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Fig. 1

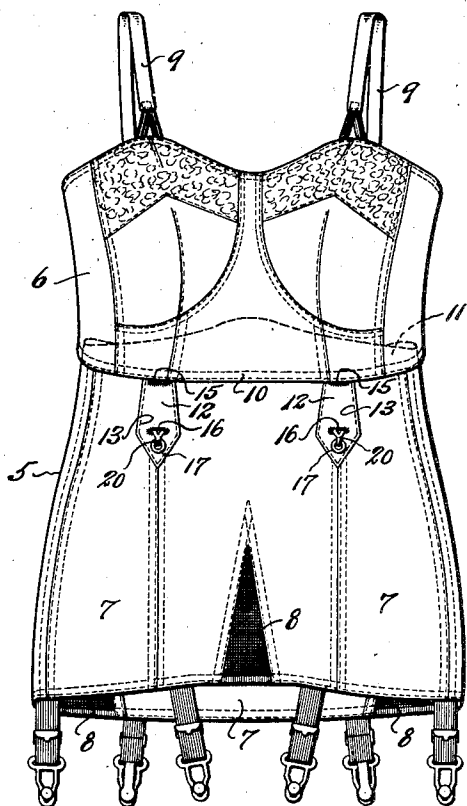


Fig. 2

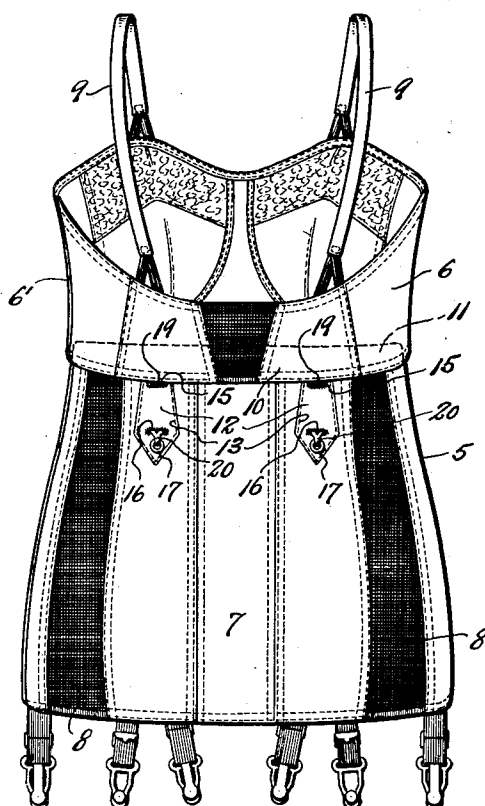


Fig. 3

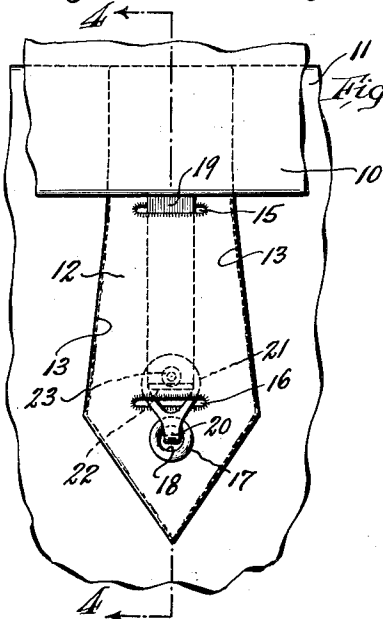
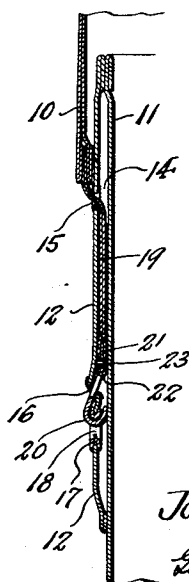


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to a composite garment for women's wear; and the invention has reference, more particularly, to an improved composite foundation garment comprising a brassière and girdle provided with novel means for connecting the same together to furnish a one-piece effect in use.

