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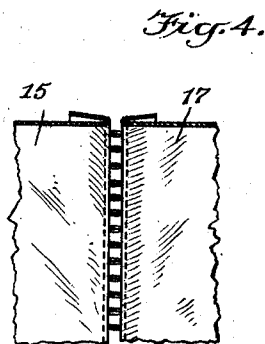
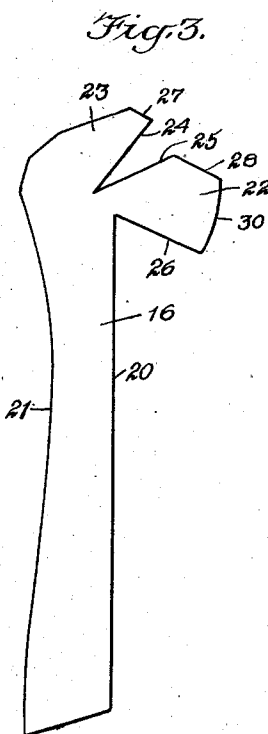
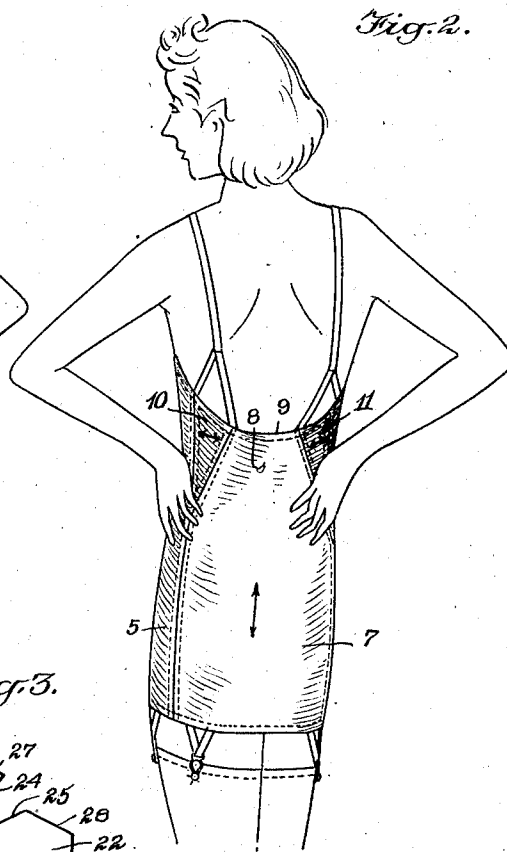
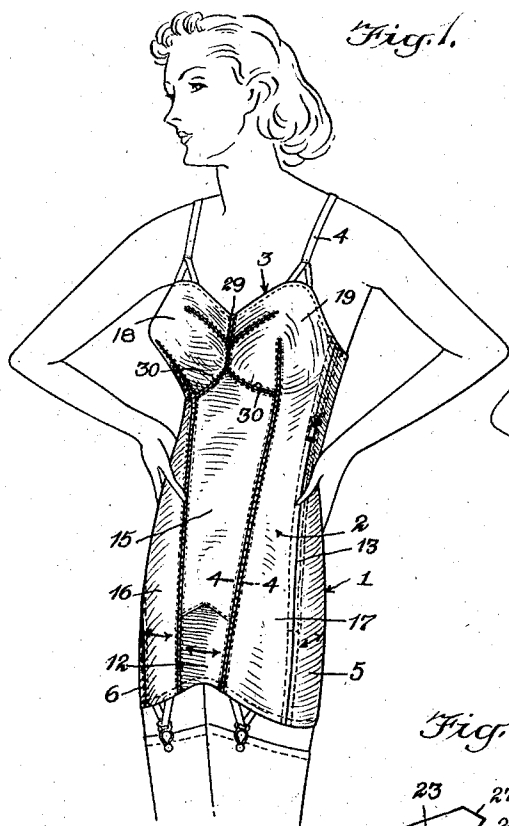
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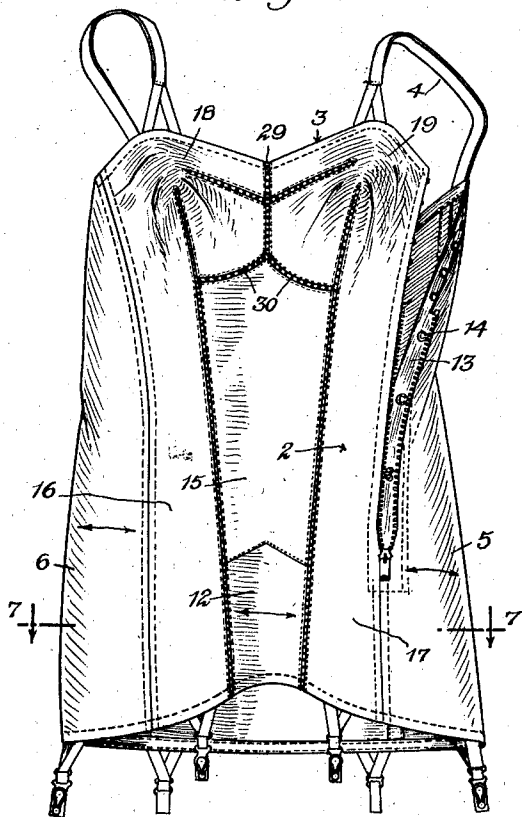


