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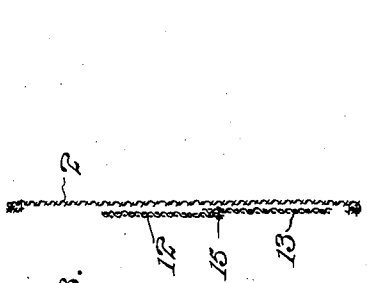

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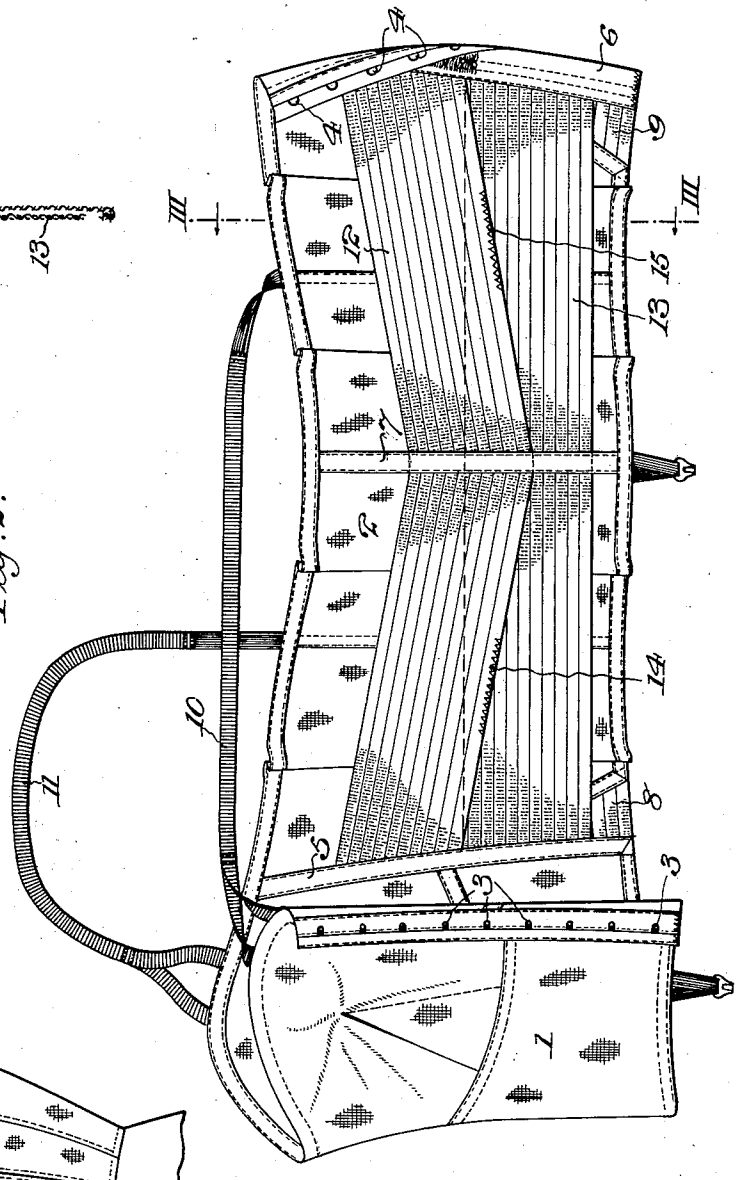

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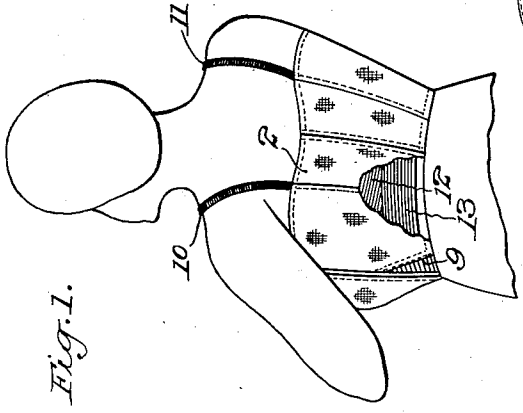

Fig. 1.

