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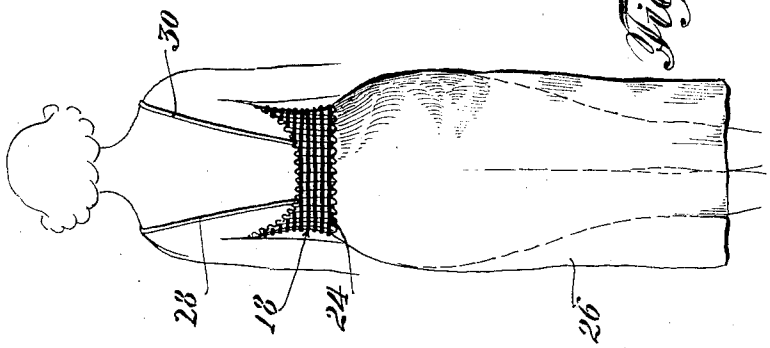


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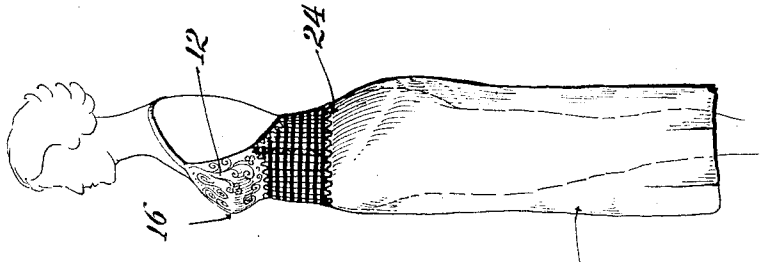
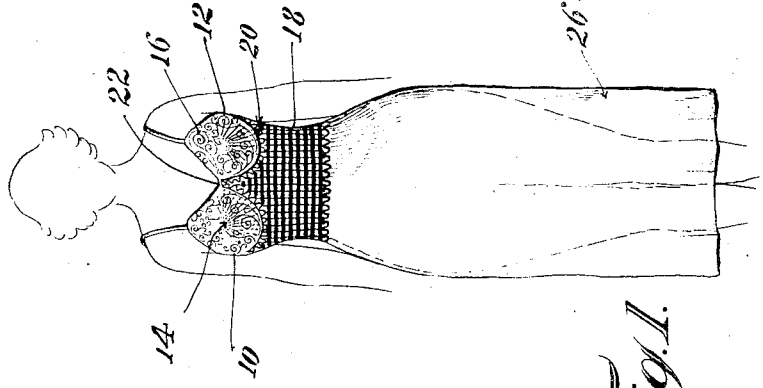


Fig. 1.



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This invention relates to a lady's undergarment and more particularly to the combination of a brassière with an underslip to form a single article of apparel.

Women of the day prefer to wear as few undergarments as possible compatible with a good appearance and require that such undergarments be light in weight, closely form fitting and not bulky in appearance or unwieldy for wear.

My invention contemplates the provision of a single undergarment embodying the combined features of both a brassière and underslip, while at the same time eliminating the bulkiness and unwieldiness of two separate garments and to thereby provide a combined undergarment which is extremely comfortable to wear.

My invention further contemplates the provision of such a combination undergarment which is constructed to properly and spontaneously drape itself about the body of the wearer upon donning the garment.

My invention further contemplates the provision of an undergarment which will eliminate the inconvenience of two sets of shoulder straps encountered when a separate brassière and slip are worn and the further inconvenience of donning two articles of apparel.

My invention still further contemplates such a combined undergarment in which, upon being donned, the component parts are properly positioned in relation to the body and in which the component parts resiliently retain their relative position on the body to conform to the contour thereof regardless of the movements of the wearer.

My invention further contemplates the provision of such a garment which will fashionably fit the form and body contour, provide a desired freedom of movement, enhance the graceful appearance of the wearer and which, when worn, does not destroy the effect of the contour, lines or appearance of the outer garment.

My invention further contemplates the provision of such an undergarment which resiliently molds and confines those body parts of the wearer required to be modishly restrained to properly provide a light weight foundation garment for a dress.

Other objects of my invention will be clear from the description which follows and from the drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a combined brassière and slip in accordance with my invention in position upon a wearer.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the brassière and slip shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the brassière and slip shown in Fig. 1.

Referring now to the drawing, my combined undergarment is provided with the usual breast receiving pockets 10 and 12, which are of the conventional uplift type, preferably fabricated from substantially inelastic material such as lace, mesh, cloth or the like.

The pockets of such a brassière are fashioned to substantially conform to the bust of the wearer and extend upwardly and outwardly at the points 14 and 16 to thereby raise, support and modishly mold the contour of the breasts.