This invention has for its principal object to provide a composite under garment for women of the kind mentioned wherein the brassière and girdle elements are provided with novel cooperative disconnectible connecting means, whereby these elements are so connected together as to provide in effect a unitary foundation garment adapted to assure to the wearer a smooth figure line, without unsightly bulges or gaping, and at the same time providing the superior figure control, molding effect and flexibility of separate garment units.

Another object of this invention is to improve the form and arrangement of the connecting means for joining the garment units together, whereby all fastening elements are entirely eliminated from the interior surfaces of the garment, thus removing all risk of discomfort or possible injury to the body of the wearer, and whereby the connecting means, although disposed in connection with exterior surfaces of the garment, are nevertheless substantially concealed; are maintained smoothly flatlying to the garment surfaces; and are so combined with novel holding and control means therefor that close non-bulging and non-gaping of the brassière bottom relative to the underlying girdle top is assured, while at the same time a very attractive, neat and pleasing appearance of the composite garment as a whole is attained.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel form and arrangement of garment unit connecting or coupling means which is easily and conveniently manipulatable, either when the garment is removed from or worn upon the person of the wearer; and consequently easily permitting detachment and interchanging of the brassière unit without necessitating removal, wholly or partially, of the girdle unit from the body of the wearer.

Other objects of this invention, not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be understood from the following detailed description of the same.

An illustrative embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a front face view or elevation of the novel composite foundation garment according to

this invention; and Fig. 2 is a rear face view or elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary face view showing the novel separable connecting means for joining the garment units together; and Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical section, taken on line 4—4 in Fig. 3.

Similar characters of reference are employed in the above described views, to indicate corresponding parts.

As shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing, the composite garment comprises a lower garment unit 5 in the form of a girdle and an upper garment unit 6 in the form of a brassière. The girdle unit 5 may comprise, in general structure, any suitable design, e. g. either in a continuous tubular band or in the form of a discontinuous band, i. e. one adapted to open along a longitudinal line; and the body thereof may be made wholly of elastic fabric, or it may comprise a combination of non-elastic sections or panels 7 and elastic panels or sections 8 as shown in the drawing. The brassière unit 6 may comprise any desired design, and is preferably designed to open along one side, as e. g. at 6' (see Fig. 6). The brassière unit may be made of any suitable material. The body of the brassière is provided with the usual shoulder straps 9, connected by their respective ends to the front and back upper margins of the brassière body. When the garment units are combined, the lower marginal portion 10 of the brassière unit 6 overlaps or overlies the upper marginal portion 11 of the girdle unit 5.

Applied to the exterior surfaces of the girdle unit 5, to extend downwardly from the upper margin thereof, are a plurality of laterally spaced placket pieces 12 of any suitable marginal design or outline shape, the same being secured by their marginal portions to the girdle unit body by stitching 13. These placket pieces 12 may be located at any desired points around the top of the girdle unit, but preferably there are at least two thereof respectively laterally and outwardly spaced upon the garment front relative to the longitudinal center thereof, and, likewise, at least two thereof respectively laterally and outwardly spaced upon the garment back relative to the longitudinal center thereof. Each placket piece 12, as thus applied and secured to an exterior upper portion of the girdle unit body, forms in conjunction with the latter an intermediate tunnel or passage 14. Each said placket piece is provided with an upper or entrance opening 15 leading into the tunnel or passage 14, and spaced downwardly therefrom a lower or exit opening 16

emerging from the tunnel or passage 14. Connected with the placket piece in downwardly spaced relation to said lower or exit opening 16 is a female fastener element 17, which may be of any suitable type or kind, but which is preferably in the form of a perforate eyelet affixed to the material of the placket piece and providing an opening 18 therethrough.

