

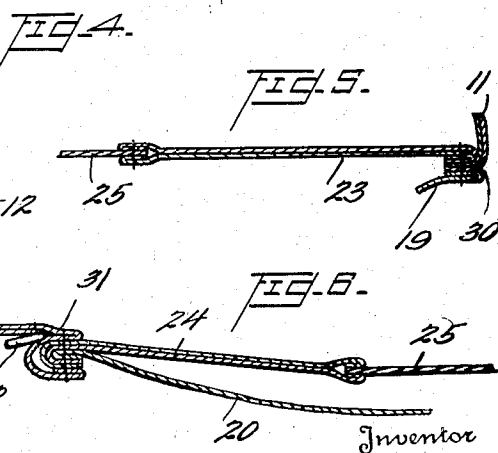
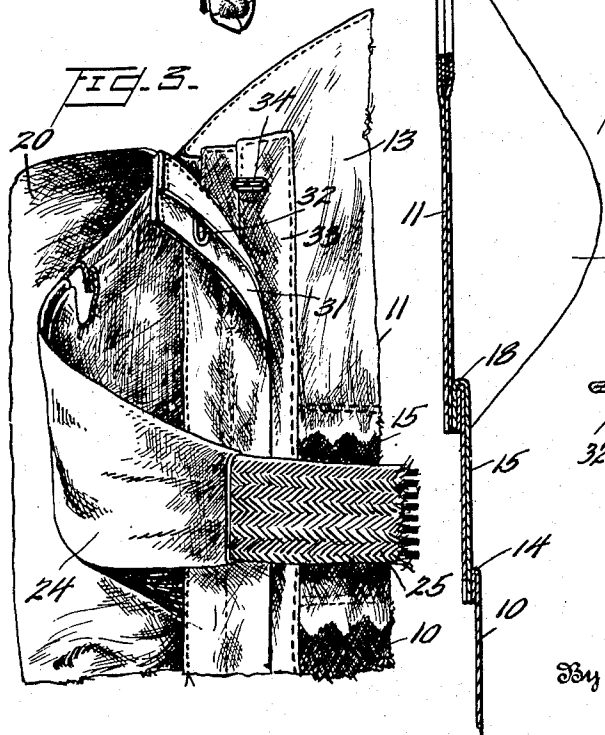
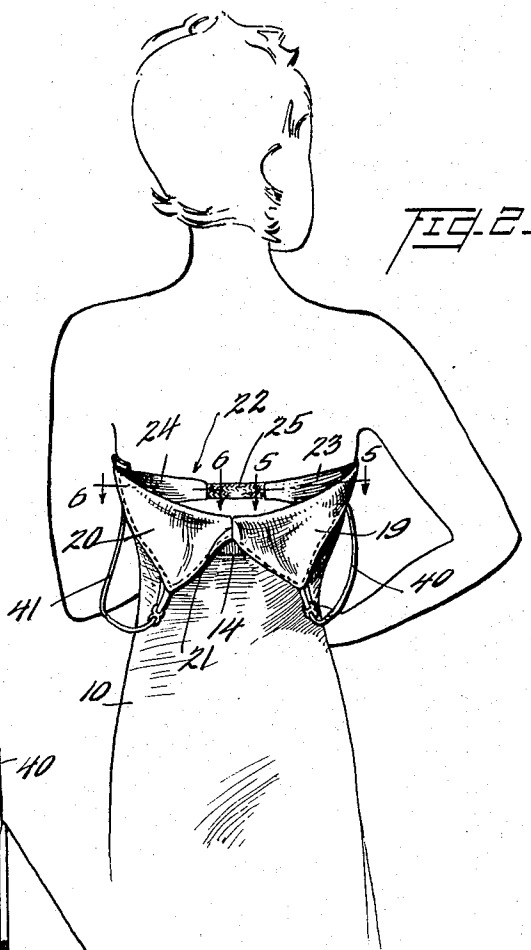
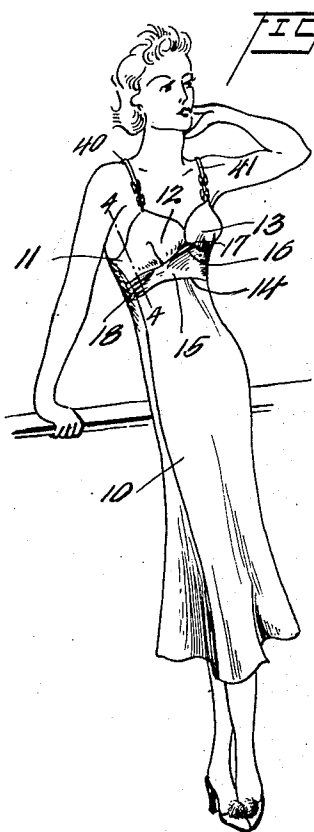
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The present invention relates to improvements in garments for women and is more particularly directed to improvements in the type of garment represented by a combination slip and brassière.

The present invention has for its object the provision of this type of garment in which the upper part of the slip is formed to fit snugly against the bust of the wearer, the garment also being provided with elastic means for drawing the bodice or the upper portion of the front of the garment snugly against the wearer's bust.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment of this type having a lateral opening and only one closure for such opening, such closure being provided with any desired fastening devices, such as hooks and eyes, or any other type of closure desired. By the structure and organization disclosed in the present application, one closure operation serves to subject the elastic to the desired stretch so as to draw the bodice firmly against the bust and at the same time close the slip.

Other objects of the invention comprise structural features in a garment of this type which increase the comfort to the wearer, improve the appearance of the lines of the wearer's body, and generally render this garment easy to manufacture and reduce the cost of the same.

One preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a front view of a woman wearing a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of a woman wearing a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 3 is a detailed view of the garment showing the arrangement of the parts at the lateral opening;

Fig. 4 is a section across the front part of the garment on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

While the invention as illustrated in the drawing is embodied in a combination woman's slip and brassière, it is obvious that the present invention may be applied to other types of garments and particularly to other types of combination garments.

The present invention, as will be apparent from a mere inspection of the drawing, provides a form fitting undergarment in which the front of the bodice is drawn snugly against the bust of the

wearer by the resiliency of the elastic band which is permanently sewed at each end thereof, to the sides of the back of the bodice, and on the inside of the back of the garment. The elastic band consists of an intermediate elastic portion and nonelastic end portions, these end portions being so designed and constructed that their ends extend over substantially the full length of the bodice so that the elastic pull is transmitted to the entire front portion of the bodice. The elastic band being permanently sewed to the back of the bodice, one set of fastening devices is employed, and one fastening operation serves to close the open side seam and to stretch the band.

In the accompanying drawing, the numeral 10 indicates the skirt portion of the garment which, in garments of this type, are generally made of a single layer of silk or similar material. The bodice portion 11 of the garment comprises a pair of suitably shaped breast receiving pockets 12 and 13 in the front thereof, these breast receiving pockets being preferably formed of two layers of material as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. Interposed between the breast receiving pockets and the waist line 14 of the skirt is a double layered insert 15 pointed upwardly as shown at 16 and cooperating with the pockets 12 and 13 for imparting to these pockets the desired shape, the insert 15 being attached to the pockets 12 and 13 along the lines 17 and 18. This construction serves to receive and support the breasts of the wearer and to give an uplift effect.

To complete the slip there are provided two back panels 19 and 20 which are sewed along their bottom edges to the waist line of the skirt portion and are sewed to each other along the line 21, the right panel 19 being also sewed to the corresponding lateral edge of the bodice, at the seam 30 and is, therefore, sewed to the lateral edge of the breast pocket 13 and of the insert 15. The panels 19 and 20 will here be referred to as the back of the bodice. This back has permanently sewed thereto a bandeau 22 which consists of the end portions 23 and 24, each made of two layers of inextensible material and preferably of the same material as the remainder of the garment and an intermediate portion 25 of elastic material. The end portions 23 and 24 are preferably so shaped and constructed that the upper edges thereof form a substantially continuous straight line with the upper edge of the elastic portion 25 and the lower edges of the end portions 23 and 24 curve downwardly and outwardly with the result that the ends thereof are of approximately the same height as the corre-

sponding end of the bust portion of the garment in that each end of the portions 23 and 24 is of the same length as the combined lengths of the corresponding edges of the breast pockets and insert 15. The end portion 23 is attached to the same seam which connects the portion 19 with the front of the garment and extends the entire length of the bodice of the garment from the waist line to the arm hole. The end portion 24 is first sewed to the free edge of the panel 20. The seamed portion thus formed and which includes the edges of the band and of the panel 20, is then sewed to the plaque 31 which carries the eyes or other fastening devices 32. The cooperating plaque 33, carrying hooks or other fastening devices 34, is sewed on to the corresponding edge of the bodice.

The overall length of the bandeau is substantially smaller than the width of the back. The panels 19 and 20 are bias cut so that they are slightly extensible across the back and vertically.

The one operation of closing the one side opening by means of the hooks and eyes serves to stretch the bandeau, thus drawing the front of the bodice snugly into form fitting engagement with the bust.

Shoulder straps 40 and 41, preferably of elastic material are connected between the apices of the pockets 12 and 13 and of the back panels 19 and 20, respectively.

Each of the front panels 12 and 13, as well as the back panels 19 and 20, are shaped so that they each have upwardly directed triangular portions. Thus, each front panel, together with its adjacent back panel, forms a pair of arm holes. The band 22, it will be seen, extends across the back of the wearer, and having a straight upper edge, the elastic band 25 is disposed in line with the bottoms of the arm holes. The greatest force of the elastic is, therefore, exerted along the greatest periphery of the bust of the wearer, while its force is transmitted to the remainder of the front of the bodice by means of the inelastic portions 23 and 24. The bandeau, therefore, serves to hold the front of the bodice snug-

ly against the bust of the wearer and, without exerting the compression commonly had in compression garments, it serves to hold the garment in position when the shoulder straps are down as shown in Fig. 2.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A form fitting slip having a skirt portion and a bodice, the front of the bodice comprising a pair of bust receiving pocket panels and a gore interposed between said panels and skirt portion, said gore having an upwardly pointed median portion, each of said panels having an upwardly directed triangular portion, a back for said bodice having upwardly directed triangular portions and forming armholes with said front, said back being seamed along one lateral edge to the corresponding edge of the front of the bodice, said back having a plaque on the other lateral edge, the front of the bodice having a cooperating plaque on the corresponding edge, and a band seamed to the side edges of said back and substantially shorter than the width of the back, said band having its seamed edges of a length substantially equal to the length of the side edges of the front of the bodice and having an intermediate portion of elastic material, said elastic portion being disposed in line with the bottoms of the armholes.

2. A form fitting slip comprising a skirt portion and a bodice portion seamed to the upper end of the skirt portion, the bodice portion having a front and back seamed to each other on one side and having a pair of cooperating plaques at the other side, said back and front having upwardly directed portions cooperating to form armholes, said back comprising a band permanently secured to the garment at both ends and having end portions of inelastic material and an intermediate portion of elastic material, said end portions each having lateral edges of substantially the same length as the lateral edges of the front of the bodice portion, said elastic portion being disposed in line with the bottoms of the armholes.

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