

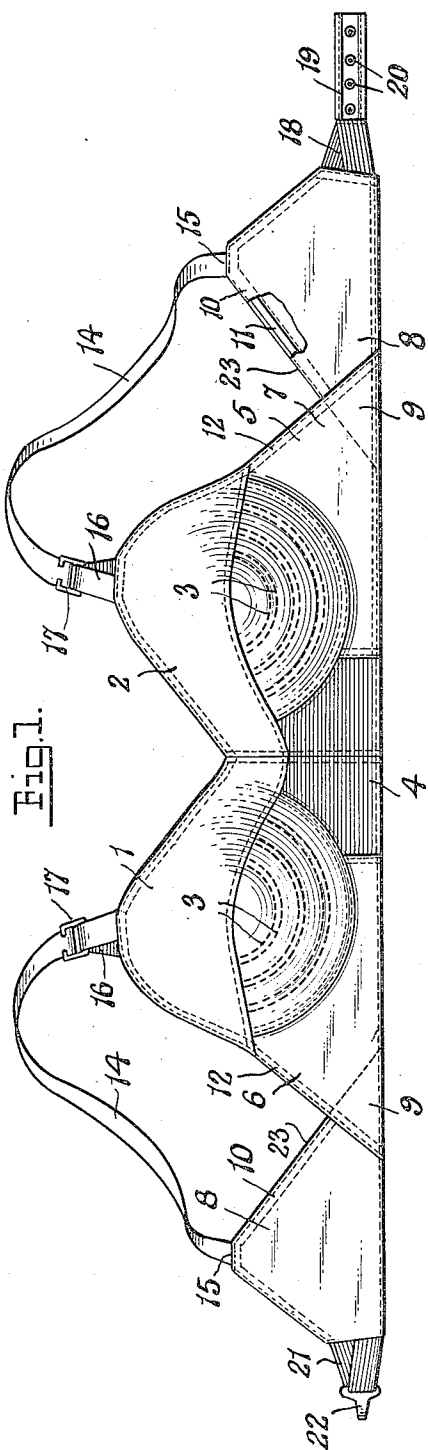
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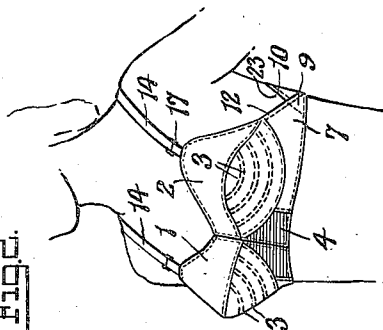
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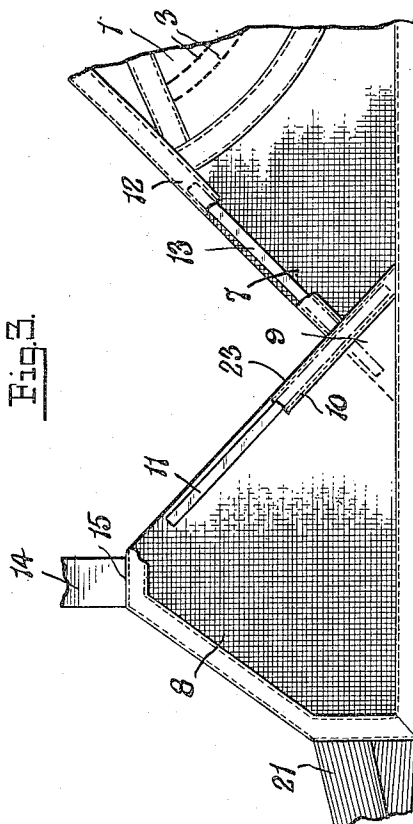
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This invention relates to brassières, and one of the objects of the invention is to provide a garment of this character of such construction that it can be comfortably worn with gowns of the low-cut type without being exposed and without failing to afford proper protective and supporting effect to the wearer.

Many brassières provided for use with low-cut gowns are often made in such a manner that in order to be concealed by the gown are of such proportions that they are insufficient to provide the proper support for the wearer. This is particularly true of those portions of the brassière which are located at the sides of the wearer or under the armpits. When these portions of the brassière are made relatively narrow, as they must be in order to be concealed by the outer garment, the same tend to bulge or gape away from the body thus exposing portions of the busts, and at the same time failing to provide proper support at the lateral sides of the busts.

It is therefore an important object of the present invention to provide a brassière which, while useful for wear with outer garments of the low-cut style, will provide a maximum bust support and at the same time may be cut sufficiently low under the arms to be concealed by the outer garment yet will not gape or bulge in those portions.