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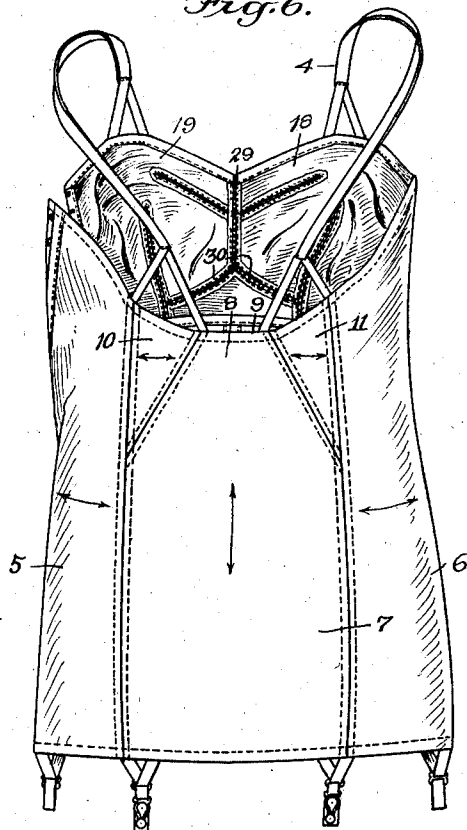
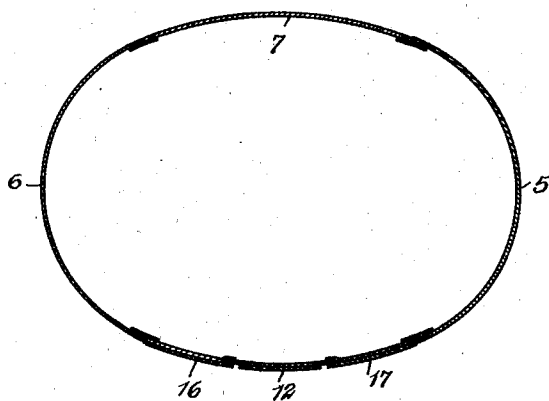


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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to an improved foundation garment or corset, an object being to provide an improved corset having a body formed at the rear with a panel elastic longitudinally and tapering at the part extending across the waistline so that a ready forward or rearward bending may be had without dislocating the position of the garment when in use.

An additional object is to provide an improved corset having a substantially non-elastic front with a pair of front side panels merging at the top into breast pockets connected together centrally.

A further and more specific object of the invention is to provide a corset wherein two of the front panels are formed with radiating portions or enlargements at the upper ends which are adapted to be stitched together to form breast pockets for the corset.

In the accompanying drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a foundation garment disclosing an embodiment of the invention, the same being illustrated on a figure;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the corset shown in Fig. 1, the same being illustrated on a figure;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank of one of the front side panels shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail fragmentary sectional view through Fig. 1 on the line 4—4;

Fig. 5 is a front view of the corset lying substantially flat and with the fastening means at the side disengaged;

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 but showing the rear of the corset;

Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view through Fig. 5 approximately on the line 7—7.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates the body of the garment which has a front structure 2 merging into what may be termed a brassière 3. Shoulder straps 4 connect the upper parts of the breast pockets of the brassière with the rear of the garment. The body 1 is provided with side panels 5 and 6 which extend from the bottom of the garment to the top and are made of elastic material which is elastic in one direction only. The material of the panels 5 and 6 is arranged to be elastic and to stretch circumferentially.

