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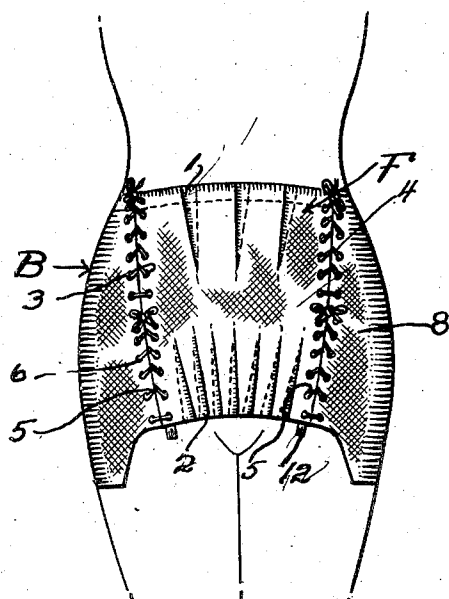


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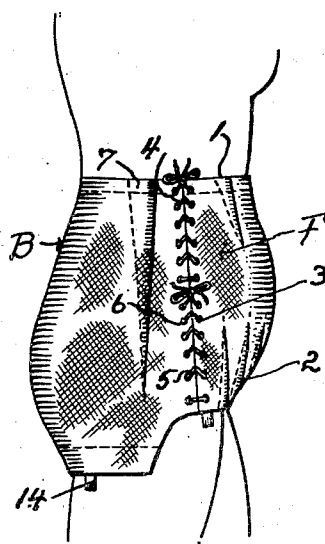
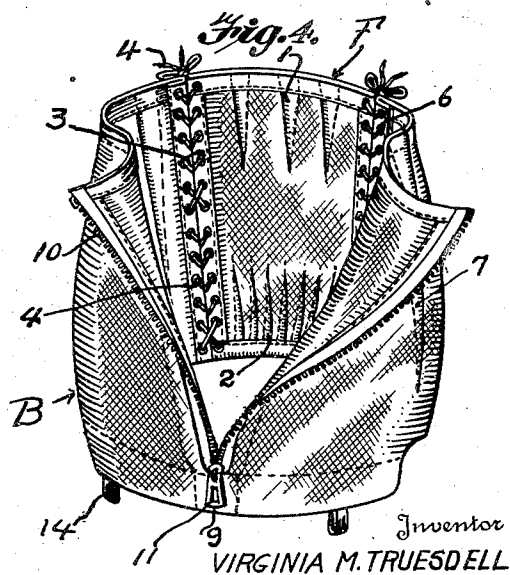
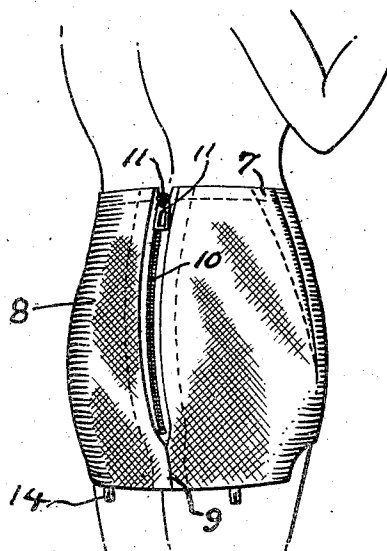


Fig. 3.



