided in the vertical center of the rear of the garment. Although plackets are provided behind the zipper elements, in putting the garment on and removing it the slider of the separable fastener generally catches the lining material, causing tears or holes in such lining material. The various sales outlets have returned many such garments since in trying them on, either in the store or at home, the lining would be caught, as above mentioned, and such garments would be returned to the manufacturers as defective, causing a great deal of friction between the manufacturer and the storekeeper. Furthermore, such linings, since they are made of stretchable materials, do not give adequate support to the midriff and the breasts.

I have, therefore, sought to eliminate these disadvantages and have constructed my garment so that the foundation is attached only to the upper line of the front of the garment as the only point of attachment, leaving the back of the outer garment to hang freely without attachment of the back of the foundation at any point to the outer garment. I have also provided in the upper portion of the foundation garment a bias front central construction which will facilitate or aid in the separation of the breasts. I have also provided a double fabric structure directly beneath the breasts to give support to the abdominal region, making the foundation at the midriff portion hug the body so that once the breasts are placed in the breast pockets, there is no way in which the breasts can become dislodged, thus aiding in providing an uplift for the breasts.

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The brassière is provided with vertical stainless steel spirals so that support is given to both the foundation and the outer garment, thus permitting a strapless bathing suit to be worn without fear of the suit or garment shifting its position.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention, reference is had to the following detailed description, together with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the garment shown upon the form;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the foundation only;

Fig. 3 is a front view of the foundation only;

Fig. 4 is a rear view of the foundation shown in Figs. 2 and 3;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional view of the garment taken through line 5—5 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged inside view of part of the brassière portion of the foundation, and

Fig. 7 is a detail view showing one of the spirals arranged within its pocket.

Referring to the drawings, numeral 10 represents a garment comprising a foundation garment and an outer garment. The foundation garment is shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 4 and comprises a strapless brassière portion 11 and a panty portion 12.

The brassière portion 11 comprises a pair of opposed vertical front central panels 13 made of fabric set on the bias and attached to each other by stitching along a medial vertical line 14, a pair of panels 15 covering the breasts and the portion between the breasts and the waistline 16, side panels 17 of fabric set on the bias, and a body encircling back strap or band 18 attached to the vertical ends of the side panels 17. Back strap 18 has a series of vertically disposed hooks and eyes, as shown at 19, for adjustably and separably attaching the brassière portion 11 upon the wearer, as is well known in the art. Between panels 13 and 15, and panels 15 and 17, are narrow, substantially vertical pockets 20 for receiving spirals 20', preferably made of stainless flexible steel, as is also well known in the art. The spiral pockets run the full length of the brassière portion 11, that is, between the waistline 16 and the top 21 of the brassière portion 11 and curve around the breasts as shown in the drawings so that no undue pressure is applied to the breasts. The spirals are placed within the pockets and run from about one-half inch from the top to about two inches above the waist, allowing the wearer comfort when seated. The spirals maintain the brassière portion 11 in upright position upon the wearer without the use of shoulder straps. Shaped darts 22 are placed directly at the nipple of the breast portion and run to the waistline in

panels 15, as shown by line 22, to form the breast pockets 23 and to shape the portion beneath the pockets 23 to the abdominal region and the waist, the fabric being set on the bias to permit stretchability over the contours of the breasts and abdominal region. Beneath the breast pockets 23 and the waistline 16 and between the spiral pockets 20 on either side of the breasts and on the inside of the brassière portion, a pair of reinforcing panels 24 are attached, as best shown in Fig. 6, the fabric of which is set on the "straight." The upper line 25 of panels 24 are concave and follow the underneath curve of the breast. When the back strap 18 is attached behind the wearer, the brassière portion hugs the body of the wearer, the bias panels 13 causing a separation of the breasts while the "straight" inner panels 24 limit the horizontal stretchability of the brassière portion beneath the breasts to help support the abdominal region and to prevent the breasts from becoming dislodged from their breast pockets and helping in uplifting the breasts. Suitable tapes are provided at the seams and tops, as is well known in the art.

