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Fig. 1

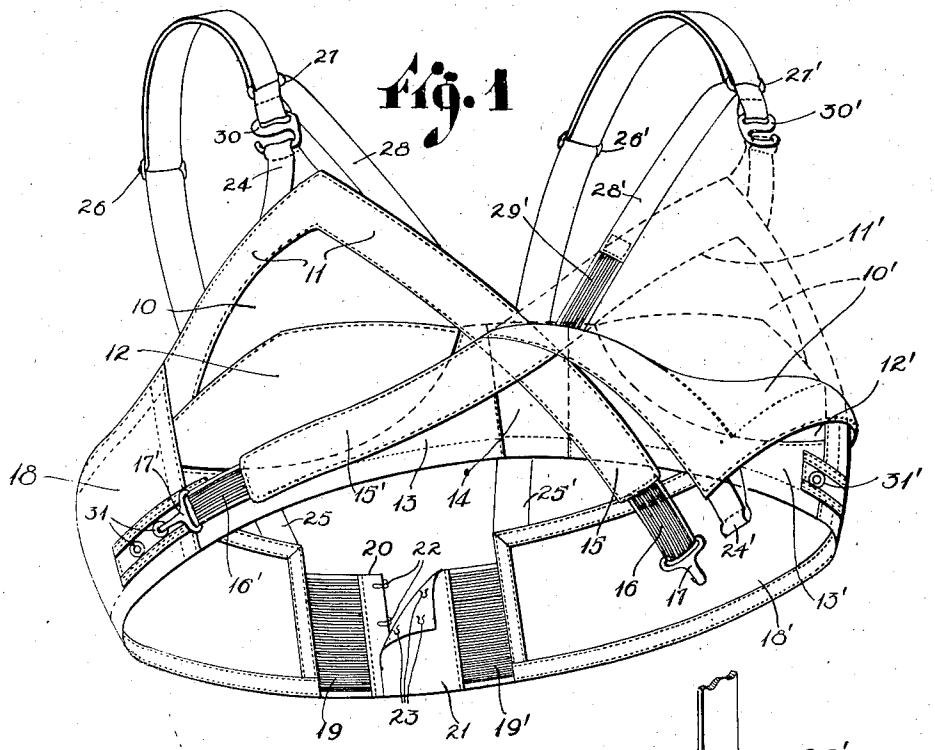


Fig. 2

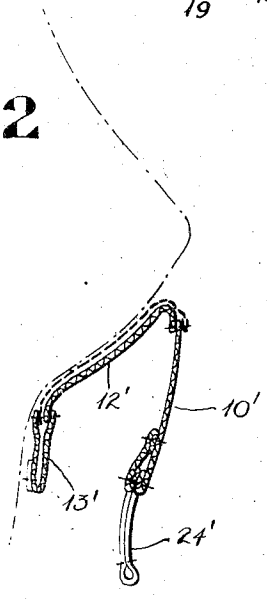
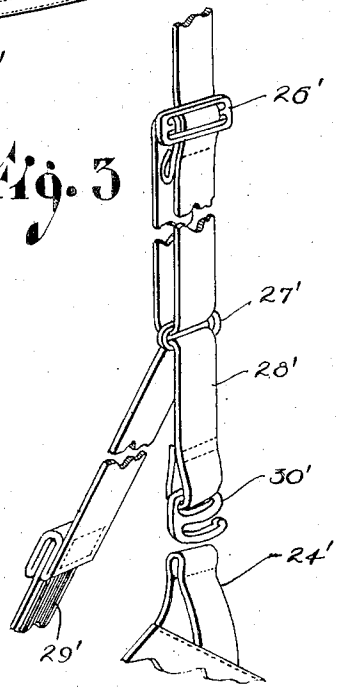


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to brassières. More particularly, the invention deals with brassières which are adapted for use by women in nursing children wherein each side portion of the brassière includes means for lowering the pocket of the brassière to expose the breast sufficiently for nursing, without changing the position of the brassière upon the body of the wearer, or without disturbing the companion pocket, thereby providing a simple and practical means for nursing a child without the need of removing the brassière from the body of the wearer. The novel features of the invention will be best understood from the following descriptions when taken together with the accompanying drawing, in which certain embodiments of the invention are disclosed, and in which the separate parts are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective front view of a brassière made according to my invention, showing one pocket in a lowered position in full lines and in raised position in dotted lines.

