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Fig. 1.

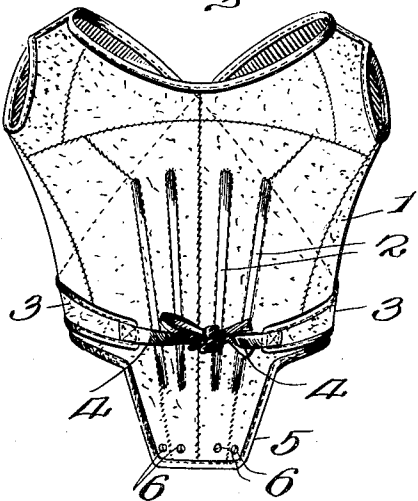
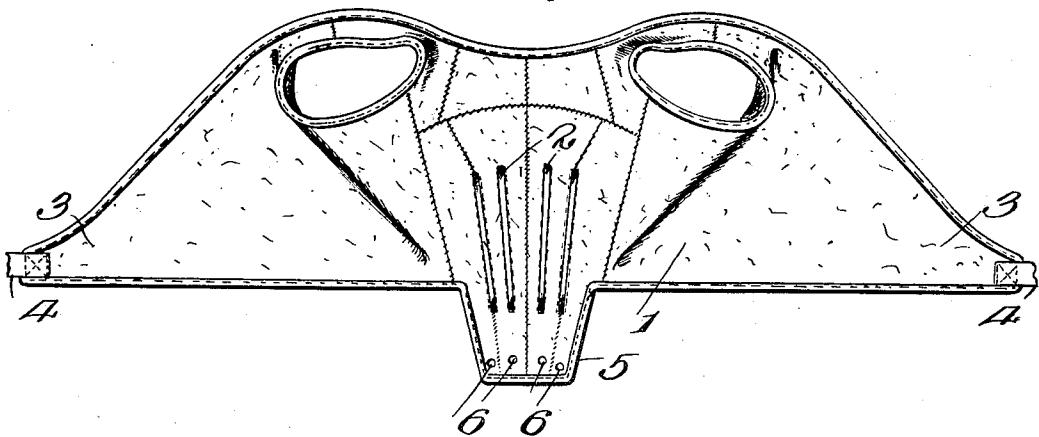


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BESSIE LAZELL, of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bust and Abdominal Supporters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved bust and abdominal supporter, having reference primarily to a garment to be worn with bathing suits.

The invention contemplates an article of wearing apparel to be worn like a waistcoat in that it is provided with arm holes and is supported by the shoulders of the wearer and one which may be tightened by means rendering it capable of being used by people of different sizes. The coat like garment is provided with stays to maintain it in the form to constitute a bust supporter and is also equipped to form an abdominal supporter, being for this purpose provided with a depending front portion or apron which when secured, as to the hose, for instance, will be held taut or stretched by the shoulders.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 shows the garment in the position it assumes in use. Fig. 2 shows the garment opened.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates the body garment which, as shown in Fig. 2, may be formed of a single piece of material suitably cut to fit over the shoulders and around the waist. The garment is preferably made of rubber cloth to render it adapted for wear with bathing costumes. At its upper central front portion the garment is formed to constitute a bust supporter and is made with a series of vertical shirrs 2 to receive flexible stays such as whalebone. To this extent the article provides a simple bust supporter which is sufficiently flexible to avoid any inconvenience to the wearer.

I have shown the garment formed with tapering extension pieces 3 which are passed around the sides and back of the wearer, crossing in the back and held in front at or near the waist line as by tying their ribbon extremities 4. These extension pieces

may obviously be tightened or loosened to suit the requirements of the wearer, and they co-act with the stays to maintain the bust supporter in position on the wearer. They further operate to brace the back and shoulder blades of the wearer.

At the central portion of the lower front edge I have shown the garment extended downward below the waist line as at 5. This depending part or apron is shown formed with holes 6 by which it may be connected to any part of the wearing apparel as, for instance, the hose, which will co-act with the shoulders of the wearer to maintain the bust supporter in position and the front of the garment pulled taut thereby tending to depress the abdomen.

It will be noted that the parts 2 and 5, in performing, respectively, the offices of bust and abdominal supports, are held as against displacement, the extension pieces affording means for readily adjusting and removing the garment.

While I prefer to make the garment of rubber cloth in order to adapt it to bathing costumes, yet obviously various materials may be used. An advantage of the rubber cloth, however, is that it may be reversed and the rubber face worn next to the body. This tends to promote perspiration and may be desirable to people wishing to reduce their flesh.

The garment is primarily designed to be worn with bathing suits but it may be worn beneath other clothing and perform the functions recited.

I claim as my invention:—

1. As an article of manufacture a body garment consisting of a piece of material having a waist portion provided with shoulder straps and stays, constituting a bust support and extension pieces adapted to be passed around the sides and back of the wearer and to be secured together in front; and an apron, adapted for the attachment of hose supporters, depending from the front of said waist portion constituting an abdominal support.

2. As an article of manufacture, a reversible body garment of rubber cloth comprising a waist portion formed with arm holes and provided with stays, to constitute a bust support, and tapering extension pieces adapted to pass from the shoulders and

waist portion around the sides and cross at
the back of the wearer and to be secured to-
gether in front over said stays, and an apron,
adapted for the attachment of hose support-
ers depending from the front of said waist
portion to constitute an abdominal support.
In testimony whereof, I have signed this

specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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