

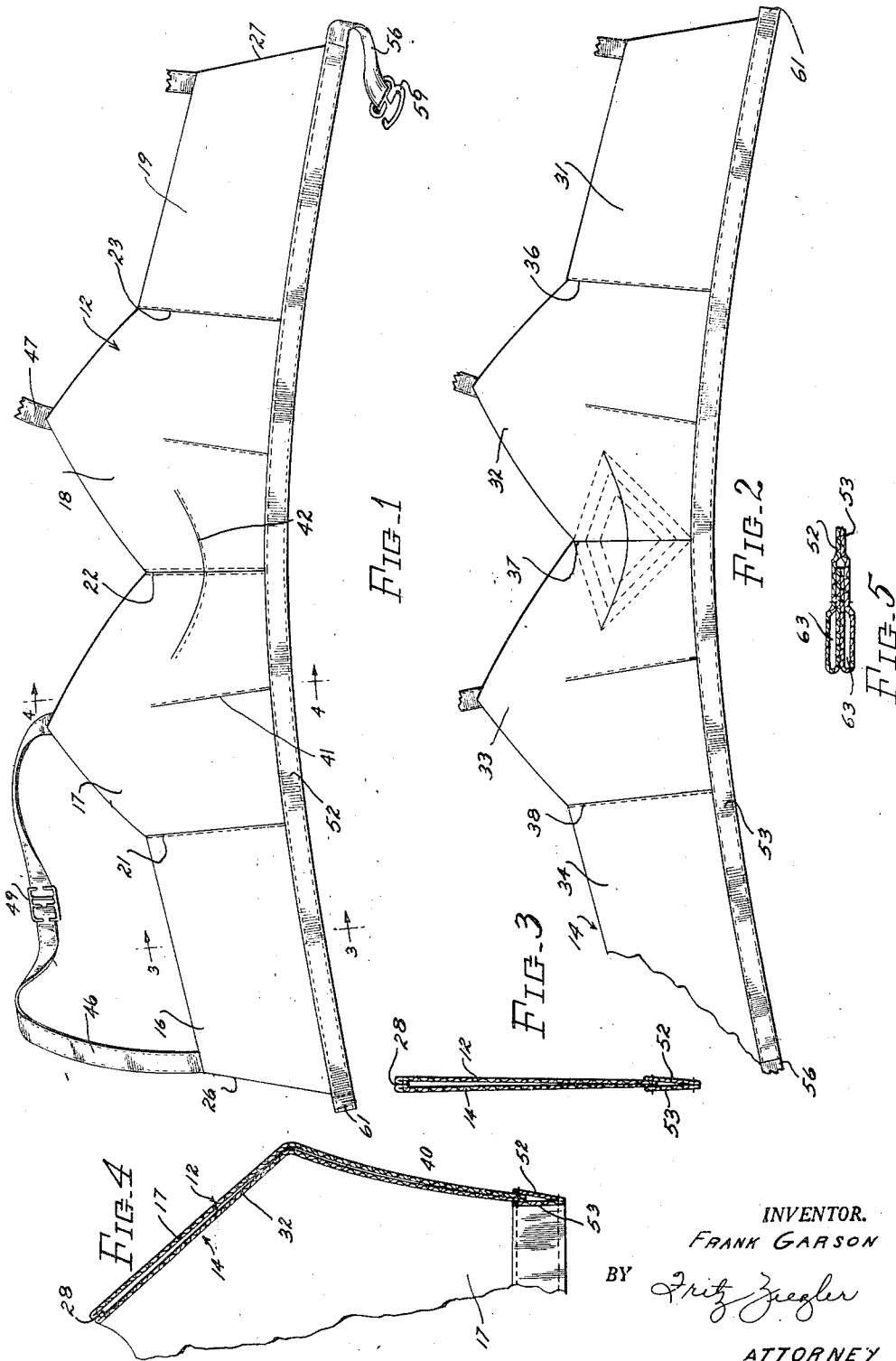
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This invention relates to brassières, and particularly to a brassière which is reversible so that either side may be worn to the outside. A two-in-one garment is thus provided so that it may match or harmonize with different sets of lingerie or different outer garments from the wardrobe of the wearer.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a brassière which may be worn with either side out, the comfort and supporting effect being the same in either case.