Fig. 2 is a diagrammatic sectional view through the right hand pocket of Fig. 1, illustrating the arrangement of the pocket upon the breast when the pocket is in lowered position; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view illustrating the strap construction at one side of the garment, with parts of the construction broken away.

In garments of the kind under consideration, it has been necessary for a woman to disrobe to the extent of removing a brassière in order to nurse a child. It is the purpose of my invention to provide a brassière construction which can be maintained upon the body of the wearer, means being provided to simply lower the upper and central portion of the brassière sufficiently to expose the breast for nursing.

In the accompanying drawing, I have shown, for the purpose of illustrating one adaptation and use of my invention a brassière of the general structure and contour as disclosed in my prior Patent 2,337,810. It will be understood, however, that the invention is applicable to brassières of any form and construction to which my improved supporting strap structure can be applied.

In Fig. 1 of the drawings, I have shown at 10 and 10' two similar pockets, the upper portions of which are bordered by wide bands 11—11' and the lower portions comprise sections 12—12' bordered at their lower edges in body bands 13—13', the latter being joined by a central coupling strap 14, which may be elastic or non-elastic, as desired.

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The inner portions of the band 11—11' continue in strap members 15—15', which cross centrally of the front of the brassière and terminate at their ends in elastic straps 16—16' having coupling hooks 17—17'. Attached to the sides of the breast pockets, including the lower bands 13—13', are side body straps 18—18' terminating at their rear ends in elastic straps 19—19' to the ends of which are attached coupling bands 20 and 21, the band 20 having coupling hooks 22, and the band 21 having spaced coupling eyes 23 to provide adjustable coupling of the brassière about the body of the wearer.

To the upper outer corner portions of each pocket are secured coupling loops 24—24' to the upper edge of the rear end portion of the straps 18—18' are attached shoulder straps 25—25'. These straps have buckles 26—26' for adjustably supporting the shoulder straps on the body of the wearer and arranged in the loop of each shoulder strap is a coupling loop 27—27', through which freely passes a pocket supporting strap 28—28'. These straps have at one end elastics attached to the front portion of the pocket adjacent the upper end of the coupling band 14 and one of these elastic ends is shown at 29' in Fig. 1 of the drawing. The other end of the straps 28—28' have coupling hooks 30—30' which are adapted to engage the loops 24—24'.

At the lower side portions of the brassière and extending onto the straps 18—18' are coupling strips having spaced eyes 31—31' which provide adjustable coupling of the hooks 17'—17 respectively therewith.

The illustration in Fig. 1 of the drawing is somewhat diagrammatic in the sense that the garment is not shown as mounted upon the body. The purpose of this illustration is to more clearly disclose the several parts of the invention in a simplified showing. In other words, it is not essential to detach the strap 15 or the hook 17 thereof from one of the eyes 31' in the operation of uncoupling and lowering the upper portion of the pocket 10'. However, this can be done if desired without disturbing the position of the brassière upon the body of the wearer.

It will be apparent from Fig. 1 that when it is desired to expose the breast of the right hand pocket, as seen in Fig. 1, all that is necessary is to detach the loop 24' from the coupling hook 30' and to draw the upper portion of the pocket downwardly over the breast to expose the breast

in a manner substantially as shown in dot and dash lines in Fig. 2 of the drawing. In this uncoupling, it will be apparent that the strap 28' as well as the shoulder strap 25' will become free and in re-coupling the upper portion of the pocket, the coupling hook 30' will be pulled downwardly and the loop 24' raised to re-couple said parts. The same operation can take place with the upper portion of the left pocket, as seen in Fig. 1, and against the garment will be maintained upon the body of the wearer.

