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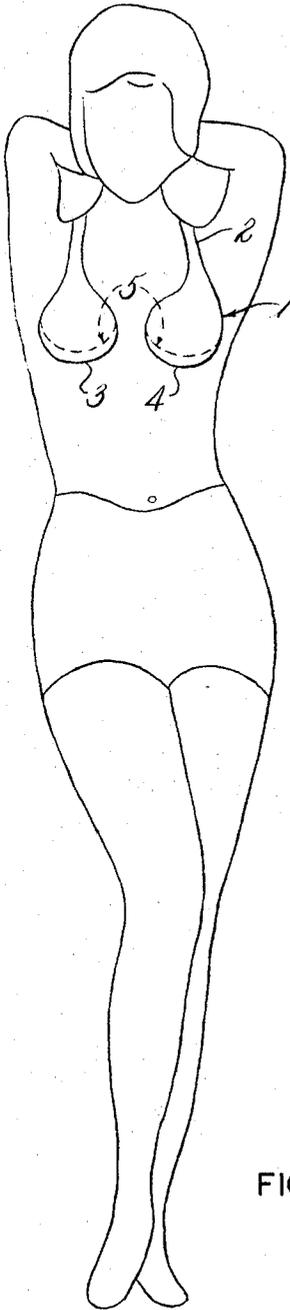


FIG. 1

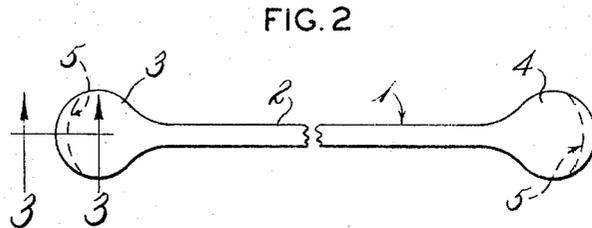


FIG. 2

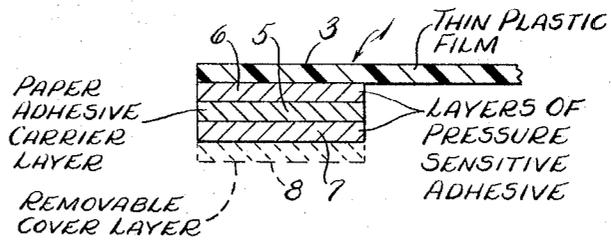


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The present invention relates to adhesive type bras, and particularly to a self-adhesive brassiere, bikini type of a bathing suit top, or the like.

The general object of the present invention is to provide a novel and improved self-adhesive bra that is characterized by support of the breasts by an elongate generally dumbbell-shaped plastic strip that is adapted to be looped around and supported by the wearer's neck and have the lower ends of the dumbbell-shaped strip engage the breasts for support action.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved article which can be used as a bikini type bathing suit top, or equivalent article, and wherein the article comprises an elongate plastic strip having end portions for engaging the wearer's breasts for support action and having a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive at each end of the plastic strip for attachment to the wearer's breasts on the lower surface thereof.

A further object of the invention is to provide an inexpensive self-adhesive type of a brassiere, or bathing suit top, which can be worn once and discarded, or which can be reused, as desired.

The foregoing and other objects and advantages of the invention will be made more apparent as the specification proceeds.

With reference to the accompanying drawings,

FIG. 1 is an elevation view of a lady wearing the self-adhesive brassiere of the invention;

FIG. 2 is a fragmentary plan of the self-adhesive brassiere of the invention; and

FIG. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical section, taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2.

When referring to corresponding members shown in the drawings and referred to in the specification, corresponding numerals are used to facilitate comparison therebetween.

Generally speaking, the present invention, as to one embodiment thereof, relates to a self-adhesive bikini-type bathing suit top, brassiere or the like, comprising an elongate, generally dumbbell-shaped strip of thin, flexible plastic film having enlarged ends for covering a wearer's breasts and having a narrow neck engaging section connecting such ends, and strips of flexible material carrying a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive on both faces thereof attached to the plastic film at each of the axially outer edges of the enlarged ends of the strip whereby the plastic film strip can be looped around the wearer's neck and the ends of the strip can extend down to and cover and engage the lower portions of the wearer's breasts to be attached thereto by the remaining layers of pressure sensitive adhesive on the plastic film.

Particular attention now is directed to the accompanying drawings wherein the novel and improved article of the invention, or self-adhesive bikini top is indicated as a whole by the numeral 1 and it is shown operatively positioned on the wearer. This new bikini-type bathing suit top, or brassiere, comprises an elongate, generally dumbbell-shaped plastic strip 2 that has enlarged ends 3 and 4 which are adapted to cover and engage the breasts of the wearer. This plastic film strip 2 has a relatively narrow center section extending between the enlarged ends 3 and 4 which center section is adapted to be looped around the back of the wearer's neck whereby the enlarged ends 3 and 4 will extend down to the lower surface of the wearer's

breasts and can be engaged therewith to support and cover the breasts, as hereinafter outlined in more detail.

