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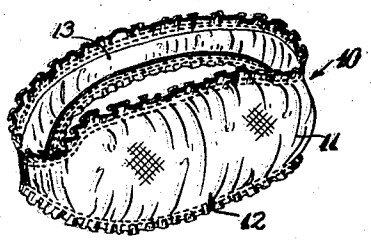


FIG. 1

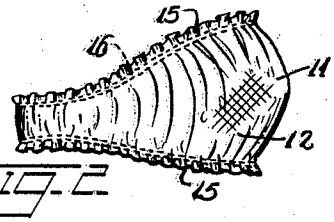


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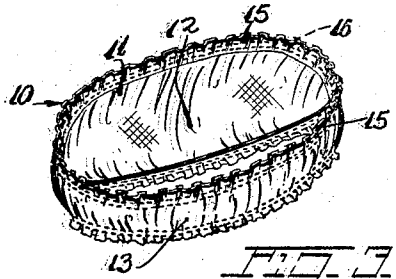


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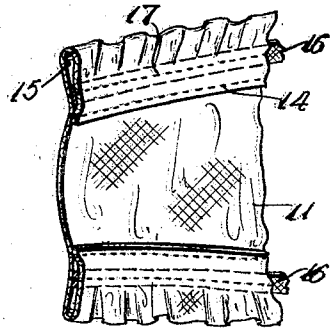


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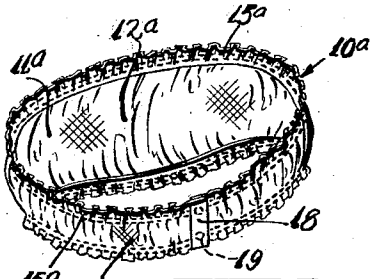


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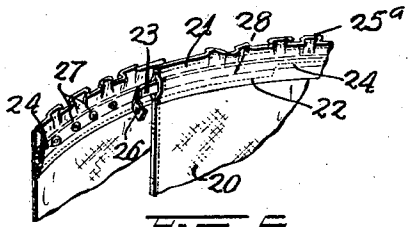


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to brassières and in particular to one of the strapless type.

A particular object of the invention is to provide, in a garment of the character referred to, a plurality of elastic members about the upper and lower edges thereof so that the brassière is self fitting and self adjusting to the body of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a device of the character referred to, a single piece of material folded on its upper and lower edges to provide a tubular edging or hem which is shirred and in which are enclosed elastic members which are stitched in place so that while their elastic character is in no way impaired, the stretching action thereof is divided equally along the upper and lower edges of the garment so that even stretching occurs.

Other objects of the invention are to provide in a garment of the character refered to, a piece of material so shaped and sewn that it will fit the contour of the body; be self supporting thereon; can be readily put on and taken off and one in which various features of construction are incorporated that reduce the cost of manufacture and provide a brassière or halter structure of durable nature.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference wll be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a front view in perspective of a brassière constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a side view of the garment illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view in perspective taken at the rear of the garment and showing the comparative width of the back and front thereof.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary section taken through the garment showing the arrangement of the elastics therein and the formation of the edges of the garment.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 3 showing a modified form of garment structure.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged perspective of a fragment of the garment showing a modified form of structure for adjusting the size thereof.

Referring to the drawing in detail 10 indicates a brassière or halter which is of the strapless type and which as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3, is

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made from a single piece of material 11 having the usual fullness at the front 12 thereof and being wider in said front than at the back 13. The upper and lower edges of the material are looped over and sewn as at 14 to provide a hem 15 along the upper and lower edges of the garment. In the hem a strip of elastic material 16 is sewn as at 17 so that shirrs are formed in the hem, the sewing 17 being done through the middle of the elastic strip 16 so that the shirring will expand evenly throughout the circumference of the garment.

In my improved construction, where the sewing 17 is used to attach the elastic strip 16 in place, it is quite evident that all of the portions of the garment along the upper and lower edges thereof will expand or contract an even amount, with the result that the garment when worn will not bunch, but fits readily to the body contour of the wearer.

While reference has been made to the use of a single piece of material as illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive the center of the back portion 13 of the garment may present meeting ends provided with reinforced edges 18 in which snap fasteners 19 are supported in order to detachably secure said meeting edges of the garment together at the back thereof.

Referring to the modified form of the invention illustrated in Fig. 6, it may be desirable to provide an adjustment in the size of the garment and to this end the material 20 is looped at its upper and lower edges as at 21 and sewn as at 22 to provide the hem 25. At one end of the material, at the center of the back of the garment, said row of stitching 22 does not pass through the elastic strip 23 near its outer end, but during the stitching operation the stitching line 22 is off set as at 24 to pass through the center of the elastic strip 23 to secure the same in position in the hem at the same time that the shirring 25^a is formed. As in the previous forms of the invention described, the stitching 24, passing through the center of the elastic strip 23, will prevent its creeping and will also render the shirring elastic so that even stretching of the upper and lower edges of the garment is provided.

In order to provide for the adjustment of the size of the garment to the body of the wearer, the portion of the elastic strip 23 that protrudes from the end of the hemmed portion of the garmen both at the upper and lower edges thereof may be provided with one element 26 of a snap fastener combination the other elements 27 of which are suitably secured in the complementary

edge of the garment. The elastic strip **23** being unattached in that portion **28** thereof, within the hemmed edge of the garment, may have free stretching movement so that it can be pulled out for attachment to any one of the snap fastener units **27** thus providing an adjustment for taking up material both along the lower and upper edges of the garment as it becomes necessary to adjust the garment to size, or to compensate for loss of elasticity in the elastic strip.

The features of construction illustrated in Fig. 6 may be used in connection with the construction illustrated in Fig. 1 and it is evident that by the sewing of the elastic strip to connect it to the garment as the sewing is performed, that provides the shirring, even stretching of the elastic strip is provided to cause the garment to fit comfortably about the body of the wearer and be adjustable thereto.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

1. A strapless combination brassière and halter comprising a single piece of material adapted to encircle the body of the wearer with a wide front and a narrow rear portion and lapped ends, said piece of material being folded along one edge to form a hem, a line of stitching through said fold and the main body of the material, a strip of elastic extending through said hem, and a second line of stitching intermediate the first line of stitching and the folded edge and extending through the fold, centrally of the elastic strip, and the main body of the material, fasteners on the inner face of the hem adjacent one end, said elastic strip extending freely from the hem at the opposite end, and complementary fasteners on the extension of the elastic strip.

2. A strapless combination brassière and halter comprising a single piece of material adapted to encircle the body of the wearer with a wide front and a narrow rear portion and lapped ends, said piece of material being folded along one edge to form a hem, a line of stitching through said fold and the main body of the material, a strip of elastic extending through said hem, and a second line of stitching intermediate the first line of stitching and the folded edge and extending through the fold, centrally of the elastic strip, and the main body of the material, said second line of stitching being offset from the elastic strip for a considerable distance ahead of one end of the piece of material, fasteners on the inner face of the hem adjacent the other end of the piece of material, said elastic strip extending freely from the hem at the first end of the piece of material, and complementary fasteners on the extension of the elastic strip.

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