Another feature of the invention resides in the fact that in providing the adjustable shoulder straps together with the yieldable support by reason of the elastic inserts in the straps 28—28' and the adjustability of the straps 15—15', the brassière is capable of adjusting itself to reduction in size of the breasts after a nursing period and these adjustments also facilitate expansion of the pockets as the breasts become enlarged.

It will also be understood that the garment is not limited for use in the manner more specifically herein dealt with, as this garment through the various strap members employed, produces a practical brassière structure for use in supporting the breasts in raised position and particularly where the breasts are of large size.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A brassière comprising a pair of substantially similar pockets, means comprising body encircling bands for supporting the brassière around the body of the wearer, shoulder straps for supporting the brassière upon the shoulder of the wearer, means at upper ends of the pockets and forward ends of the shoulder straps for detachably coupling the shoulder straps with the upper central portions of the pockets, whereby upper portions of each pocket may be lowered to expose the breast for nursing without displacing the brassière from around the body of the wearer, said last named means including supplemental supporting straps extending from the upper central front portion of the brassière and slidably coupled with the forward ends of the shoulder straps and having at their ends coupling hooks and loops at the upper portions of the pockets with which said coupling hooks are detachably coupled, supplemental supporting straps extending from upper, inner sides of each pocket over lower portions of opposed pockets, and means at side portions of the brassière and on ends of the supplemental supporting straps for detachably engaging the straps with side portions of the brassière.

2. A brassière comprising a pair of substantially similar pockets, means comprising body encircling bands for supporting the brassière around the body of the wearer, shoulder straps for supporting the brassière upon the shoulder of the wearer, means at upper ends of the pockets and forward ends of the shoulder straps for detachably coupling the shoulder straps with the upper central portions of the pockets, whereby upper portions of each pocket may be lowered to expose the breast for nursing without displacing the brassière from around the body of the wearer, said last named means including supplemental

supporting straps extending from the upper central front portion of the brassière and slidably coupled with the forward ends of the shoulder straps and having at their ends coupling hooks and loops at the upper portions of the pockets with which said coupling hooks are detachably coupled, supplemental supporting straps extending from upper, inner sides of each pocket over lower portions of opposed pockets, and means at side portions of the brassière and on ends of the supplemental supporting straps for detachably and adjustably engaging the straps with side portions of the brassière.

3. A brassière comprising breast pockets having upper and lower portions, means adjustably supporting the pockets around the body of the wearer, said means comprising a strip joining the lower portion of the pockets in a central portion, adjustable shoulder straps having forward free ends, upper portions of each pocket having strap couplings, extensible strap members attached to the upper central portion of the brassière and slidably coupled with the free ends of the shoulder straps in supporting the shoulder straps in position, means at the free ends of said extensible strap members detachably engaging said strap couplings in supporting the pockets upon the breasts of a wearer, and said detachable engagement providing lowering of upper portions of each pocket to expose the breast for nursing while maintaining the support of said shoulder straps.

4. A brassière comprising breast pockets having upper and lower portions, means adjustably supporting the pockets around the body of the wearer, said means comprising a strip joining the lower portion of the pockets in a central portion, adjustable shoulder straps having forward free ends, upper portions of each pocket having strap couplings, extensible strap members attached to the upper central portion of the brassière and slidably coupled with the free ends of the shoulder straps in supporting the shoulder straps in position, means at the free ends of said extensible strap members detachably engaging said strap couplings in supporting the pockets upon the breasts of a wearer, said detachable engagement providing lowering of upper portions of each pocket to expose the breast for nursing while maintaining the support of said shoulder straps, upper, inner band edge portions of each pocket extending over opposed pockets in strap members, and means detachably and adjustably coupling said strap members with lower side portions of the brassière.

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