More particularly, the invention contemplates the provision of a brassière having rearwardly-extending flap portions adapted for detachable coupling at the back of the wearer, such flap portions being shaped and formed as to each provide a relatively flattened V-notch in its upper edge under the arms of the wearer, the top edges of said V-notch having hems or pockets containing stiffening elements to thereby tend to hold these portions of the flap flatwise against the body of the wearer and effectively prevent gaping or bulging.

These and other objects are attained by the invention, a more particular description of which will hereinafter appear and be set forth in the claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein an illustrative embodiment of the invention is disclosed, Fig. 1 is a front elevation, with parts broken away, of a brassière constructed according to the invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the garment as it appears when being worn, and Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the rear face of one of the flaps or rear extensions, with parts broken away to disclose construction.

Referring to the drawing, and particularly to

Fig. 1 thereof, 1 and 2 indicate the bust cups of the brassière. These portions of the garment may be constructed in any suitable known manner. In the form shown, these cups are indicated as being provided in their lower portions with the spaced lines of reinforcing stitching 3. Below the bust cups is shown an elastic insert 4.

Extending rearwardly from each of the bust cups are rear extensions or flaps which extend along the sides of the wearer's body, and are detachably coupled together at the rear thereof. Each of these rear extensions or flaps is composed of a pair of united triangulated sections or panels indicated respectively at 7 and 8. The triangulated section shown at 7 is indicated as being an integral continuation of the bust cup. The section 8 is secured adjacent to the pointed terminal or apex of the section 7 and overlaps this end as indicated at 9. The arrangement described is such as to form the upper edge of each of the rear extensions or flaps with a notch 23 of flattened V-shape. When the garment is worn, each of these notches will be disposed below the arms of the wearer and the back and sides of the wearer will be exposed due to the relatively low height of the section 8 and the V-notch 23.

It is desirable to prevent the notched upper edge of the flap or extension from gaping or bulging away from the body of the wearer and to avoid this possibility, the portions of the upper edge of the flap which define the V-notch are reinforced or stiffened. This is attained by providing the angular edge of the section 8 with a channel or pocket 10 containing a stiffening piece 11. Similarly, the angularly extending edge of the section 7 is provided with a channel or pocket 12 in which is located an elongated stiffening piece 13. These stiffening pieces 11 and 13 may be composed of relatively stiff but reasonably flexible material, such as plastic, Celluloid, wire or the like and the same tend to hold the top edge of each of the rear flaps, as defined by the notch 23, flatwise and in close contact with the body of the wearer, effectively preventing gaping of this part of the garment. The length of the stiffening pieces is such that the same overlap or cross one another in the overlapped part 9 of the sections 7 and 8, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3.

The ends of the two flap-sections 8 are detachably coupled together at the back of the wearer, by means of the hook 22 provided in the expandible loop 21 attached to one of the sections 8 and which is adapted for selective engagement

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with any one of the eyelets 20 provided in the strap 19 attached to the end of the expansible loop 18 located at the end of the second flap-section 8. Shoulder straps 14 are provided, the same having the conventional adjusting loop 17 engaging the strap loop 16 above each bust cup. The opposite end of the shoulder strap is attached to the upper end of the flap-section 8 as indicated at 15.

From the foregoing, the structure and use of the garment will be apparent. In Fig. 2, the garment is disclosed in position of wear. It will be therein observed that the V-notch 23 is disposed at the side of the wearer allowing exposure of the body at this locality. Due to the stiffening means disposed along the top edges of the V-notch, this portion of the garment is held flatly against the body and the busts are confined within the cups and maintained against lateral spread and exposure.

While I have herein shown and described a single embodiment of the invention, it is obvious that the same is not to be restricted thereto but is broad enough to cover all structures coming within the scope of the annexed claims.

What I claim is:

1. In a brassière, a bust cup, a flap extending rearwardly from the outer side thereof, said flap being composed of two partly overlapped, triangulated sections, one of said sections constituting an integral extension of the outer side of the bust cup, each of the triangulated sections having a pointed terminal, the pointed terminals of the two sections being disposed in overlapped relationship and stitched together, the top edge of

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each of the sections being angularly disposed, said angular edges of the two sections co-operating in the formation of a V-notch in the upper edge of the flap for location below the arm of the wearer when the garment is being worn, said angular top edges of the two triangulated sections being each provided with a hem or pocket, a stiffening member arranged in each pocket and following the edge along which the pocket is arranged, said stiffening members being disposed in crossed relation at the lower portion of the flap in the overlapped portions of the triangulated sections.

2. In a brassière as provided for in claim 1 wherein one of the stiffening members has its upper end terminating at the lateral limit of the bust cup at the approximate horizontal center line thereof, the lower edges of the two triangulated sections extending co-extensively and being stitched together.

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