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SLIP

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Fig. 1

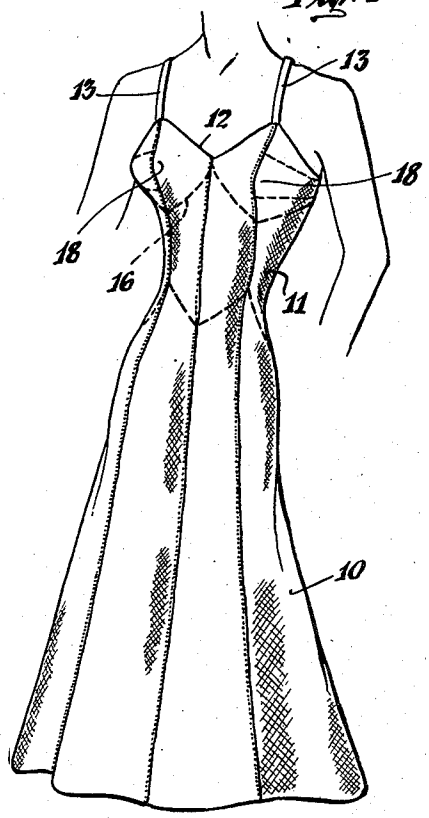


Fig. 2

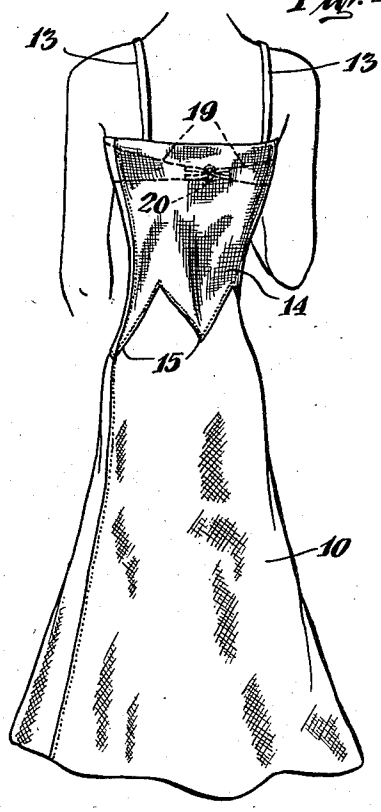


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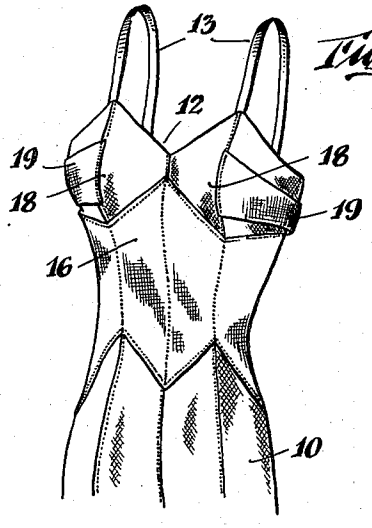
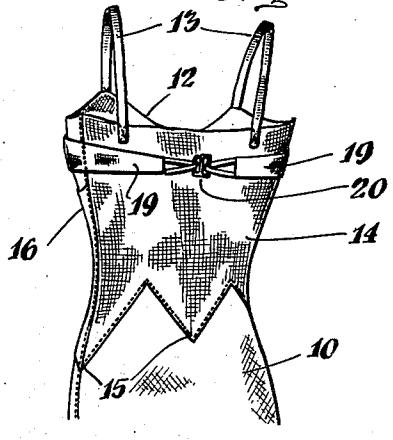


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to slips and has for an object to provide a slip having novel and improved characteristics.

Another object is to provide a slip which is neat and pleasing in appearance, possesses body control characteristics and fits closely over a foundation garment.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent as the nature of the invention is more fully disclosed.

Although the novel features which are believed to be characteristic of this invention will be more particularly pointed out in the claims appended hereto, the invention itself will be better understood by referring to the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which a specific embodiment thereof has been set forth for purposes of illustration.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a slip embodying the present invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation thereof;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the garment when turned inside out to show the construction thereof;

Fig. 4 is a rear elevation of the garment when turned inside out.

In the following description and in the claims specific terms are used for convenience in referring to various details of the invention. These terms, however, are to be given as broad an interpretation as the state of the art will permit.