So as to permit the support of the wearer's breasts by the strap 2, strips or layers of pressure sensitive adhesive are provided on the lower portions of these ends 3 and 4. Thus, preferably a flexible paper strip or tape 5 is provided and a layer of a conventional pressure sensitive adhesive 6 and 7 is provided on each face of this flexible paper tape 5. The layers 6 and 7 can be of any suitable thickness such as about 1 mil. The adhesive layer 6 is shown as attaching the paper tape 5 to the enlarged end 3 of the plastic film or strip 2. Usually this adhesive layer is attached to the axially outer end or edge portion of the plastic film strip 2 so that when the film strip 2 is looped around the wearer's neck, the layers of adhesive will be below the wearer's breasts and will be extending more or less across the wearer's body. These paper tapes 5 may be of any suitable length and may extend arcuately to follow the lower surface of the breast.

It will be realized that this plastic film strip 2 can be made from any suitable material, such as a substantially transparent polyvinyl chloride plastic material or similar substance. The plastic film can be of any suitable thickness, such as about 1 or 2 mils, and normally the plastic film would be transparent, or substantially so. Naturally the film strip 2 is made of such length as to extend around the wearer's neck and just down to the lower portions of the wearer's breasts. If desired, in some instances, the enlarged ends 3 and 4 can have slight pleats or folds formed therein to aid in forming more or less pockets at the ends of the article 1.

If desired, when the self-adhesive bathing suit top, or similar article 1 of the invention is made, it may be desirable to provide a removable cover layer 8 over the adhesive layer 7. Thus, any suitable type of a release sheet or strip can be removably attached to the adhesive layer 7. If desired, a paper strip having a conventional polymerized silicone release layer thereon can be attached to the exposed surface of each of the paper tape strips 5 that are attached to opposite ends of the new article of the invention on the inner face or surface thereof. The outer layers of the adhesive, layers 7, as shown in the drawings, then will be available for attachment to the skin of the wearer for attaching the self-adhesive brassiere of the invention to the wearer.

After the brassiere of the invention has been worn once, it either can be discarded, or it can be folded over upon itself without direct contact between the adhesive layers 7 so that the brassiere can be worn again. Thus, if the adhesive layer 7 is not tightly pressed against the plastic film strip 2, it normally can be conveniently separated therefrom. These pressure sensitive layers of adhesive are made of conventional materials and can be applied to the plastic strip in any desired manner. In some instances, it may be desired to just affix the layer 6 of pressure sensitive adhesive directly to the plastic film enlarged ends 3 and 4 and then, if desired, the release layer 8, or equivalent, could be directly attached to this adhesive layer 6 and the use of the paper tape 5 could be avoided.

It will be realized that the brassiere of the invention can be worn underneath a bathing suit, if desired, and that the wearer's breasts will be supported nicely by the brassiere of the invention by the loop of the brassiere extending over the wearer's neck. Also, if the article of the invention is made from an opaque material, the article can be used as a self-adhesive bikini-type bathing suit top wherein the wearer's breasts are covered and supported by this bathing suit top which will remain in good engagement with the wearer even though the wearer dives into the water or takes other action, because of the improved support action provided by the vertically upwardly extending portions of the elongate center section of the plastic

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strip 2. Thus it is believed that a novel and improved article has been provided by the invention and that the objects thereof have been achieved.

While one complete embodiment of the invention has been disclosed herein, it will be appreciated that modification of this particular embodiment of the invention may be resorted to without departing from the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A self-adhesive bikini-type bathing suit top, brassiere, or the like comprising

a generally elongate dumbbell-shaped strip of thin flexible plastic film having enlarged ends for covering a wearer's breasts and having a narrow neck engaging section connecting such ends, said strip having an inner and an outer surface,

strips of flexible material carrying a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive on both faces thereof attached to said plastic film at each of the axially outer edges of the enlarged ends thereof on the inner surface of said strip by one of such adhesive layers but exposing the other layer for attachment to the wearer's breasts on the lower surface thereof for support of the breasts, and

a layer of release material removably attached to the other of said adhesive layers.

2. A self-adhesive bikini type bathing suit top, brassiere, or the like comprising

a generally elongate dumbbell-shaped strip of thin flexible plastic film having enlarged pocket shaped ends for engaging a wearer's breasts and having a narrow neck engaging section connecting such ends, said strip having an inner and an outer surface, and strips of flexible material carrying a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive on both faces thereof attached to said plastic film at each of the axially outer edges of the enlarged ends thereof on the inner surface of

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said strip by one of such adhesive layers but exposing the other layer for attachment to the wearer's breasts on the lower surface thereof for support of the breasts and for retaining the pocket shaped ends in engagement therewith, said strips of flexible material extending along marginal portions of said strip ends a sufficient distance to engage the lower and side portions of the wearer's breasts.

3. A self-adhesive bikini type bathing suit top, brassiere or the like comprising

a generally elongate dumbbell-shaped strip of thin flexible plastic film having enlarged ends for covering a wearer's breasts and having a narrow neck engaging section connecting such ends, and

thin strips of flexible material carrying a layer of pressure sensitive adhesive on both faces thereof attached to said plastic film adjacent each of the axially outer edges of the enlarged ends thereof whereby the plastic film strip can be looped around the wearer's neck and the ends of said plastic strip can extend down to the lower portions of the breasts and be attached thereto by the remaining pressure adhesive layers.

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