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Fig. 1.

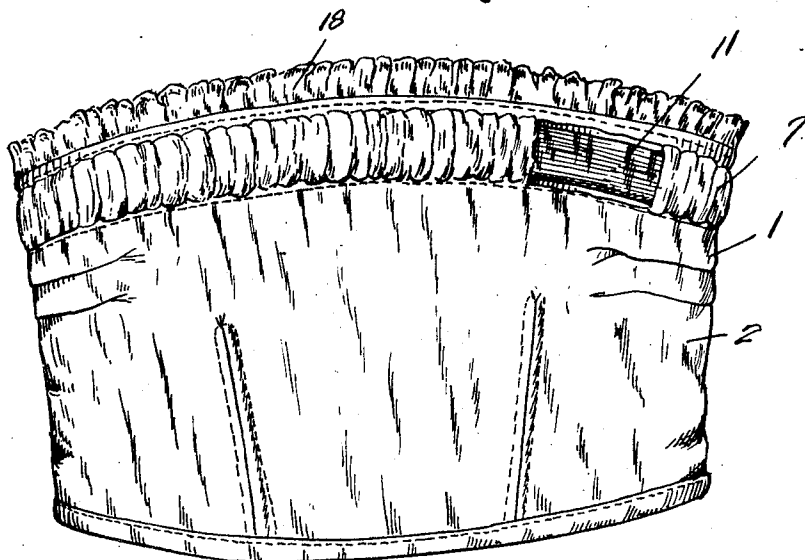
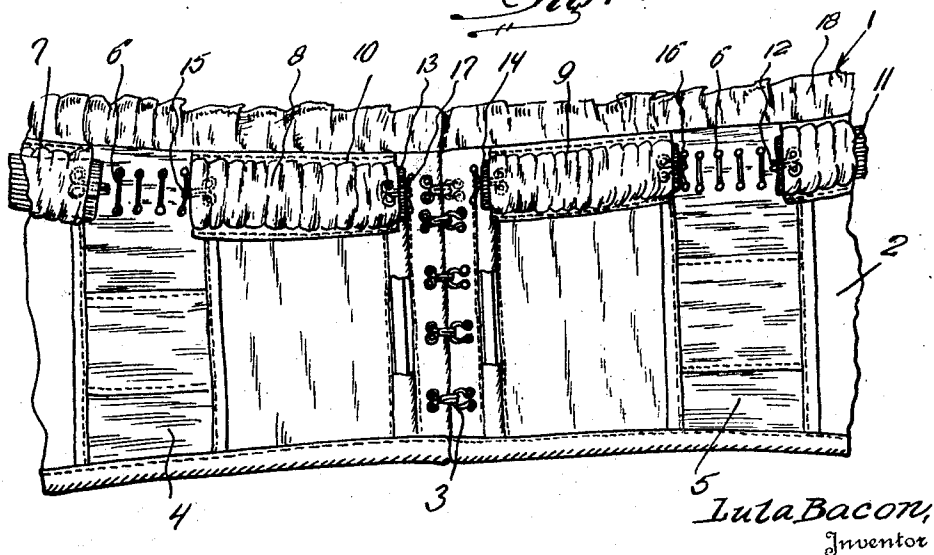


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LULA BACON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Belton, in the county of Bell and State of Texas, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Brassière, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in wearing apparel and is
10 more particularly adapted to a brassière wherein means is provided for supporting the same on the body of the wearer thus obviating the necessity of having to employ the usual straps.

One of the important objects of the present invention is to provide a brassière of the above mentioned character wherein the same
15 may be adjusted in order to properly support the same in position on the body of the wearer.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a brassière of the above mentioned character, wherein the adjusting
20 means is so arranged as not to cause discomfort to the wearer and is furthermore invisible.

A further object of the invention is to provide a brassière of the above mentioned character, which is simple in construction,
25 inexpensive, durable and furthermore adapted for the purposes for which it is designated.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent during the
30 course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals designate like parts throughout
35 the same:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved brassière, and

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the rear portion of the brassière showing the inside
40 thereof.

