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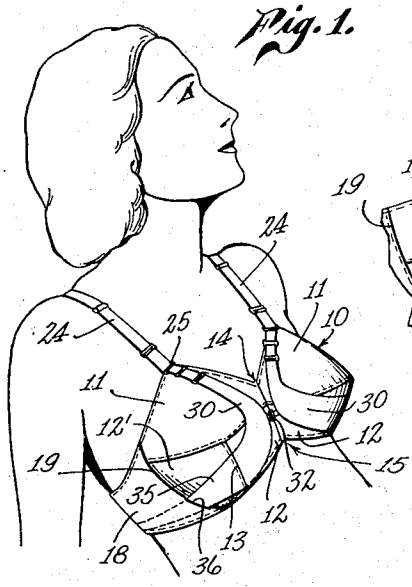


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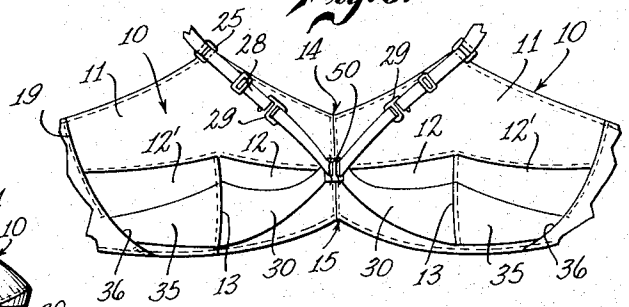


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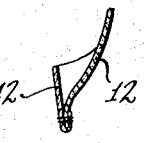


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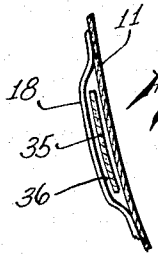


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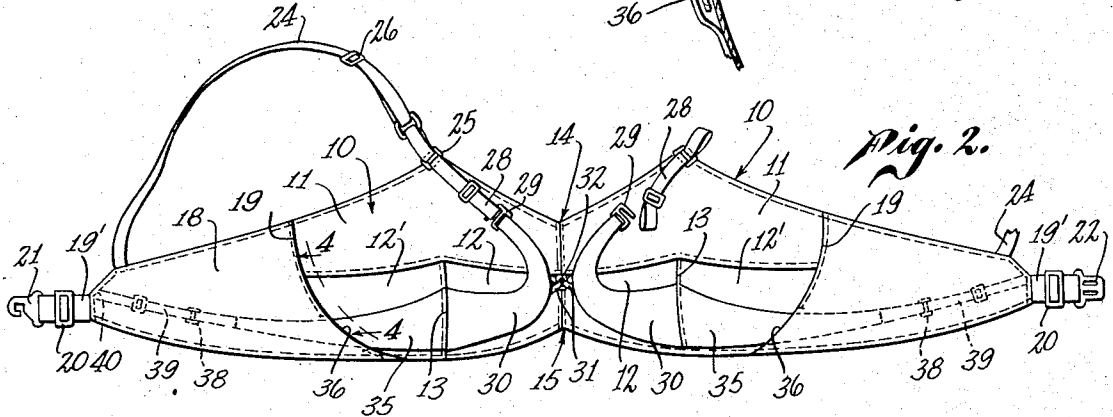
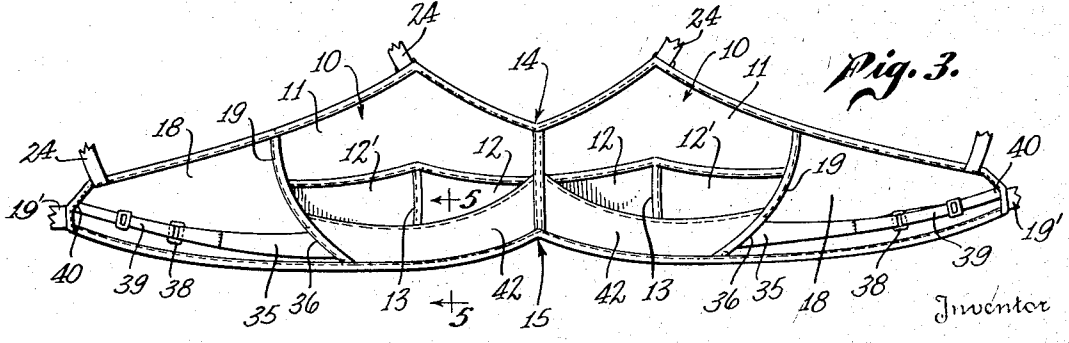