Another object is to provide a reversible brassière which is finished and fitted so that its appearance is equally ornamental irrespective of the side worn next to the body.

A further object is to provide a single garment of two different colors.

Other and perhaps more specific objects will become apparent as the description proceeds with constant reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of a brassière embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a view from the opposite side of the brassière of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a view in cross section on the line 3—3 as viewed in the direction of the arrows;

Fig. 4 is a view in cross section on the line 4—4 as viewed in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary bottom view of a detail.

The brassière shown in the drawing has somewhat the same appearance in either Fig. 1 or Fig. 2. In accordance with the present invention, either side may be exposed when it is worn and for convenience of description, the entire garment will be designated by the reference character 10. The side exposed in Fig. 1 will be designated by 12 and the side exposed in Fig. 2 by 14. Both of these sides are finished and are composed of a separate or pieces of material. For example, the side 12 may be made up of a single piece of material coextensive with the length of the garment as it is extended in Fig. 1 or it may be made up of several pieces stitched together. The piece or pieces of material composing the side 12 or the side 14 may be of a distinctive weave and color, or white. The weight and thickness of the material may be selected with the use of the garment in view. All of this is also applicable to the side 14.

Preferably, the side 14 is of heavier material than the material of the side 12. This heavy material may be heavy rayon satin, for example. The color of one side also preferably differs from the color of the other side. For example, the side

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14 may be white and the side 12 may be black. Either side may be exposed when the garment is worn.

Details of structure may be varied within the scope of the invention. However, details of the illustrative example will be described by way of example. The side 12, shown in Fig. 1 and again in section in Figs. 3 and 4, is shown as comprising four parts 16 to 19. These parts are joined at seams 21, 22 and 23 in a suitable manner, as by stitching. The front 12 and back 14 are joined at the ends 26 and 27 and along the top 28 (Figs. 3 and 4) by a continuous concealed seam.

The side 14 is or may be similar to the side 12 and may comprise four parts 31 to 34, joined, as by stitching at seams 36 to 38.

The parts 17 and 18 in combination with the opposed parts 32 and 33 form the bust pockets 40, one of which appears in section in Fig. 4. The part 17 is given the pocket shape by darts 41 and 42. The darts 41 and 42 are repeated in the parts 12, 32 and 33.

Substantially at the apexes of the pockets 40, straps 46 and 47 are secured. The opposite end of the strap 46 is secured at or adjacent the meeting corners of the pieces 16 and 31. The opposite end of the strap 47 is secured in a like manner to the pieces 19 and 34. The straps 46 and 47 are used for holding the brassière in position and means in the form of adjustable slides 49 provide for shortening the straps to fit individual wearers.

The bottom of the sides 12 and 14 are received between tapes 52 and 53. These tapes preferably match the respective sides 12 and 14 as to material and color. At one end of the garment 10, a double elastic strap 56 is provided to the end of which is secured a fastening means in the form of a hook 59. The ends of the tapes 52 and 53 are turned in at 61 to form loops 63 (Fig. 5) either of which is adapted to receive the hook 59 to secure the lower edge of the brassière around the body of the wearer.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention provides a reversible brassière having reversible bust pockets. The straps and securing means function in a normal manner when either side of the garment is outside.

The invention claimed is:

50 A brassière comprising, a body composed of two contiguous sections of fabric differing from one another in nature of material or color thereof, said brassière being adapted to be worn with either fabric section next to the body of the wearer whereby the brassière is reversible,

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supporting straps at the top of the body of the brassière, and reinforcing means extending along the lower edge of the brassière, said reinforcing means consisting of a pair of tapes placed back to back with the ends of the two sections of fabric disposed and stitched between the tapes, the tapes corresponding in nature of material and coloring to the fabric sections respectively disposed between them.

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