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The object of my invention is to provide novel means for effectively preventing the flesh of the wearer from bulging over the top of the girdle or corset when the brassière is used in connection therewith, said means comprising an elastic portion which extends entirely across the inner face of the back portion of the brassière from side to side thereof and which is attached only at the middle and sides of the said back portion.

My invention more particularly comprises a brassière of the above type in which the elastic portion consists of upper and lower elastic cross bands which preferably overlap and which are not only secured to the sides and middle of the back portion but also are secured to each other at points therebetween, the lower cross band extending substantially straight across the back portion and the upper cross band extending diagonally upward from the middle to the sides of the said back portion.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 represents a rear perspective view of the brassière as in use;

Fig. 2 represents an inside view of the brassière; and

Fig. 3 represents a vertical section taken in the plane of the line III—III of Fig. 2, looking in the direction of the arrows.

The front or breast portion of the brassière is denoted by 1 and the back portion thereof by 2. The free side of the front portion and the free side of the back portion are provided with coacting fastening devices such, for instance, as rows of hooks 3 and eyes 4.

The sides and middle of the back portion 2 are provided with vertically disposed reinforcing strips 5, 6 and 7 extending from the top to the bottom of the garment. The back portion 2 may also be provided with elastic gores 8 and 9 extending upwardly from the bottom of the garment at the sides of the back portion.

The brassière may be provided with a pair of shoulder straps 10 and 11 connecting the tops of the front and back portions.

The means which I have shown for preventing the bulging of the flesh of the wearer over the top of the girdle or corset when the brassière is used in connection therewith, comprises the following elements:

The elastic portion which consists of upper and lower elastic bands 12 and 13 of considerable width extends across the back portion 2 of the brassière, which bands are secured only at the side and middle reinforcing strips 5, 6 and 7 of the back portion. The lower elastic cross band 13 extends substantially straight across the back portion 2 of the brassière near its bottom edge and the upper elastic band overlaps the lower band and extends diagonally upward from the middle reinforcing strip 7 to the side reinforcing strips 5 and 6. These elastic cross bands overlap to a considerable extent at the middle reinforcing strip and gradually decrease the overlap as they extend outwardly to the side reinforcing strips. These overlapping cross bands are preferably secured together at points between the side strips and middle strip as indicated at 14, 15, to keep the bands in proper adjustment with respect to the body of the wearer when the brassière is in use. The action of these elastic bands is to confine the flesh of the wearer within the bounds of the brassière, thus preventing the bulging of the flesh over the top of the girdle or corset.

It is evident that various changes may be resorted to in the construction, form and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not intend to be limited to the particular embodiment herein shown and described, but

What I claim is:

1. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and a separate elastic portion extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière.

2. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and a separate elastic portion extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière and secured to the brassière only at the middle and sides of the back portion.

3. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and separate upper and lower elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière.

4. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions and separate upper and lower elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière, one elastic band extending substantially straight across the back portion and the other elastic band extending diagonally upward from the middle to the sides of the back portion.

5. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and separate upper and lower elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of

the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière, the lower elastic band extending substantially straight across the back portion and the upper elastic band extending diagonally upward from the middle to the sides of the back portion.

6. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and separate upper and lower elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière, said elastic bands being secured to the brassière only at the middle and sides of the back portion.

7. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, and separate upper and lower elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière, said elastic bands being secured to the brassière only at the middle and sides of the back portion and also to each other at intermediate points.

8. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, vertically disposed reinforcing strips along the middle and sides of the back portion, and separate upper and lower overlapping elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière and secured to the brassière only at said middle and side reinforcing strips.

9. In a side opening brassière, front and back portions, vertically disposed reinforcing strips along the middle and sides of the back portion, and separate upper and lower overlapping elastic bands extending entirely across the inner face of the back portion from the opposite sides of the brassière and secured to the brassière only at said middle and side reinforcing strips, the lower elastic band extending substantially straight across the back portion and the upper elastic band extending diagonally upward from the middle strip to the side strips.

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