Suitably affixed to or anchored in connection with the lower marginal portion 10 of the brassière unit 6 are a plurality of dependent connector straps or tapes 19, the same corresponding in number and relative positions to the number and positions of the placket pieces 12 with which the girdle unit 5 is provided. These tapes are preferably made of elastic webbing so as to be capable of more or less longitudinal elastic give and take. Secured to the lower free end of each strap or tape 19 is a male fastener element 20, which may be of any type or kind suitable for cooperation with the particular type or kind of female fastener element 17 with which the placket pieces are provided, but which is preferably in the form of a hook device having a loop 21 or other form of body portion by which it is secured to the free end of a strap or tape 19. As illustrated in the drawing, it is of advantage to form the straps or tapes 19 of a length of material doubled on itself, with the doubled end at its free extremity. In such case, the loop body 21 of the hook-like male fastener element 20 is engaged in the bight 22 of the doubled free end of the strap or tape 19, a rivet 23 being preferably secured through this portion and the loop body 21 to prevent displacement or shifting movement of the male fastener element relative to the strap or tape end. The doubled strap or tape not only produces a stronger yieldable coupling element, but also sufficiently stiffens the strap or tape to render insertion of the same through a tunnel or passage 14 easily accomplished, and consequently facilitates the manipulation of the garment unit connecting devices when joining one garment unit to the other.

When the brassière unit 6 is assembled relative to the girdle unit 5, the lower marginal portion of the former overlaps upon the exterior surface of the upper marginal portion of the latter, and the connector straps or tapes 19 of the one will be vertically aligned and opposed to the placket pieces 12 of the other. When the garment units are thus disposed, each strap or tape 19 is operatively related to a corresponding placket piece 12, by inserting its free end inwardly through the upper or entrance opening 15 of the latter, thereupon passing the strap or tape downwardly through the tunnel or passage 14, and thence projecting its free end portion and the male fastener element carried thereby outwardly through the lower or exit opening 16 of the placket piece. When the strap or tape is thus disposed relative to the placket piece, the bill of the hook of the male fastener element 20 is engaged through the eyelet opening 18 of the female fastener element 17, thereby anchoring the free end of the strap or tape to the placket piece 12 and against accidental withdrawal from the tunnel or passage 14 formed thereby, thus securely uniting the garment units in the joined relation adapted to form the complete composite garment. The length of the straps or tapes is such, that when engaged with the placket pieces in the manner described, the lower margins of the brassière unit 6 will be drawn downwardly and inwardly in close hugging relation to the upper portion of the girdle

unit overlapped thereby, and will thus be held closely and snugly to the latter, without the formation of figure line marring wrinkles or bulges, and without tendency to gaping, while, at the same time, when the straps or tapes are made of elastic material, a degree of longitudinal elastic give and take is provided to permit of a yielding play between the garment units, when on the body of the wearer, to easily and comfortably accommodate themselves to body movements, especially bending movements, without undue relative displacement or permanent dislocation from their operatively joined relations, and consequently the smooth figure molding lines of the composite garment are retained under varying conditions.

It will be obvious from an inspection of Fig. 4 of the drawing more especially, that the novel arrangement and construction of the garment unit connecting means is such, that no parts thereof are located or exposed upon the interior sides or surfaces of the girdle unit, which are thus free from projections, knobby protuberances, or hard elements likely to cause bodily discomfort to the wearer, or to injure either the fine texture of underlying garments or abrade the skin of the wearer's body. Not only are these advantages assured, but additionally the novel tunneled placket pieces substantially conceal the straps or tapes, and provide a very neat and attractive exterior appearance of the composite garment, while at the same time serve to prevent outward displacement of the tapes or straps or the brassière unit body to which they are anchored.