In accordance with the present invention the slip is provided with a back portion, extending from about the hip line to the top of the slip, made of a thin, open elastic fabric, having a sufficient stretch to permit the slip to be readily put on or removed and having sufficient pull to cause the slip to snugly engage the body or foundation garment when in wearing position. The slip is also provided with an inner front panel extending from the hip line to beneath the bust and joined at the sides to the elastic back. This inner front panel imparts rigidity to the slip and provides a control for the midriff.

In one embodiment the slip extends upwardly over the bust or brassière so as to form a single, complete undergarment. A pair of straps may be provided at the back opposite the bust portion to cause the slip to lie snugly over the brassière.

Referring to the drawing more in detail, the slip is shown as comprising a skirt 10, a midriff panel 11, and a bust section 12 which are shaped in the usual manner to conform to the figure. At the back the slip is provided with an elastic panel 14 extending across the entire back from the hips to the top of the slip. The elastic panel 14 is also provided with downwardly extending portions 15 at the back and sides adapted to provide sufficient elasticity for shaping and molding the corresponding portion of the slip and holding the same in conformity with the figure without wrinkles or puckers. The panel 14 is preferably made of a thin, open, light-weight elastic fabric, having a high ratio of strength and pull to weight. The usual shoulder straps 13 may be attached to the bust section 12 and the back elastic panel 14.

The front of the slip is provided with an inner midriff panel 16 extending from the sides of the elastic panel 14. The inner panel 16 extends from the hips to beneath the bust and may be stitched to the outer midriff panel 11 at the various seams thereof. The inner panel 16 is preferably cut in a different manner than the outer panel 11 so as to eliminate stretch and deformation and to provide a firm base against which the elastic 14 may pull. For example, if the garment is bias cut the inner panel may be straight cut or vice versa. This causes the threads to cross at an angle and greatly strengthens the garment without materially increasing the weight thereof.

The bust section 12 may be shaped to form bust pockets 18 adapted to fit the figure and to lie snugly over a brassière. Straps 19 may be attached at the back opposite the bust section 12 to assist in holding the same in position. These straps 19 may be located on the inside of the garment and may be provided with a clasp 20 of any convenient type to facilitate the adjustment thereof. The straps 19 may, of course, be omitted if their function is not required in any particular instance.

In the garment above described the elastic panel 14 serves to hold the slip snug and smooth and also eliminates all fastenings which would otherwise be required. The slip is self-adjusting to conform to the figure and lies so snugly that the appearance of bulkiness is entirely eliminated. The inner midriff panel provides the necessary strength to oppose the pull of the elastic and also provides a control for the midriff of the wearer. This feature is particularly important if the slip is not worn over a foundation garment. The straps 19 also provide a bust support if a separate brassière is not used.

Although a specific embodiment of the invention has been set forth for purposes of illus-

tration, the invention is capable of various uses and various changes and modifications may be made therein as will be apparent to a person skilled in the art. The invention is only to be limited in accordance with the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A slip comprising a skirt section, a front midriff panel and a bust section all of inelastic material and a back panel of elastic fabric stretchable circumferentially and extending across the entire back from substantially the hipline to the top of the slip, said back panel being joined at the sides to said midriff panel and to said bust section and being substantially co-extensive therewith to cover the back of the wearer, said elastic fabric having sufficient stretch to permit the slip to be put on or removed without fastenings and having sufficient pull to cause the midriff panel and bust section to conform to the figure of the wearer, said elastic panel having a plurality of downwardly extending triangular tabs spaced across the bottom thereof, said tabs having inclined edges forming substantially the entire lower edge of the elastic panel, said skirt section being joined to said inclined edges whereby the elastic panel may stretch horizontally without wrinkling or puckering the inelastic skirt section joined thereto.

2. A slip as set forth in claim 1 having an inner midriff panel at the front extending at the sides to the elastic back panel and extending vertically from the hip line to beneath the busts so as to impart strength and control characteristics to the garment, said outer and inner midriff panels having different cuts, the threads of the two panels crossing at an angle to each other so as to reduce the tendency to stretch or deform.

3. A slip as set forth in claim 1 having a pair of straps at the back extending rearwardly from the bust section and separably joined together to impart additional support to the bust section, said straps being positioned on the inside of the back panel and concealed thereby.

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