Upon arranging a freely hanging slip directly on such a brassière to provide the desired combined undergarment, I have found that the pockets of the brassière will not then properly conform to the bust and the slip effects a bulky appearance and is uncomfortable to wear, since it is freely suspended above the waist line of the wearer and, therefore, does not properly drape itself about the body.

Heretofore such combination garments have been of complex structure and have required the use of extra bandeaux and bodices in an effort to overcome this inherent disadvantage and to provide a closely fitting garment which will effect a slim appearance.

I eliminate all such excess material and effect a simple inexpensively manufactured garment by sewing, in the usual manner, the breast pockets to a resilient body encircling part 18, fabricated from any suitable elastic material, preferably a webbed material such as illustrated.

The lower edges of the breast pockets are contiguous to the upper edge 20 of the body encircling part, which preferably extends upwardly to separate the pockets at 22.

I prefer an elastic material that is provided with both a lateral and longitudinal stretch so that the body encircling part will spontaneously conform to the body of the wearer and will effect the proper tensioning at the lower edges of the brassière pockets to urge them to conform to the contour of the body. This arrangement of the resilient body encircling part contiguous with the edges of the brassière, eliminates the necessity of providing the conventional tension means ordinarily associated with such brassière in rear thereof.

Depending from the lower edge 24 of the body encircling part, I stitch, in the usual manner, the slip 26, preferably fabricated from inelastic material, such as silk, lace, cotton or the like.

In this manner the slip is provided with a resilient belt-like edge which spontaneously contracts the waist line of the slip about the body adjacent the waist line of the wearer to thereby enable the slip to properly hang therefrom.

It will be apparent that the body encircling part will conform to and mold the body adjacent the diaphragm of the wearer to thereby dispose and position the brassière and slip in correct relative position thereon.

It will be apparent that the substantially inelastic components of the combined undergarment are completely separated by a comparatively broad elastic band which correctly tensions these inelastic components relatively to each other.

The combined undergarment is provided with the conventional shoulder straps 28 and 30 which are secured at one end thereof to a corresponding breast pocket directly above the extending point and at the other end thereof to the rear portion of the upper edge of the body encircling part.

The garment is donned in the usual manner over the head of the wearer and the arms inserted through the shoulder straps.

As the garment is pulled into place, it will be apparent that the elastic body encircling part will snugly and tightly conform to the body of the wearer.

The breasts of the wearer are thereby seated in the pockets, the edges of which due to tension of the contiguous elastic body encircling part, likewise snugly conform to the shape of the wearer's body and similarly the upper edge of the slip arranges itself on the waist line of the wearer.

It will be apparent that no strain is placed on the brassière or slip, but, on the contrary, any strain is carried by the elastic body encircling band.

It will be apparent that I have provided in a single undergarment an article of apparel embodying the combined features of both a brassière and underslip which completely eliminates the bulkiness and unwieldiness of two separate garments, thereby providing a combined undergarment which is extremely comfortable to wear.

It will be further apparent that I have provided such an undergarment which is light in weight and which closely fits the form and contour of the wearer.

It will be still further apparent that such an undergarment constructed in accordance with my invention, upon being donned, properly positions the component parts thereof in relation to the body and resiliently retains these component parts in their relative position on the body to thereby conform to the contour thereof regardless of the movements of the wearer.

It will be still further apparent that I have provided such an undergarment which resiliently molds and confines those body parts of the wearer required to be modishly restrained to thereby provide a light weight foundation garment for a dress.

While I have described my invention in its preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that modifications may be made and that no limitations upon the invention are intended other than are imposed by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a garment construction, a pair of bust receiving pockets, a freely hanging slip and a resilient body having both a lateral and longitudinal stretch and encircling part interposed between the pockets and the slip.

2. In a lady's undergarment construction, an uplift brassière having a pair of breast receiving and supporting pockets fabricated from substantially inelastic material, an underslip and resilient means having both a lateral and longitudinal stretch and adapted to conform to the body of the wearer for connecting the brassière and the slip interposed therebetween.

3. In a lady's undergarment construction, a substantially nonresilient uplift brassière, a freely hanging substantially nonresilient slip and a resilient body encircling part having both a lateral and longitudinal stretch interposed between the brassière and slip.

4. In a feminine undergarment construction, an uplift brassière portion having a pair of breast receiving and supporting pockets fabricated from substantially inelastic material, and adapted to enclose the breasts of the wearer, said brassière portion provided with free edges adjacent the arms of the wearer and extending downwardly toward the waist of the wearer, a freely hanging substantially nonresilient slip, a resilient body encircling part having both a lateral and longitudinal stretch interposed between the brassière portion and the slip, said encircling part secured to brassière portion under the breast pockets and provided with a free edge in rear of the breast pockets, said encircling part free edge in substantial alignment with free edge of the brassière portion and shoulder straps extending from the brassière portion adjacent the breast pockets to the free edge of the body encircling part.

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