In the drawing wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 1
45 designates generally my brassière and the same comprises the elongated body portion 2, the free ends of which are provided with the usual hook and eye fastening means such as is shown at 3. Provided in the body
50 portion of the brassière adjacent the free end thereof are the vertically extending elastic portions 4 and 5 respectively. These elastic
55 portions extend from the upper edge of the

body portion to the lower edge thereof in the manner clearly illustrated in Figure 2.

It is of course understood that the elastic portions 4 and 5 constitute inserts and the
60 portions of the body where the inserts are arranged must be cut away in order to accommodate the elastic portions. The elastic portions are furthermore arranged in the
65 back portion of the brassière and the purpose thereof is obvious from the construction shown.

Ordinarily the brassières now on the market are provided with the shoulder straps and the person wearing a brassière of this
70 type usually experiences difficulty in keeping the shoulder straps in proper position. In order to maintain the shoulder straps in proper position, lingerie clasps are usually
75 employed in the manner well known in the art.

To obviate the necessity of the shoulder straps and the lingerie clasps usually used in connection therewith I have provided a
80 means in connection with the brassière for properly supporting the same on the body of the wearer without causing any discomfort to the person. The supporting means in the present invention comprises the provision of a plurality of spaced eyes such as
85 shown at 6 on the elastic portions 4 and 5 respectively adjacent the upper edges thereof and the purpose of this construction will be presently apparent.

Arranged on the inner side of the brassière adjacent the upper edge thereof are
90 the pockets 7, 8 and 9 respectively. The pocket 7 extends from one edge of the elastic portion 4 to the adjacent edge of the elastic portion 5 and provides what I term as a
95 central pocket. The pocket 8 extends from the opposite side edge of the elastic portion 4 to the adjacent free end of the body portion while the pocket 9 extends from the other free end of the body portion to the
100 adjacent side edge of the elastic portion 5 in the manner clearly illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing. The pockets are open at their respective ends and are preferably
105 fastened to the upper inner portion of the brassière by stitching such as shown at 10.

Extending through the central pocket 7 is the elastic band 11. The free ends of the elastic band 11 are provided with the hooks
110 such as illustrated at 12 for engagement with certain of the eyes 6 fastened to the upper portions of the elastic inserts 4 and 5

respectively. Arranged in the end pockets 8 and 9 respectively are similar elastic bands 13 and 14 respectively and the ends of these bands are also provided with hooks such as are shown at 15 and 16 respectively for engagement with certain of the eyes 6 arranged on the elastic inserts 4 and 5 and the inner opposed ends of the elastic bands 13 and 14 have hooks thereon engaging the eyes 17 secured to the upper inner faces of the body portion adjacent the free ends thereof in the manner clearly shown in Figure 2 of the drawing.

By adjusting the elastic band in the manner as is obvious from the construction shown, the brassière may be tightened by drawing the upper portion thereof together whereby the brassière may be properly supported on the body of the wearer thus eliminating the bothersome shoulder straps. The adjusting means is further so arranged as not to cause any discomfort to the wearer and furthermore may be actuated to the proper size in a comparatively simple and efficient manner.

A brassière of this character will present a neat appearance as the adjusting means is arranged on the inside of the brassière and is invisible. If desired, trimming such as is shown at 18 may be stitched to the upper

edge of the brassière in the manner well known in the art. A brassière of this construction may be manufactured at a very low cost and further may be used for an indefinite period.

While I have shown the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that various changes in the size, shape and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:—

A brassière of the class described including in combination, a body portion formed in a plurality of sections, inserts arranged between the sections of the body portion, means for connecting the ends of the body portion, pockets formed on the upper portions of the sections of the body portion, elastic strips positioned in the pockets and provided with hooks on their ends, a series of eyes located adjacent the end of each pocket adapted to be engaged by the hooks on the ends of the strips whereby said strips may be tensioned.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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