

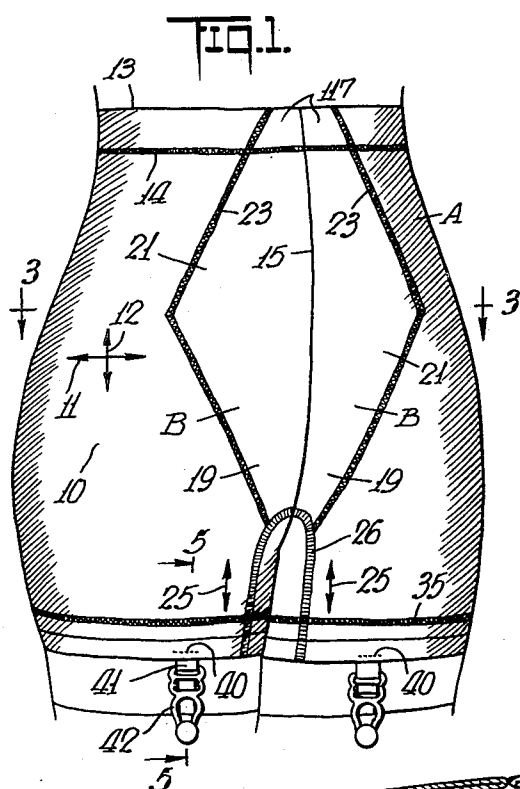
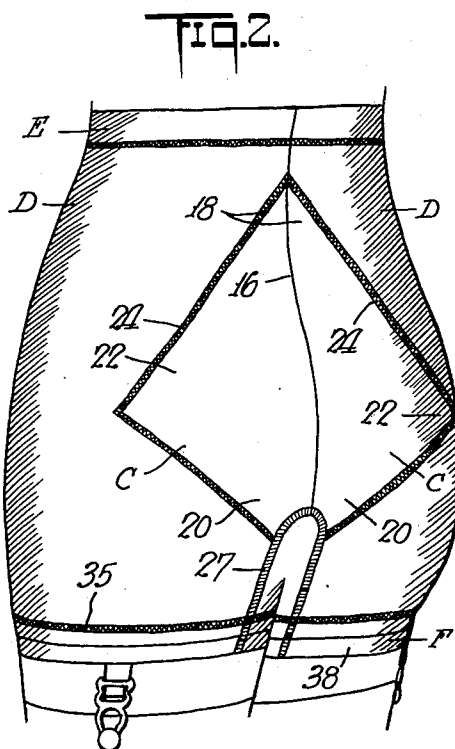
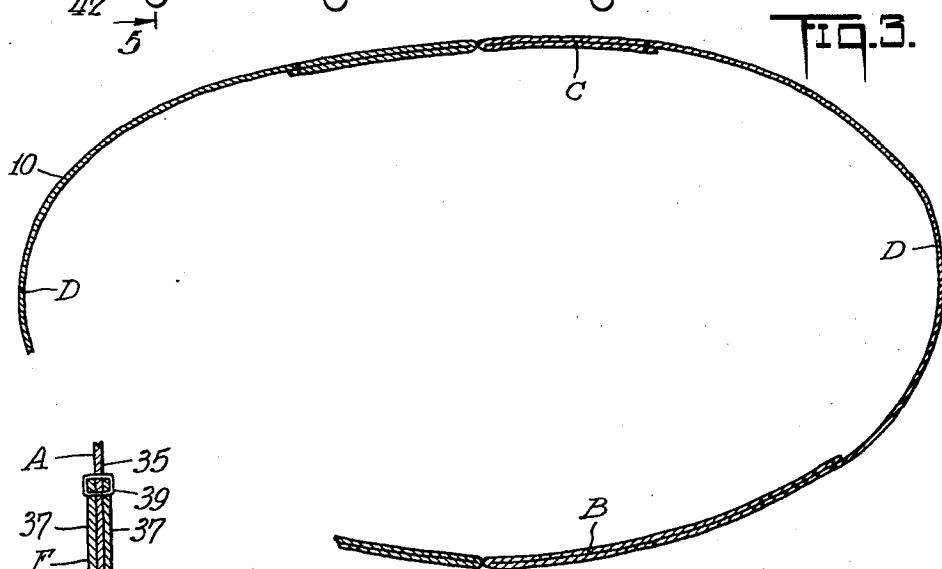
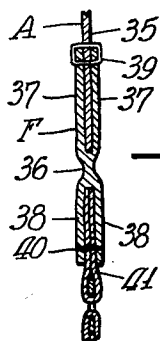
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The present invention relates to a girdle construction and it particularly relates to a girdle construction of novel, reinforced construction.

