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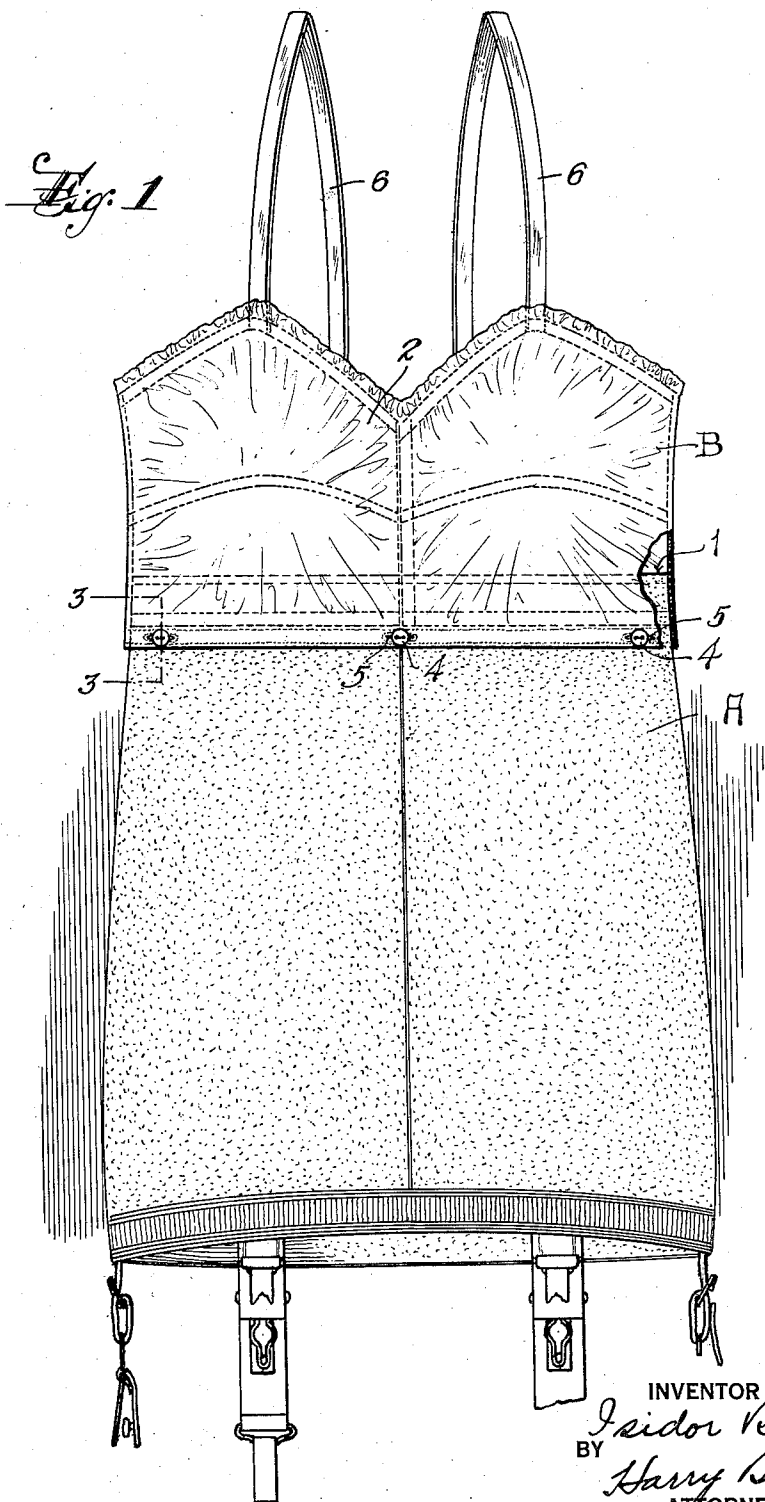
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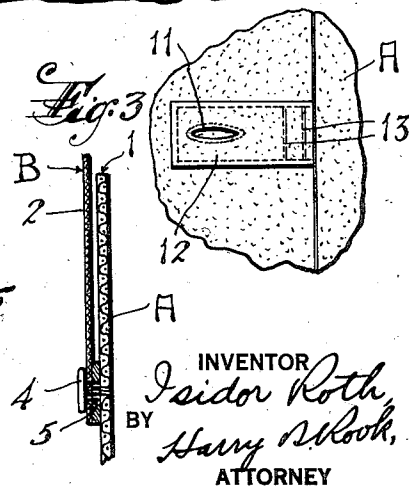
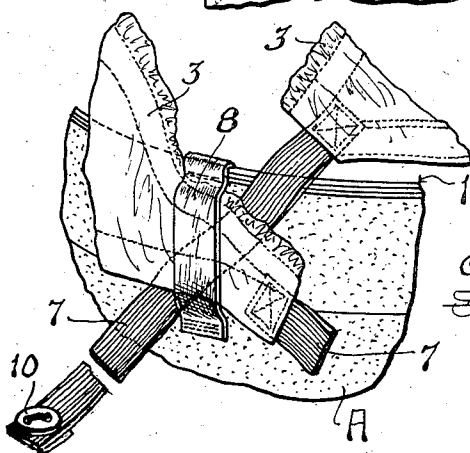
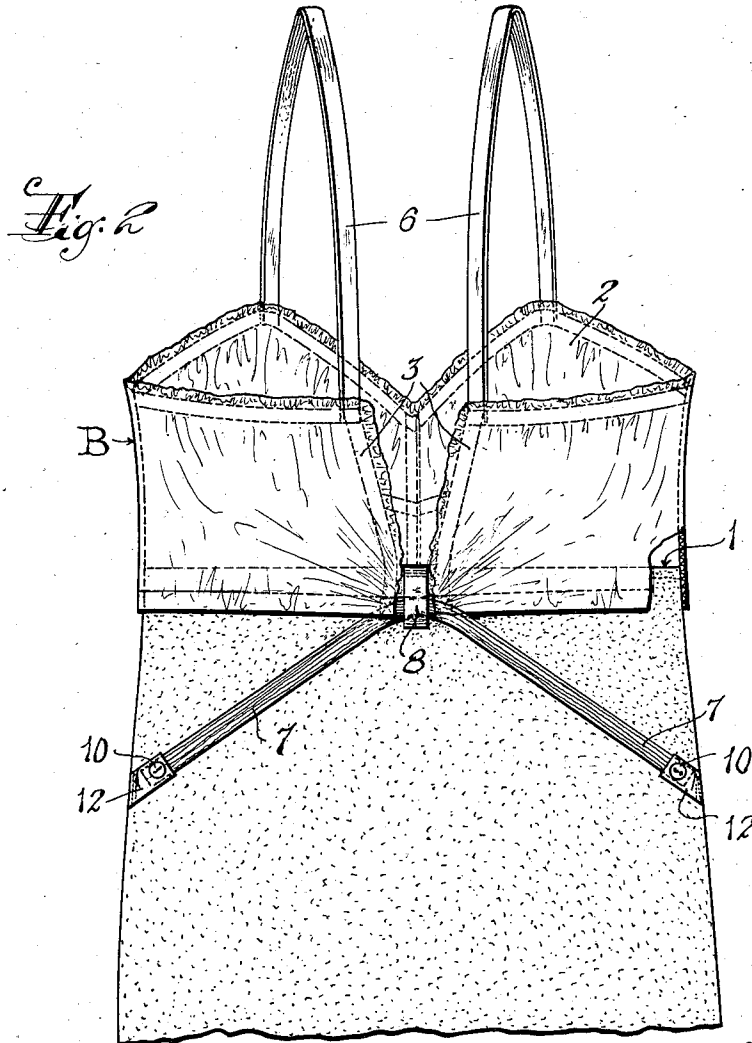
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This invention relates in general to a combination corset and brassière, and more particularly to such a garment wherein the brassière is positively connected to the corset only at the front, and the lower edges of the brassière and upper edge of the corset are separable so as to provide substantially the same freedom for movement of the body as obtains from use of corsets, girdles or hip confiners and entirely separate brassières, and at the same time prevent bulging of the diaphragm and flesh outwardly at the front between the corset and brassière, and so as to facilitate laundering, or for interchanging the corset or brassière with other brassières or corsets respectively, or to permit wearing the corset without the brassière.