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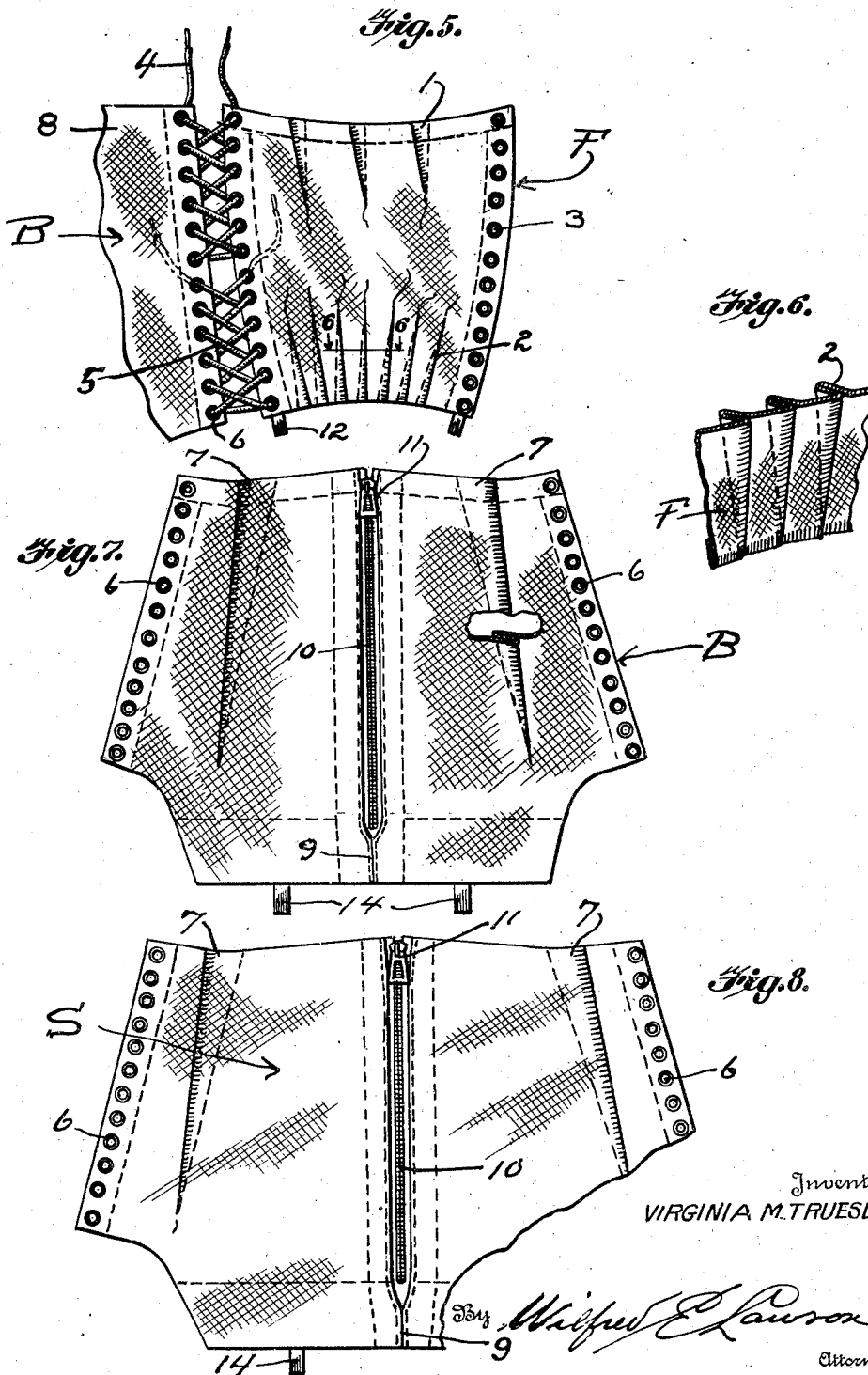
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This invention relates to a body garment and has relation more particularly to a corset especially designed to be used during pregnancy, and it is a particular object of the invention to provide a garment of this kind which can be produced from non-critical material as it is free of stays and elastic material.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a garment of this kind which affords gentle but firm support and which is also cool and comfortable in warm weather.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind which is very light in weight and which can be readily and conveniently put on.

The invention also has for an object to provide a garment of this kind which may be made of a soft washable material cut on the bias to assure the garment clinging to the body of the wearer.

It is also a purpose of the invention to provide a garment of this kind constructed in a manner whereby the back of the garment is readily separable from the front of the garment so that the back can be readily replaced as required during the progress of the pregnancy.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a garment of this kind wherein provision is made to readily adjust the garment at each side both at the top and bottom, each of such adjustments being effected independently of the other.

The invention also contemplates as an object to provide a garment of this kind which can be easily laundered, thus assuring the same being readily maintained in a highly sanitary condition with a minimum of effort.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved body garment whereby certain important advantages are attained, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a garment constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention and in applied position, the associated portion of the body of a person being diagrammatically indicated.

Figure 2 is a view in side elevation of the garment as herein embodied and in applied position.

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Figure 3 is a view in perspective viewing the rear of the garment in applied position.

Figure 4 is a view in perspective of the garment viewing the same at the rear, with the back of the garment open.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view in elevation of the side portion of the garment and with the front member extended, illustrating in detail the means herein embodied whereby the upper and lower portions of the garment at a side may be independently adjusted.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary view, partly in section and partly in perspective, illustrating the manner of producing the darts in the front portion of the garment.

Figure 7 is an elevational view of the back of the garment in extended form, with a portion broken away, and

Figure 8 is a fragmentary view of a back section of a size larger than that illustrated in Figure 7, the back section as illustrated in Figure 8 being adapted to be substituted for the back section as illustrated in Figure 7 when required.

As illustrated in Figures 1 to 7 of the drawings, my improved garment or corset comprises a front section F and a back section B. Each of these sections is preferably made from soft material, preferably white cotton, and which material, as is indicated in the drawings, is cut on the bias to assure the garment clinging to the body of the wearer.

The front section F is so cut or designed as to overlie the abdomen of the wearer and the upper marginal portion of the front section F is formed to provide relatively large darts which are preferably three in number and have their apices extending inwardly and downwardly. These darts 1 are also relatively large and are of such angular relation as to assure the upper marginal portion of the front section closely conforming to the contour of the person.

