This invention relates to combination corsets and brassières.

One object of the invention is to produce a combination garment in which the brassière is attached to the corset and is adjustable independently of the corset.

Another object is to so construct the garment that the brassière may be adjusted to provide a snug fit over the bust and at the waist line, to flatten the diaphragm and upper abdomen, and to hold in the superfluous flesh of the upper back of the wearer.

Other objects and advantages will appear from the following specification:

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the outside of a garment embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged plan view of a detail of construction, showing particularly a part of the brassière which overlies the corset at the side-back.

Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken on the line 3-3 of Fig. 2, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

In that embodiment of my invention shown in the drawings, the front of the corset consists of a center front panel 10 and side-front panels 11 and 12, preferably made of non-elastic material, with a gore 13 of elastic material in the lower portion of the center front.

The back of the corset comprises a center back panel 14 and side-back panels 15 and 16, stitched together longitudinally and preferably made of non-elastic material. At each side of the corset back is an elastic panel, the same being indicated at 17 and 18, respectively. The panel 18 is stitched to the sections 16 and 11, respectively, and the panel 17 is provided with fastening devices 19 which cooperate with fastening devices on the free edge of the panel 12 of the front.

The corset is intended to encircle the body of the wearer from slightly below the hips to slightly above the waist line, the upper margin of the connected back panels being indicated in Fig. 1 by the dotted line 20.

The brassière preferably comprises front sections 21 and 22 which may be stitched together at the center front or may be formed integrally as desired. The front of the brassière is stitched to the top margins of the front panels of the corset as indicated by the line of stitches 23. The back of the brassière comprises two sections, 24 and 25, of greater length than the front sections of the brassière. The back members are sufficiently long to cover part of the back of the wearer above the waist line and to extend below the margin 20 of the corset to a substantial extent, the brassière overlapping the corset. The several brassière sections are preferably made of flexible, substantially non-elastic material and have attached to their upper margins the usual shoulder straps 26.

The material forming the members 24 and 25 is cut away as indicated by the lines 27 and 28. Three elastic strips 29, 30 and 31 fill out the cut away portions. By reference to Fig. 2 it will be seen that the strip 30 is wider than the other two, being substantially as wide as the length of the margin 28, and the longitudinal margins of the strip 30 are parallel with each other and substantially parallel with the top 20 of the corset, when the brassière is in normal position overlapping said corset. The strip 29 overlies the strip 30 near its upper edge, at that end toward the center back, and extends downwardly relatively to said strip 30, toward the side of the corset. The strip 31 overlies the strip 30 near its bottom, at that end toward the center back, and extends downwardly relatively to said strip 30, toward the side of the corset. The strip 29 may be stitched to the margin 27 of the brassière members 24 or 25, but preferably the three elastic strips are not stitched to each other along their longitudinal edges. They are arranged as heretofore described and while held in superposed relationship, they are stitched to the margin 28. The brassière members 24 and 25, together with the elastic insert strips attached to the margin 28, are arranged on the corset back to partially overlie the panels 14 to 18 inclusive, substantially as shown in the drawings, and then the brassière section 25 and the corset panel 18 are stitched to the front of the garment by the longitudinally extending stitches 32, and the opposite members, 24 and 17, are held together by the tape or fabric strip stitched thereto, as

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indicated at 33. The fastening devices 19 along the free edges of the members 17 and 24 engage fastening devices on the members 22 and 12 heretofore described.

The back sections 24 and 25 of the brassière are provided with eyelets 34 along their longitudinal proximate margins at the center back, and a lacing cord 35 extending through said eyelets fastens and brassière sections together and adjusts the brassière circumferentially of the wearer.

The brassière sections 24 and 25 are independent of the back of the corset, being stitched only longitudinally along their side margins to the side of the corset. The strips 29, 30 and 31 are preferably independent of each other along their longitudinal edges or throughout a substantial part of their length. This arrangement permits of proper adjustment of the brassière to various types of figures. If the garment is worn by a person whose hips and bust measurements are in proper proportion, the space between the eyeleted edges of the brassière will be of substantially the same width throughout its length and the strain on the elastic strips 29, 30 and 31 will be normal and substantially evenly distributed. However, if the body of the corset is fitted to properly encircle the hips of a wearer whose bust measurement is proportionately small, the lacinings 35 will provide the brassière sections together to a greater extent at the top of the opening than at the bottom, and more strain will be put upon the strip 29 than upon the strip 31, assuming the lacinings are drawn tightly enough to make a smooth fit at the waist line. If the garment is being worn by a person whose bust measurement is proportionately large, the brassière sections will be adjusted accordingly and the increased spread between the back sections near their upper edges will have a tendency to draw the brassière upwardly at the center back relatively to the corset body, and in that case the lowermost strip 31 will be subjected to greater strain than the other strips.

For this reason I prefer to make the elastic strips of the brassière back of a plurality of strips of elastic material, although said inserts may be made of one piece without departing from the scope of my invention. The arrangement is such that the garment can be made to fit smoothly and snugly at the waist line, notwithstanding the fact that the figure of the wearer may not be what is deemed normal for the particular garment.

Changes may be made in details of construction without departing from the scope of my invention and I do not intend to be limited to the exact form shown and described, except as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:—

1. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacinings for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert located in the lower part of each brassière back member adjacent its side edge.

2. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacinings for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert consisting of a plurality of non-parallel elastic strips located in the lower part of each brassière back member.

3. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacinings for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert consisting of a plurality of non-parallel elastic strips located in the lower part of each brassière back member, said elastic insert extending from the side edge of each back member toward but not to said eyeleted edge, and being widest at the side edge.

4. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacinings for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert consisting of three elastic strips, extending circumferentially of the garment, the
middle one being substantially at right angles to the eyeleted edge and the upper and lower strips overlying said middle strip to a greater extent at the end toward the center back than at the side edges of the back.

5. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, the corset being made of non-elastic material and having an elastic panel at each side of the back, a brassière comprising a front section stitched to the top of the corset at the front, and a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacing for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert located in the lower part of each brassière back member and overlying said elastic panel at each side of the back.

6. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, the corset being made of non-elastic material and having an elastic panel at each side of the back, a brassière comprising a front section stitched to the top of the corset at the front, and a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacing for fastening said eyeleted edges together, and an elastic insert located in the lower part of each brassière back member and overlying said elastic panel at each side of the back.

7. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacing for fastening said eyeleted edges together, the brassière back members being cut away to provide a rectangular space adjacent the bottom and side edges, and an elastic insert stitched at one end to the corset and at the other end to the edge of the brassière back adjacent the cut away portion.

8. A combination corset and brassière comprising a corset adapted to encircle the body of the wearer from below the hips to slightly above the waist line, and a brassière comprising a front section, stitched to the top of the corset at the front, a pair of back sections partially overlying the back of the corset and each secured to the back along one longitudinal side margin, but otherwise independent of the back, said brassière back sections being provided with rows of eyelets along their proximate margins, lacing for fastening said eyeleted edges together, the brassière back members being cut away to provide a rectangular space adjacent the bottom and side edges, and an elastic insert, comprising a plurality of elastic strips, stitched at one end to the corset and at the other end to the edge of the brassière back adjacent the cut away portion.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I affix my signature, this 26th day of August, 1931.

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