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to breast supports which are commonly known as brassières, such articles being worn under the outer garments to afford ease and comfort to the wearer and at the same time preserve the normal form or contour of the body. In the usual form of brassières the construction is such that there is either undesirable pressure on a portion of the body or the brassière fails to properly support the breasts of the wearer in their natural position.

It is a particular object of my invention to so construct a brassière that the supporting structure follows the contour of the breasts and gives the bust the proper separation and uplift which is particularly important in cases where the brassières are worn by persons having heavy or pendulous busts. In other words, it is an object of my invention to produce a brassière so constructed that heavy or pendulous busts may be supported in such a manner as to hold the breasts in normal position.

It is another object of my invention to construct a brassière in such a manner that the breasts are not only uplifted and supported but which are held in separated or normal position.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the following specification and drawing.

Referring to the drawing which is for illustrative purposes only—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a brassière embodying a preferred form of my invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged front view of the brassière shown in Fig. 1, a portion of the straps on one side being broken away;

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the brassière shown in Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view on line 5—5 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 6 is a front view of a portion of a brassière showing a modified form of supporting straps.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 designates two breast pockets each formed of fabric, the upper portion of each pocket consisting of a single piece of material 11 and the lower portion of each pocket being formed of two pieces of material 12 and 12' which are sewed to the piece 11. The pieces 12 are sewed together at the central portion of the pocket along the line indicated at 13, it being noted that the parts marked 11 are cut at their upper central portion so that when joined together they form a V, indicated at 14 and that the two portions 13 are similarly cut to form at their lower edge an inverted flattened V, indicated at 15. Joined to the breast pockets by suitable stitching are bands 18, being joined to the brassière pockets along a curved line indicated at 19. The bands 18 are generally triangular in form, narrowing in width toward their ends, which ends are provided with elastic strips 19 provided with adjustable means 20, one of said strips being provided with a hook 21 and the other with a suitable eye 22 by means of which the brassière is fastened at the back of the wearer.

Suitable shoulder straps are provided indicated at 24, each such strap being sewed or otherwise fastened to the band 18 at the back and the front end secured to the top of the breast pocket at 25, each of said bands having proper adjustment means indicated at 26. The fastening means 25 preferably consists of an eye to which is also attached an adjustable loop indicated at 28, adapted to be engaged by a hook 29 on the upper end of a supporting strap indicated at 30.

Each of these straps 30 are U-shaped and follow the contour of the breast pocket when worn. In the form shown these supporting straps 30 are tapered and gradually increase in width from the hook 29 to the stitching 13 at the circular lower central portion of each breast pocket where the straps are secured to the breast pocket by stitching. The two straps 30 are yieldably joined together at the center of the brassière by means of loops 31 of elastic material which pass through an eye indicated at 32. In the form shown, such eye 32 may be said to be floating, that is, it is not secured to the brassière although if desired, it will be understood that the eye may be stitched to the brassière.

Extending to each side from the seam, indicated at 13, are side supporting straps indicated at 35, such straps being stitched to the breast pockets along the line 13 and narrowing in width as they extend toward the side freely through an opening indicated at 36, under the edge 19 of the bands 18. The ends of the bands 35 are connected to a ring indicated at 38 fastened to the end of an adjustment strap 39 secured at 40 to the outer ends of the bands 18.

On the rear of the brassière are provided additional strips of material, indicated at 42, stitched to the inside of the breast pockets at their ends and along their lower edges which may be termed inner supporting bands which support the lower portions of the breasts and also prevent the slipping of the breasts from the breast pockets thereby giving additional comfort and security to the wearer.