The lower marginal portion of the front section F is also provided with a series of elongated darts 2 having their apices inwardly disposed. These darts 2, as herein embodied, are of less width at their outer ends than the darts 1 and said darts 2 are of a number greater than those of the darts 1. The darts 2 also extend beyond opposite sides of the field occupied by the darts 1. These darts 2 assure the front section effectively conforming to the contour of the lower portion of the abdomen of the wearer.

The front section F is of a width substantially equal to that of the width of the abdomen portion of the person or, in other words, is of a width

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not to extend around the sides of the body, as is clearly illustrated in the drawings.

The side marginal portions of the front section F are provided therealong with the eyelets 3 through which are threaded the upper laces 4, and the lower laces 5 which also thread, in a well known manner, through the eyelets 6 in the side marginal portions of the rear section B. The laces 4 and 5 are arranged about half-way along the adjacent side or marginal portions of the sections F and B and this is of particular importance and advantage as there is permitted a ready and convenient relative adjustment of the sections F and B either at the top or bottom, with each of such adjustments accomplished independently of the other.

The back or rear section B is of a length to extend entirely across the posterior or buttocks of the wearer and around the sides of the body. In order to facilitate close fitting of this rear or back section, the end portions thereof in their upper parts are provided with elongated and relatively large darts 7 which extend from the upper edge of the section B to a point closely adjacent to the lower edge thereof.

The intermediate portion of the back or rear section B and a major portion thereacross is of a greater length than the front section F so that such major intermediate portion of the back or rear section B extends a material distance below the front section F, and has close contact with the upper portions of the limbs and in a manner whereby the back section B, as illustrated in the drawings, underlies the buttocks, thus assuring the applied garment to be worn in a manner affording maximum support.

The rear or back section B, as herein disclosed, comprises two substantially duplicate parts 8 having the lower marginal portions of their inner or vertical margins sewed or otherwise connected, as at 9, for a relatively small distance from the lower edge of the section B. The upper or major margins of the parts 8 are separable but are provided therealong with the conventional type of interlocking fastening elements 10 of a well known type which are under control of the usual slide 11. Upon release of these elements 10, the separable side margins of the parts 8 of the rear or back section B are readily released, as illustrated in Figure 4, whereby the person may readily step into the garment. This is of particular advantage in an article of this kind as it is not necessary that the sections F and B be separated after adjustment except for the purposes of laundering.

The front section F at its lower margin and closely adjacent to its side edges is herein disclosed as having the tabs 12 while similar tabs depend from the lower marginal portion of the back or rear section B to permit, when desired, the attachment of the conventional garters although in the effective use of the garment it is not necessary that garters be employed as a necessary factor in the efficient use of the garment.

By having the front section F readily separable from the rear or back section B, it is possible to readily and conveniently launder the sections,

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but a more particular advantage resides in the fact that the garment is adapted to be sold as a set which would comprise a single front section F and a plurality of back sections, which back sections would be of different sizes to be interchanged as the period of pregnancy progresses. In Figures 1 to 7 is illustrated the back section B of the smaller size whereas in Figure 8 is illustrated a back section S of a larger size. This back section S, however, is constructed in the same manner as the other back section B.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a body garment constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated.

What is claimed is:

1. A maternity garment comprising a back section and a front section, said back section being of sufficient width to extend, in the use of the garment, entirely across the buttocks and across the hips to the sides of the abdomen, the front section being of a width to cover the abdomen only, adjustable coupling means between the adjacent side edges of the two sections through substantially the upper halves of such edges, adjustable coupling means between the adjacent side edges of the two sections through substantially the lower halves of such edges, and darts formed in the front section at the top and bottom edges to cup the front section over the curvature of the abdomen, the darts in the lower edge of the front section being formed to draw in such edge to a greater extent than the top edge, said darts forming the sole reinforcing for the front section.

2. A maternity garment, comprising a relatively long back section, a shorter front section, the said back section being of materially greater width adjacent to the bottom edge than at the top edge, the bottom edge at each side of the back portion being extended upwardly and forwardly to the adjacent side edge thereof, the said back portion being designed to have a width sufficient to extend entirely across the buttocks and across the hips to the sides of the abdomen, in the use of the garment, the front section being of greater width across its top edge than at its bottom edge and having straight side edges which converge downwardly, the said front section being designed to have a width to cover the abdomen only, and adjustable coupling means between the adjacent side edges of the two sections, which is so constructed and arranged that the upper and lower portions of said adjacent side edges may be independently taken in and let out as required.

3. A maternity garment of the character stated in claim 2, with darts formed in the front section at the top and bottom edges to cup the front section over the curvature of the abdomen, the upper and lower darts terminating short of the transverse center of the front section whereby to leave the center of the front section free of reinforcement for easy conformation to the abdominal surface.

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