It is among the objects of the present invention to provide a novel reinforced girdle construction which will adequately support the wearer and which will not be unduly uncomfortable particularly in hot weather.

Another object is to provide a novel girdle construction in which the garters thereof are provided with an improved, novel attachment to the girdle.

Still further objects and advantages will appear in the more detailed description set forth below, it being understood, however, that this more detailed description is given by way of illustration and explanation only and not by way of limitation, since various changes therein may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

In accomplishing the above objects of the present invention, it will be found most suitable, according to one embodiment thereof, to form the girdle of two pieces of material, desirably of woven, elastic fabric, which have extensions and which are folded inwardly both at the front and the back to form a double section of thickness.

The edges of the folded portion extend vertically down the front and back of the girdle, and the seam may be formed by a faggoting attachment.

The panel normally is positioned so that it gives a maximum strength at a point intermediate the waist and the lower edge of the girdle, but the panel may take various shapes and be of various sizes so as to give its maximum reinforcing effect at other positions.

Desirably, the crotch of the girdle is formed of a stretchable tricot fabric which may be attached at the lower inside edges of the two main side, woven elastic pieces forming the sides of the girdle.

The lower edge of the girdle is terminated by means of a four-ply elastic integrally joined at their inner edges by the weaving stitch.

Two of these plies are stitched onto the lower edge of the girdle while the two depending plies are stitched to enclose the straps of the garters and in this manner form a strong, durable, detachable construction.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more specifically described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be

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understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which fall within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view, according to one form of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view of the girdle shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical sectional view upon the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical sectional view upon an enlarged scale as compared to Figs. 1 and 2, taken upon the line 5—5 of Fig. 1, showing the terminal lower elastic as well as the garter attachment.

Referring to Figs. 1 to 4, there is shown a girdle A having front pads B and rear pads C formed from the main side panels D.

The girdle has a waist portion E and a lower terminal, quadruple elastic portion F.

The woven fabric 10 which forms the main side panels D has maximum stretch horizontally indicated by the arrow 11 and a minimum stretch as indicated by the arrow 12.

At the waist band E the fabric is turned inwardly as indicated at 13 and is stitched down as indicated at 14.

Centrally, as indicated at the front seam 15 and the rear seam 16, the fabric is folded inwardly to form panels B in front and C in the rear, which are narrowest at the top, as indicated at 17—18, and at the bottom as indicated at 19—20, and which are widest at a middle portion, as indicated at 21 in Fig. 1 and 22 in Fig. 2.

The edges of these intumed panels, which are stitched down as indicated at 23 in Fig. 1 and 24 in Fig. 2, give extra reinforcement and also strengthen the seams 15 and 16.

The seams 15 and 16 are formed by faggoting stitching.

The crotch is formed of a stretchable tricot fabric which stretches in the direction around the crotch, as indicated by the arrows 25, but which will not stretch transversely of the crotch. This crotch piece, which may be centrally seamed, is attached in position by the stitching 26 in the front and 27 in the rear.

The pads B and C, made integrally with the side panels D by folding the extensions thereof inwardly, give particularly high strength to the girdle construction.

The lower terminal edge 35 of the girdle is finished by the multi-ply elastic fabric F. This fabric has a central junction 36 in which the inner

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edges of the plies 37 and 38 are woven together. The two plies are used to embrace the lower edge 35 of the panels D by the stitching 39 while the two lower plies 33 receive and are stitched at 40 to the elastic strip 41 at the top of the garter construction 42.

This terminal construction F will enable a most satisfactory, non-lumpy, permanent construction of the elastic garter straps 42 and at the same time will form a desirable finished edge to the bottom of the girdle.

The entire girdle as shown in Figs. 1 to 4 may be inexpensively manufactured and will be quite durable in wear and will give maximum reinforcement to places needed.

While there has been described a preferred form of the invention, it should be understood that the same may be altered in details and in relative arrangement of parts within the scope of the appended claim.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of the invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, what is claimed is:

A girdle construction comprising a body portion of elastic material, a two-ply elastic band being united at its longitudinal center to form pairs of free upper and lower longitudinal edge por-

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tions, the free upper pair of edge portions of the plies enclosing the respective sides of the lower edge of the body portion of the girdle and stitched thereto, and garter carrying strips having their upper ends disposed between the lower pair of free edge portions of the plies and stitched therebetween.

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