One object of my invention is to provide a combination garment of this character wherein the brassière shall be separably connected to the upper edge of the front of the corset as by buttons or other separable fasteners, and novel and improved means shall be provided for fastening the rear end portions of the brassière to the corset, whereby there shall be a minimum of protuberances or projections to produce unsightly bulges beneath thin outer garments or dresses, especially at the waist-line.

Another object is to provide such a combination garment including novel and improved means for connecting the rear end portions of the brassière to the rear of the corset so as to provide constant yielding composite downward and rearward and circumferential tension on the brassière to produce a snug fit of the brassière, hold the brassière against riding upwardly on the figure, and prevent the lower rear edges of the brassière from becoming spaced from the upper rear edge of the corset in such a manner as to become uncomfortable and produce an unsightly appearance beneath a thin outer garment.

Other objects are to provide a combination garment of the character described embodying novel and improved features of construction wherein the lower edges of the rear end portions of the brassière shall be connected by elastic straps to the rear of the corset adjacent the hip-line to securely yieldingly hold the brassière in proper position; to provide such a garment wherein said straps shall cross each other adjacent and below the rear upper edge of the corset and be held at the point of crossing in snug contact with the corset, be prevented from vertical movement relative to each other and the corset and yet be free for movement circumferentially of the body to accommodate bending and turn-

ing movements of the latter; and to obtain other results and advantages as will be brought out by the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings in which corresponding and like parts are designated throughout the several views by the same reference characters,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combination garment embodying my invention.

Figure 2 is a rear elevation thereof.

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detached fragmentary perspective view showing the button hole tab on the corset, and

Figure 5 is a fragmentary enlarged perspective view show the manner of threading the elastic straps at the rear end portions of the brassière through the keeper loop.

Specifically describing the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the reference character A designates generally a corset, girdle or hip-confiner garment which may be of any suitable construction. Preferably as shown, this section is of the step-in type and is formed of elastic woven fabric. When the section A is applied to the body the upper edge thereof is located at approximately the waist-line.

In accordance with the invention, a brassière section B is separably attached to the upper edge portion of the corset section A. This brassière section may be of any suitable construction, but is shown as comprising a front portion 2, and rear end portions 3, so that the brassière may encircle the body with the rear end portions 3 at approximately the center of the back. The lower edge portion of the front of the brassière is separably connected to the upper edge portion of the front of the corset by any suitable means, preferably by buttons 4 secured to the corset section A which cooperate with button-holes 5 in the brassière section B. The brassière section has the usual elastic shoulder straps 6 each of which has one end connected to the front portion 2 of the brassière at one side and the other end connected to the upper edge of one rear end portion 3.

The lower edge of each rear end portion 3 of the brassière has connected thereto one end of an elastic strap 7, the other end of which is separably connected to the rear of the corset section at approximately the hip-line. The elastic straps 7 extend downwardly from the brassière section in crossed relation, and are threaded through a keeper loop 8 which is secured at ap-

proximately the middle of the rear upper edge portion of the corset section A. The elastic straps 7 may be connected to the corset by any suitable means, but preferably the ends of the straps have buttons 10 attached thereto to co-operate with button-holes 11 on tabs 12 which are secured to the corset as by stitching 13.

In donning the garment the brassière section B is attached by the buttons and button-holes 4 and 5 to the upper edge of the corset section A and the straps 7 are disconnected from the tabs 12. The corset section is then slipped on and the shoulder straps 6 applied over the shoulders of the wearer, after which the buttons 10 of the elastic straps 7 are connected to the button-hole tabs 12 of the corset. Generally, the elastic straps 7 need not be removed from the keeper-loop 8, but if they are so removed while donning the garment the straps are threaded through the loop 8 in crossed relation before they are connected to the button-hole tabs.

