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Fig. 1.

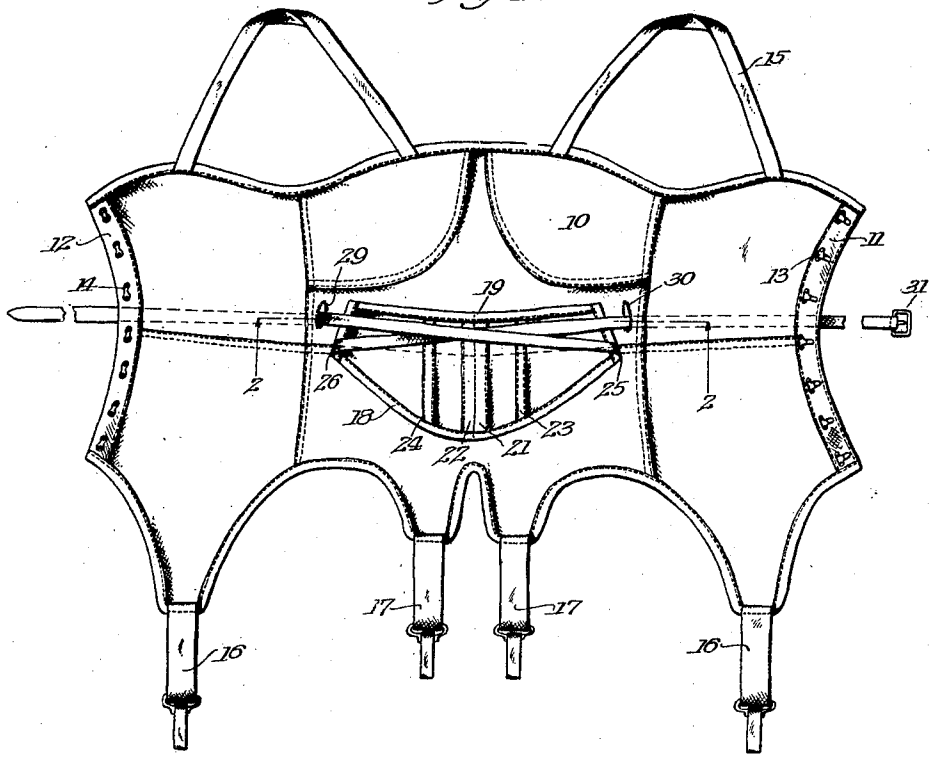
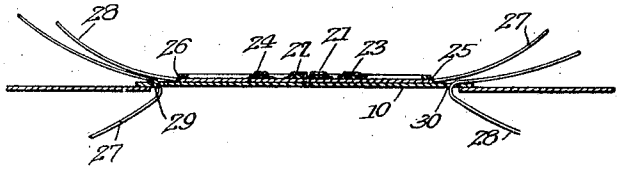


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SOMERS, a citizen of the United States, and residing at New York city, county of New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combination Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an article of wearing apparel and consists of a garment and an attachment adapted to be used in place of a corset. It includes a garment made of flexible inelastic material and which is continuous around the body of the wearer to its connecting edges and which fits the body with that looseness desired in the present day garment. Such garments, however, if used alone do not furnish the proper and necessary support for the abdomen, and my present invention is designed and adapted to remedy that deficiency. It consists in a novel structural combination of such a garment with an adjustable pad or abdomen supporter forming a very simple, easily applied and adjusted garment as a whole which is entirely satisfactory and comfortable in use. The novel features will be more fully understood from the following description and claims taken with the drawing.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a face view of a garment embodying the invention viewed from the inner side; and

Fig. 2 is a cross section of the abdominal support and adjacent portions of the garment on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

As shown in the drawings the device embodies a main garment 10 which is composed of inelastic fabric which is continuous between the end margins 11 and 12 and of such length and width as desired in the particular case to suit the purpose had in view. There are no stays in the main garment but the meeting edges 11 and 12 have means for detachably connecting them which may be in the form of hooks and eyes 13 and 14. The garment may have the shoulder straps 15 and the hose supporters 16 and 17. The abdomen suporter 18 is made of flexible inelastic fabric and of the longitudinally curved form shown, and is secured to the garment 10 by stitching 19 on a vertical line which is the center line of the garment 10 as well as the center line of the supporter whereby the ends of the support on opposite sides of this line of attachment are free to move outward from the garment and in reference to it. The support preferably has stays 21, 22 on oposite sides of the seam 19 which connects it to the garment and stays 23 and 24 extending in a vertical direction spaced a short distance from the center line but no end stays.

Tapes or strips of fabric 27 and 28 are connected to the edges of the support and may be passed around the body of the wearer in use and out through holes 29, 30 near the waistline and which may be a short distance out beyond the side edges of the supporter. These strips or tapes are preferably made to encircle the body of the wearer under the garment 10 coming outside of the garment through the openings 29 and 30 at the front so that they may be connected together under any desired tension by means of friction acting buckle 31 on one of them engaging the end of the other.

Although one specific embodiment of the invention is shown for purposes of illustration, it is not confined to that particular form beyond what is indicated in the following claims.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

1. An article of the class described comprising in combination a garment of flexible inelastic material adapted to extend continuously around the body of the wearer with two openings through it at approximately the waist line laterally spaced from a central vertical line on opposite sides and means for detachably connecting the vertical edges of said garment, an abdominal supporter secured to the inner face of said garment by a vertical line of stitching centrally of the garment and supporter and flexible straps secured to the outer ends of said supporter adapted to pass around the body of the wearer and out through the openings in said garment and to be detachably connected together under the desired tension.

2. An article of the class described comprising in combination a garment of flexible inelastic material adapted to extend continuously around the body of the wearer with two openings through it at approximately the waist line laterally spaced from a central vertical line on opposite sides and means for detachably connecting the vertical edges of said garment, an abdominal supporter secured to the inner face of said garment by

a vertical line of stitching centrally of the garment and supporter and flexible straps secured to the outer ends of said supporter adapted to pass around the body of the wearer and out through the openings in said garment and to be detachably connected together under the desired tension the said supporter having vertical stays at its central portion.

3. An article of manufacture of the class described comprising, in combination, a garment of flexible material having a permanently closed front with two openings through it at approximately the waist line on opposite sides and means for detachably connecting the vertical edges of the garment at the back, an abdominal supporter secured to the inner face of said garment by a vertical line of stiching centrally of the garment and supporter, and flexible straps secured to the ends of said supporter and passing across the inner face thereof and out through said openings around the body of the wearer, and means for adjustably securing together the free ends of said straps.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

WILLIAM H. SOMERS.