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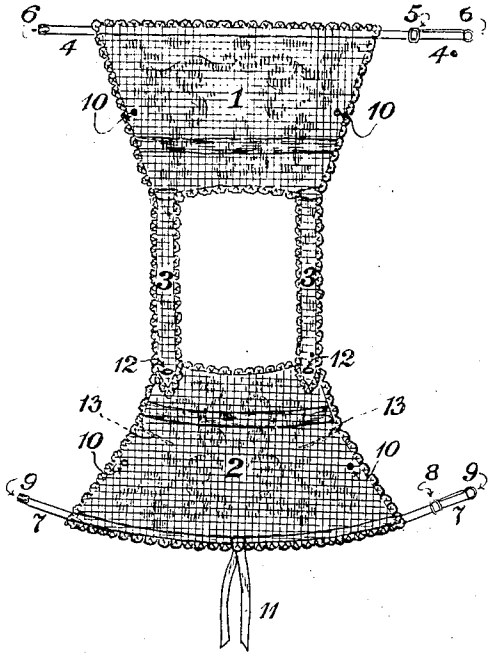


Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, INEZ SCOTT JEROME, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brassières, of which the following is the full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in ladies' undergarments termed brassières and has for its principal object the provision of a garment designed to shape the form with greater comfort to the wearer than has been possible heretofore and at the same time to provide a garment which will serve to shape more gracefully the form of a slender person as well as the form of a very plump person. A further object is the provision of a garment which will also serve as a corset cover.

Brassières and corset covers have been made, but these are open to the objection that they draw the form of the wearer together toward the front of the body, thereby causing a strained condition which interferes with comfort. Often they bind under the arm pits. Difficulty has been experienced heretofore in designing a garment of this type in which the upper edges are kept from bulging or bagging. Difficulty has also been experienced in keeping the shoulder straps taut. These last two features are particularly objectionable when a lace or openwork waist is worn.

The defects of brassières and corset covers above enumerated are corrected by this invention. Other advantages of the invention are apparent in reading the specification in connection with the drawings in which Figure 1 shows a pattern of the garment and Fig. 2 shows its application on the wearer. In the drawing, like reference numerals refer to similar parts.

Referring to Fig. 1, a back portion, 1, and a bust portion, 2, are connected by shoulder straps 3. These straps may be equipped with an adjustment, 12, preferably in front. Two straps, 4, attached to the bottom of the back portion have an adjustment, 5, for limiting their total length and having means, 6, for fastening their free ends together. Two straps, 7, attached to the bottom of the bust portion, 2, have an adjustment, 8, for limiting their total length and means, 9, for coupling their free ends. Fasteners or hooks and eyes, 10, may be provided for tying the sides of the back and bust portions together, and an anchor tie or strap 11 may be attached to the middle of the bust portion whereby the brassière can be anchored to the corset. The straps 4 and 7 may each be one length of tape attached to the back and bust portions instead of two separate straps for each. The back and bust portions may be made of cloth, lace or any material suitable for under-garments. The shoulder straps may be lace, ribbon or tape. If desired, additional fullness in the bust portion may be obtained by means of a pair of darts 13.

In using this garment, it is slipped over the head like a yoke and the two straps 4 of the back portion are drawn downward and forward around the waist and are fastened together by the fastening 6. Proper fit may be obtained through use of the adjustment 5. The two straps 7 of the front or bust portion are then drawn downward and rearward and their free ends are fastened together around the waist by the fastening 9, proper fit having been secured by the adjustment 8. The sides of the back and bust portions may then be fastened together by hooks and eyes or snap fasteners 10. The tapes, which in the present instance constitute the anchor 11, may be tied to the bottom of the corset to prevent the bottom of the brassière from working up.

It will be observed that the back and front portions of my improved garment are substantially of the same general shape, said shape being substantially that of a symmetrical trapezium, similar sides of the trapeziums being connected at their corners by the shoulder straps, while the connecting means are attached to the other corners of the said parts. By reason of the bottom edges of the back and front portions of the brassière being of considerably greater length than the top edges, acute angles are formed at the lower corners. This acute-angled feature is effective to transmit the pull of the straps in a substantially direct line to the upper corners of the front and back portions, thereby greatly assisting in securing the improved effect and objects heretofore referred to.

It will be noted that this design provides a garment in which the back and bust of the wearer are drawn toward the sides

where ample room for comfort is left. It will also be noted that this design also obviates the necessity of dress shield protection for the brassière. By drawing the back portion downward and forward, its top line is held taut and close to the back of the wearer and any excessive amount of flesh is drawn toward the arm pits, and by drawing the bust portion downward and rearward, its top line is held taut and prevented from bulging or buckling to leave unsightly folds if an open work dress is worn. The combination of these two drawing actions prevents the shoulder straps being loose. Withal, sufficient space is allowed under the arms to provide comfort for the wearer. When worn by a slender person, this brassière prevents the top of the corset sticking out in an unsightly manner both in the rear and in the front. When worn by a plump person it affords her a neat and graceful appearance without sacrificing comfort.

This design of a brassière gives a wide range of fit so that not over three sizes are required to fit the various types of figures to be accommodated. I believe that the pattern of a brassière may be varied greatly without departing from the spirit of my invention and consequently do not limit myself to the exact pattern, design or proportion of parts shown herein.

What I claim as new is—

A combined brassière and corset cover comprising a back portion and a front portion, each being substantially a trapezium in shape, one of its parallel sides at the bottom and forming acute angles with the adjacent sides, spaced apart substantially parallel shoulder straps for connecting corresponding upper corners of the said trapeziums, means connected to the acute angles at the bottom of the back portion for exerting draft upon the lower edge and the side edges of the said back portion, and means connected to the acute angles at the bottom of the front portion for exerting draft upon the lower edge and the side edges of said front portion.

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