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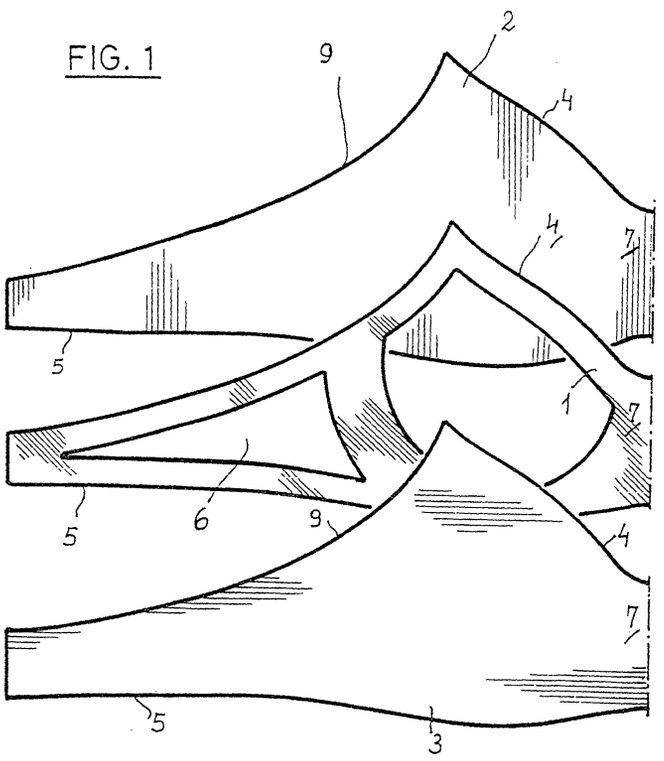
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(54) Process for producing an undergarment and product obtained thereof

(57) The process is composed of following steps: a step of joining an intermediate structure (1) to a layer (2,3) of textile material; a second step of joining internal layer (2) to external layer (3), by the ends, leaving an area (9) not adhered, but so that intermediate structure (1) is left externally seen; a third step in which the undergarment is passed through the said area (9), stretched through the opening existing in that area (9) and fully turned over so that intermediate structure (1) is located between the two layers; and a last step in which internal and external layers (2, 3) are joined in area (9) of the undergarment.

FIG. 1



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