In the form shown in Fig. 6, the construction of the brassière is the same as that described above with respect to the preceding figures with the exception that the supporting straps **30** pass freely through an eye indicated at **50** which, in the form shown, is stitched to the brassière between the breast pockets.

From the foregoing description it will be apparent that the supporting bands **30** follow the contour of the breasts and not only give each breast separately an uplift but also give the breasts a definite separation. The uplifting function of the bands **30** cooperate with the straps **35** which also aid in this function on the sides of the breasts. It will be understood that with the adjustable loops **28** that the tension on the bands **30** may be varied to meet the requirements of the wearer and that by reason of the adjustment straps **39** the straps **35** may be similarly adjusted.

It is further to be noted that the supporting band **30** on each breast pocket is attached to its associated breast pocket so that each breast pocket, its supporting band and shoulder strap may be considered as free in adjustment from the other breast pocket and its associated supporting band and shoulder strap.

The central cut out portions of the brassière, as shown at **14** and **15**, permit the brassière to conform more easily to the body and prevent marking the body as is common with brassières which are cut on straight lines at such portions of the garment.

It is to be understood that the brassière, hereinabove described, is preferably made of fabric material of suitable style and finish to meet the requirements of the trade.

I claim as my invention:

1. A brassière comprising: two breast pockets connected to each other; a band attached to each breast pocket adapted to pass around the body of the wearer; means for detachably connecting the free ends of the bands together; shoulder straps attached to the breast pockets and the bands; a supporting means on each breast pocket secured at one end to the central lower portion of the breast pocket and at its other end to the upper portion of the same breast pocket, the supporting means intermediate its ends extending toward the center of the brassière; and means on the brassière between the pockets for movably attaching said supporting means together.

2. A brassière comprising: two breast pockets connected to each other; a band attached to each breast pocket adapted to pass around the body of the wearer; means for detachably connecting the free ends of the bands together; shoulder straps attached to the breast pockets and the bands; a U-shaped flexible supporting member for each breast pocket, one end of said member being sewed to the breast pocket at the lower central portion thereof; means for detachably securing the other end of said member to the top portion of the same breast pocket; and movable connecting means between the closed portion of the U-shaped members centrally of the respective breast pockets, said connecting means being of a character as to permit relative movement between said U-shaped members.

3. A brassière comprising: two breast pockets connected to each other; a band attached to each breast pocket adapted to pass around the body of the wearer; means for detachably connecting the free ends of the bands together; shoulder straps attached to the breast pockets and the bands; a supporting means on each breast pocket secured at one end to the central lower portion of the breast pocket and at its other end to the upper portion of the same breast pocket, the supporting means intermediate its ends extending toward the center of the brassière; means on the brassière between the pockets for movably attaching said supporting means together, and side straps on each side of the brassière each having one end secured to the lower portion of a breast pocket; and means for adjustably securing the other end of the side straps to the free ends of the brassière.

4. A brassière comprising: two breast pockets connected to each other; a band attached to each breast pocket adapted to pass around the body of the wearer; means for detachably connecting the free ends of the bands together; shoulder straps attached to the breast pockets and the bands; a U-shaped flexible supporting member for each breast pocket, one end of said member being sewed to the breast pocket at the lower central portion thereof; means for detachably securing the other end of said member to the top portion of the same breast pocket, and connecting means between the closed portion of the U-shaped members on the respective breast pockets, said connecting means consisting of an eye member and a loop on each U-shaped member extending through said eye.

5. In a brassière having two breast pockets, a supporting member for each breast pocket, said supporting member comprising an elongated strip of flexible material; means for securing one end of the member to the lower central portion of the breast pocket; means for detachably securing the other end of the member to the upper portion of the same breast pocket; and means for movably connecting the intermediate portions of the supporting members together centrally of the brassière, said last named means being of a character to allow relative movement between said supporting members.

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