With this construction, the elastic straps 7 maintain a constant yielding downward and rearward and circumferential tension on the lower edge portions of the brassière, which holds the brassière in snug contact with the body and prevents it from riding upwardly over the upper edge of the corset. At the same time, however, the straps 7 permit movement of the rear end portions of the brassière circumferentially of the body to accommodate twisting and bending movements of the body. The keeper loop 8 assists in holding the straps and rear end portions of the brassière from lateral separation from the corset, and also assists in preventing the rear end portion of the brassière from riding upwardly. With the straps extending diagonally downwardly across the rear of the corset and attached to the corset at approximately the hip-line, no projections are present which would cause unsightly protuberances or ridges to appear beneath a thin outer garment, such as a dress, especially at the waist-line. Complete freedom of movement of the body is permitted, and separation of the edges of the brassière and corset is prevented so as to avoid discomfort and unsightly ridges beneath a thin garment. The brassière can be easily and quickly detached from and attached to the corset section for any desired purpose, for example, to permit laundering of the garment, or interchangeable wearing of a brassière section or corset section with other corset sections and brassière sections respectively, or the wearing of the corset independently of the brassière. The rear end portions 3 may be disposed in spaced relation at the middle of the back, and are constantly influenced downwardly by the straps 7 so that the garment may be worn with extremely low open back dresses without exposing the brassière, and if necessary to comfort or appearance the lower edge portions of the rear end portions 3 of the brassière may be partially pulled through the keeper loop as shown in Figure 5. This construction also permits adaptation of the brassière to busts of different sizes, the straps 7 being elongated for large busts and contracted or shortened for smaller busts.

While I have shown and described my invention as embodied in certain details of construction, it should be understood that this is primarily for the purpose of illustrating the principles of the invention and many modifications

and changes may be made in the details of structure without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A combination garment comprising a corset and a brassière having a front portion and rear end portions, said front portion having its lower edge in separably attached and overlying relation to the upper edge portion of the front of the corset and each rear end portion having one end of an elastic strap connected thereto adjacent the lower edge thereof, said straps extending downwardly in cross relation across the rear of the corset and the other ends of said straps and said corset having cooperating separable fastener elements for connecting the straps to the rear of the corset at approximately the hip-line thereof, and a keeper loop secured on said corset at the middle of the rear upper edge thereof through which keeper loop said elastic straps are threaded.

2. A combination garment comprising a corset and a brassière having a front portion and rear end portions, said front portion having its lower edge attached to the upper edge portion of the front of the corset and each rear end portion having one end of an elastic strap connected thereto at the lower edges of said rear end portion, said straps crossing each other adjacent and below the upper edge of said corset and being separably connected at their other ends to the rear of the corset and means connected to said corset at approximately the middle of the rear upper edge thereof and engaging said crossed portions of said straps for limiting vertical movement of said end portions of the brassière relative to each other and the corset and permitting movement of said end portions and straps circumferentially of the body.

3. A combination garment comprising a corset and a brassière having a front portion and rear end portions, said front portion having its lower edge attached in separably and overlying relation to the upper edge portion of the front of the corset and each rear end portion having one end of an elastic strap connected thereto at the lower edge thereof, said straps crossing each other adjacent and below the upper edge of said corset and being separably connected at their other ends to the rear of the corset, and a keeper loop secured to said corset at approximately the middle of the rear upper edge portion of the corset through which loop said elastic straps are threaded.

4. A combination garment comprising a corset and a brassière having a front portion and rear end portions, said front portion having its lower edge attached to the upper edge portion of the front of the corset and each rear end portion having one end of an elastic strap connected thereto at the lower edges of said rear end portion, said straps crossing each other adjacent and below the upper edge of said corset and being separably connected at their other ends to the rear of the corset adjacent the hip line thereof, and a keeper loop secured to said corset at approximately the middle of the rear upper edge portion of the corset through which loop said elastic straps are slidable.

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