At the rear, as shown in Fig. 2, there is provided a rear panel 7 which is elastic longitudinally formed at the upper end with a converging or tapering portion 8. This portion has a blunt upper edge 9. Circumferentially elastic gores 10

and 11 are connected to the tapering side edges of the portion 8 and with this portion and the remaining part of the panel 7, forms a rear substantially triangular structure. The tapering portion 8 extends from substantially the waistline upwardly and the garment at this portion stretches both vertically and circumferentially at the rear.

The garment at the side, at the waistline and above the waistline stretches circumferentially but at the front the structure 2 is non-elastic except for the insert 12 which is elastic circumferentially. The front 2 is connected along its side edges to the side edges of the panels 5 and 6 and extends from top to bottom of the garment. An opening 13 is provided at one side which extends from the top of the garment to near the lower end and suitable disengageable fastening means 14 are provided for disengageably securing the edges of this opening together. By the arrangement as shown in Fig. 5, a step-in structure is presented though, if desired, the opening could extend to the bottom of the garment without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The front structure 2 is formed with a central non-elastic section 15 and front side non-elastic panels 16 and 17. The section 15 extends from the bottom edges of the breast pockets 18 and 19, which are integral extensions of the front side panels 16 and 17. The respective front side panels are identical except that they are made right and left. In Fig. 3 a blank of panel 16 is presented and from this figure it will be observed that the panel is provided with a straight edge 20 and a curved edge 21. At the upper edge of the blank there are provided substantially radiating members 22 and 23. The parts are one integral structure and when the respective edges 24 and 25 are stitched together and the edges 20 and 26 are stitched together, a pocket formation will be provided. The edge portions 27 and 28 are connected together at the center, as indicated by the numeral 29 in Fig. 1. The respective edges 30 are connected to the top edge of section 15. From this it will be observed that the front structure 2 is formed of four pieces of material, all of which are non-elastic except the insert 12 arranged at the lower end of section 15.

By reason of this construction it will be seen that what may be termed the brassière 3 is really integral extensions of the two front side panels 16 and 17. As the breast pockets are formed of non-elastic material they present a proper support without constriction as the only tension on these pockets is from the shoulder straps 4 and

from the upper end portions of the elastic side panels 5 and 6. This results in a very comfortable and efficient construction that also presents a pleasing contour or outline of the body of the person wearing the garment.

I claim:

1. In a foundation garment of the character described, a pair of front side panels, each panel being formed from a blank comprising a single piece of textile fabric having a body with one side edge substantially straight and the other side edge curved with the narrowest point near one end of the panel, said body at said one end merging into a pair of substantially radiating extensions projecting from the straight side of the panel, said extensions being adapted to be swung together to form a breast pocket.

2. A corset including a body having an elastic panel on each side extending from the top to the bottom of the garment, said panels being positioned to be elastic and stretchable circumferentially of the garment, and a front structure secured along its side edges to the side edges of said elastic panels, said front structure having a pair of non-stretchable front side panels extending from the bottom of the garment to the top and at the top merging into breast pockets se-

cured together on a central line, a non-elastic section extending from the bottom edge of said breast pockets to near the bottom of the garment and a circumferentially elastic insert extending from the bottom of said section to the bottom of the garment secured at its top edge to the bottom edge of said section and at its sides to said front side panels.

3. A foundation garment having a body merging at the upper end into a brassière structure, said body and brassière structure including a centrally positioned front panel extending from the bottom edge of the brassière structure to the bottom of the garment and a front side panel on each side of said front panel, each of said side front panels extending from the bottom of the garment to the top thereof and at the top merging into and forming the brassière structure, each of said front side panels having its upper end formed with diverging extensions, the extensions of one front side panel projecting toward the extension of the other side panel, and seams connecting each group of extensions together and to one side edge of the panel with which it is associated.

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