The panty portion 12 comprises a pair of panties generally known in the art and having thigh encircling portions 26 and an elastic member at the upper back, as shown at 27. The top front horizontal portion of the panties is attached to the bottom front of the brassière portion 11. The back portion, however, between the elastic 27 and the bottom of the back strap 18 is not attached, providing an opening 28 so that the wearer can bend in any direction without causing any tension upon the back of the brassière portion 11.

The outer garment, shown in Fig. 1, is pictured as a bathing suit for illustrative purposes only. However, such outer garment may take the form of a dress, or short sportswear dress used for tennis or golf, different types of beachwear garment or play clothes. Such outer garment comprises an upper portion above the waistline and a skirt portion which may be short or long and styled in any desirable form. However, the neckline 29 should coincide with the top line 21 of the brassière portion 11 since neckline 29 and the top 21 of the brassière portion 11 are attached by stitching 30 which runs only along the front of the garment. Shoulder straps 31 may be attached to the outer garment, if desired, as shown in Figs. 1 and 5. However, since the spirals of the brassière portion 11 maintain the brassière portion upon the wearer without the necessity of using shoulder straps, the outer garment can also be supported upon the wearer without the use of the shoulder straps 31, if desired, because of the stitching 30 which joins the outer garment to the brassière portion 11 or foundation.

It will thus be seen that both the outer garment and foundation comprise a simple unitary garment, the outer garment hanging free of the foundation, except at the front neckline.

It is obvious that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the general spirit of the invention.

I claim:

1. The combination of a foundation garment and an outer garment, said foundation garment comprising a strapless brassière portion and a panty portion, said brassière portion comprising a pair of breast pockets and a front portion between said breast pockets and the waistline, a body encircling back strap for said brassière portion having means for attaching and detaching said back strap at the rear center thereof, a pair of panties having an elastic at the upper back, said panties attached at its front portion to the bottom front of said brassière portion, an outer garment comprising an upper portion and a skirt portion, the top edge of the front of said brassière portion conforming to the shape and outline of the top edge portion of the front of the outer garment and attached to the top edge of the front of said upper portion of said outer garment.

2. The garment in accordance with claim 1, wherein substantially vertical narrow pockets are provided in said brassière portion and flexible steel spirals within said pockets for maintaining said garment upon the wearer without shoulder straps for said brassière portion.

3. The combination of a foundation garment and an outer garment, said foundation garment comprising a strapless brassière portion and a panty portion, said brassière portion comprising a pair of breast pockets and a front abdominal portion, said brassière portion having a pair of opposed vertical front central panels, panels covering the breasts and the portion between said breasts and the waistline, and side panels, said front central panels on each side of the central vertical medial line the fabric of which is set on the bias for providing breast separation, inner reinforcing panels the fabric of which is set on the straight beneath said breasts and between said breasts and the waistline for limiting the horizontal stretchability of brassière portion to support the abdominal region and the breasts, substantially vertical spirals on either side of said breast covering panels between said waistline and the top of said brassière portion for maintaining said strapless brassière portion in upright position upon the wearer, a body encircling back strap for said brassière portion having means for attaching and detaching said back strap at the rear center thereof, a pair of panties having a substantially horizontal elastic at the upper back, said panties attached at its front portion to the bottom front of said brassière portion, an outer garment comprising an upper portion and a skirt portion, the top edge of the front of said brassière portion conforming to the shape and outline of the top edge portion of the front of the outer garment and attached to the top edge of the front of said upper portion of said outer garment.

4. The garment in accordance with claim 3, wherein substantially vertical narrow pockets are provided in said brassière portion on either side of said breast panels and between said waistline and the top of said brassière portion, vertical flexible spirals within said pockets for maintaining said strapless brassière portion upon the wearer.

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