It will be apparent that by detaching the hook-like male fastener elements 20 from the female fastener elements 17, the straps or tapes are freed so that the same may be outwardly and upwardly withdrawn from the tunnels or passages formed by the placket pieces, and consequently the brassière unit 6 may be quickly and easily detached from the girdle for laundering or other purposes. Such detachment may be readily accomplished either while the girdle unit 5 is on the body of the wearer, or when removed therefrom, as the case may be.

It will be understood that many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof as defined in the following claims; it is therefore intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:—

1. A composite garment comprising a girdle unit and a brassière unit, and means for separably connecting said units to form in effect an all in one foundation garment, said connecting means being spaced around the meeting portions of said garment units, and each connecting means comprising a placket piece applied to the exterior surface of the girdle unit to provide an intermediate tunnel having an upper entrance opening and a lower exit opening in aligned relation, and a strap anchored to and dependent from the brassière unit, said strap being adapted to enter said upper entrance opening to pass through said tunnel with its free end projecting outwardly from said exit opening, and cooperative male and female fastener means respectively provided at the free end of said strap and in connection with said placket piece below said exit opening thereof.

2. A composite garment comprising a girdle unit and a brassière unit, and means for separably

connecting said units to form in effect an all in one foundation garment, said connecting means being spaced around the meeting portions of said garment units, and each connecting means comprising a placket piece applied to the exterior surface of the girdle unit to provide an intermediate tunnel having an upper entrance opening and a lower exit opening in aligned relation, and a strap anchored to and dependent from the brassière unit, said strap being adapted to enter said upper entrance opening to pass through said tunnel with its free end projecting outwardly from said exit opening, a fastener eyelet provided in the body of said placket piece below the tunnel exit opening thereof, and a fastener hook connected with the free end of said strap for separable coupled engagement with said fastener eyelet.

3. A composite garment comprising a girdle unit and a brassière unit, and means for separably connecting said units to form in effect an all in one foundation garment, said connecting means being spaced around the meeting portions of said garment units, and each connecting means comprising a placket piece applied to the exterior surface of the girdle to provide an intermediate substantially vertical tunnel therebetween, said placket piece having toward its upper end an entrance opening leading into said tunnel, said placket piece having toward its lower end an exit opening leading out of said tunnel, an elastic strap anchored to and dependent from the lower marginal portion of said brassière unit, said strap being adapted to be passed inwardly through said entrance opening and thence through said tunnel to emerge from said exit opening, and cooperative male and female fastener means respectively provided at the free end of said strap and in connection with said placket piece below said exit thereof.

4. A composite garment comprising a girdle unit and a brassière unit, and means for separably

connecting said units to form in effect an all in one foundation garment, said connecting means being spaced around the meeting portions of said garment units, and each connecting means comprising a placket piece applied to the exterior surface of the girdle to provide an intermediate substantially vertical tunnel therebetween, said placket piece having toward its upper end an entrance opening leading into said tunnel, said placket piece having toward its lower end an exit opening leading out of said tunnel, an elastic strap anchored to and dependent from the lower marginal portion of said brassière unit, said strap being adapted to be passed inwardly through said entrance opening and thence through said tunnel to emerge from said exit opening, a fastener eyelet provided in the body of said placket piece below the tunnel exit opening thereof, and a fastener hook connected with the free end portion of said strap for separable coupled engagement with said fastener eyelet.

5. Means for coupling garment units in a composite arrangement thereof, comprising a placket piece secured over an exterior surface of one garment unit to provide an intermediate tunnel therebetween, said placket piece having an entrance opening leading into said tunnel, said placket piece having an exit opening leading out of said tunnel, a double elastic strap secured to and extending from the other garment unit with its doubling fold at its free end, said strap being adapted to be passed inwardly through said entrance opening and thence through said tunnel to emerge from said exit opening, an exposed fastener eyelet provided in the body of said placket piece below and adjacent to the tunnel exit opening thereof, and a fastener hook having its attachment loop secured in the bight of said folded strap end, said hook being adapted for separable coupled engagement with said fastener eyelet.

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