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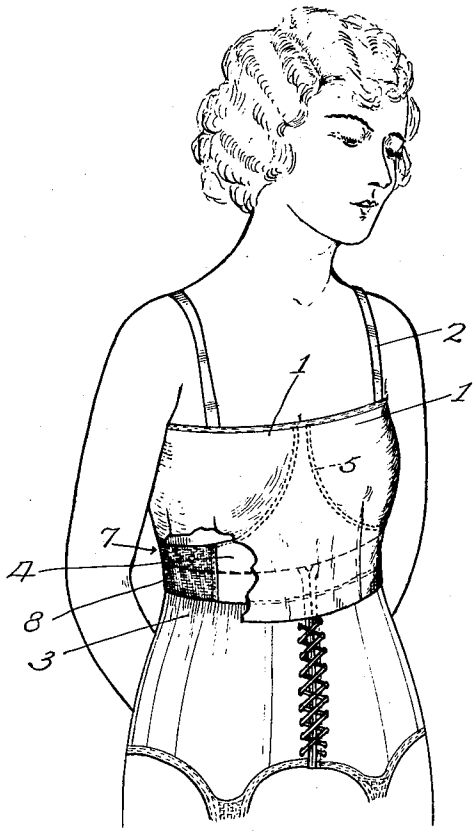


Fig. 1

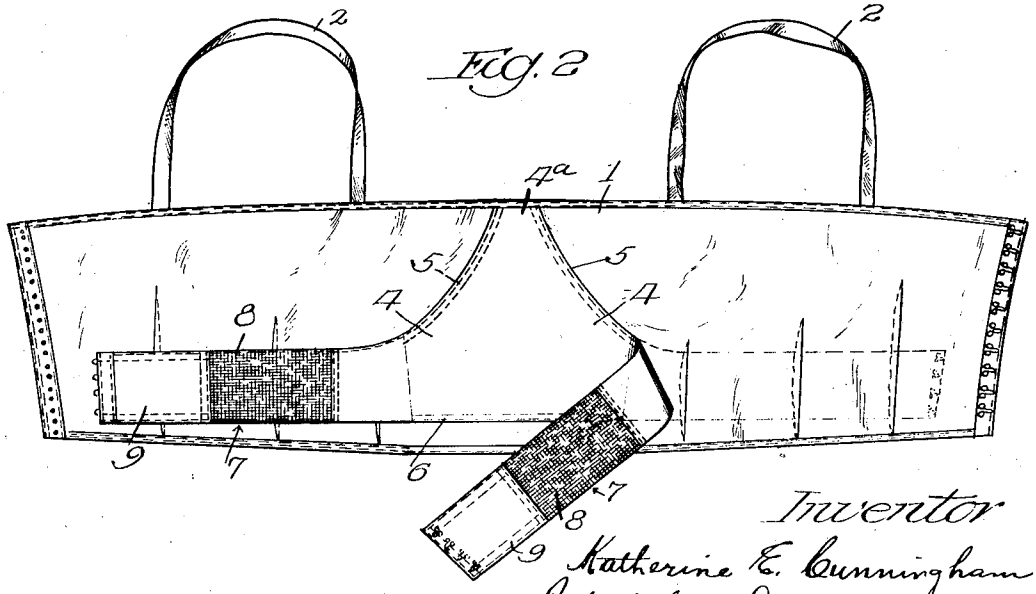


Fig. 2

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My invention relates to a lady's brassière, designed more particularly to be worn in connection with the modern low cut corsets extending but slightly above the waist line. It is the object of my invention to provide a brassière which shall be as easy fitting and full as usual and externally present the appearance of a garment of conventional, well-known construction, but having members which will act to confine the figure adjacent the edge of the corset severely supporting the diaphragm and preventing the protrusion of a roll of flesh above the edge of the corset which otherwise would in some cases be noticeable through the brassière and outer garments. With the foregoing and incidental objects and advantages in the construction and arrangement of parts in view, I have designed and invented the novel brassière shown in the accompanying drawings, the essential elements of my invention being more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a view of my novel brassière in position upon the wearer, and Fig. 2 is a view of the inner or back face of the garment spread out flat.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in both figures of the drawing.

My novel brassière consists of two portions secured together at the front of the garment, the outer portion being a brassière of any suitable style, and which as illustrated consists of an easy fitting vest or waist 1 of suitable thin material gored to shape it to the proper form and provided with shoulder straps 2, and is equipped with cooperating hooks and eyes or other suitable fastening means for securing the meeting edges of the garment together at the back. As usual, and as shown, the part 1, which constitutes the brassière proper extends down to the waist line and overlaps the top of the corset 3 a short distance. Secured to the inner side of the brassière, centrally of the garment, is an approximately triangular member consisting of a piece of firm cloth 4 having a relatively narrow upwardly tapering extension 4^a which is stitched to the part 1 on the curved lines 5 indicated in the drawing, and spreading downwardly towards the base to form opposite broad lateral attaching portions. The central portion of the base of the piece 4 is also stitched along its margin on the line 6 to the part 1, while beyond the ends of the lines of stitching 5 and 6 attaching portions or flaps 7 are free, and are secured to broad strips of firm strong elastic fabric 8—8 which at their outer ends are secured to end flaps 9—9 equipped with hooks and eyes or equivalent fastening means, the lower portions of the piece 4 and the connected elastic strips 8 and flaps 9 forming sections of a wide, strong belt overlapping the upper edge of the corset. The proportions of the different parts of the garment are such that when the belt ends are secured together around the wearer they will snugly and elastically encircle the upper edge of the corset and adjacent portion of the body and give the corset a smooth fit which will permit the brassière and outer garments to fit over the wearer in natural folds and in a sightly manner.

I claim:

1. A garment of the character described and comprising a complete brassière proper, an inner member of firm material having a central upward extension extending to a point adjacent the top of the brassière and secured along its upper portion to the brassière and having opposite broad lateral attaching portions at its base, and elastic belt sections secured to said attaching portions, said belt sections being free at opposite sides of the garment and having their free ends arranged to be clasped together at the back around the waist of the wearer and said brassière extending to the bottom of said inner member and concealing such member when the garment is in use.

2. A garment of the character described and comprising a complete brassière proper, an inner member of firm material having a central relatively narrow upward extension extending to a point adjacent the top of the brassière and secured along its upper portion to the brassière and having opposite broad lateral attaching portions at its base, the central portion of the base of said inner member being marginally secured to the brassière and said attaching portions being free, and free elastic belt sections secured to said attaching portions and having their free ends arranged to be clasped together at the back around the waist of the wearer, said brassière extending to the bottom of said inner member and concealing such member when the garment is in use.

3. A garment of the character described

and comprising a complete brassière proper, an inner member of firm material having a central upward extension extending to a point adjacent the top of the brassière and secured along its upper portion to the brassière and having opposite broad lateral attaching portions at its base, the central portion of the base of said inner member being marginally secured to the brassière and the attaching portions being free along the sides of the garment, and free elastic belt sections secured to said attaching portions and having their free ends arranged to be clasped together at the back around the waist of the wearer, said brassière extending to the bottom of said inner member and concealing such member when the garment is in use.

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