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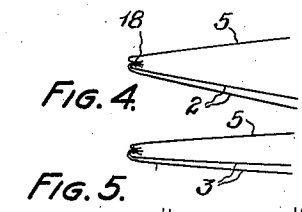


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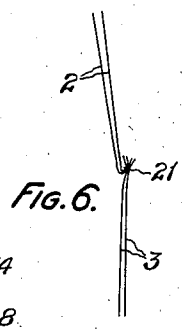


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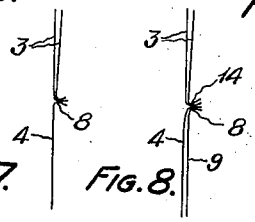


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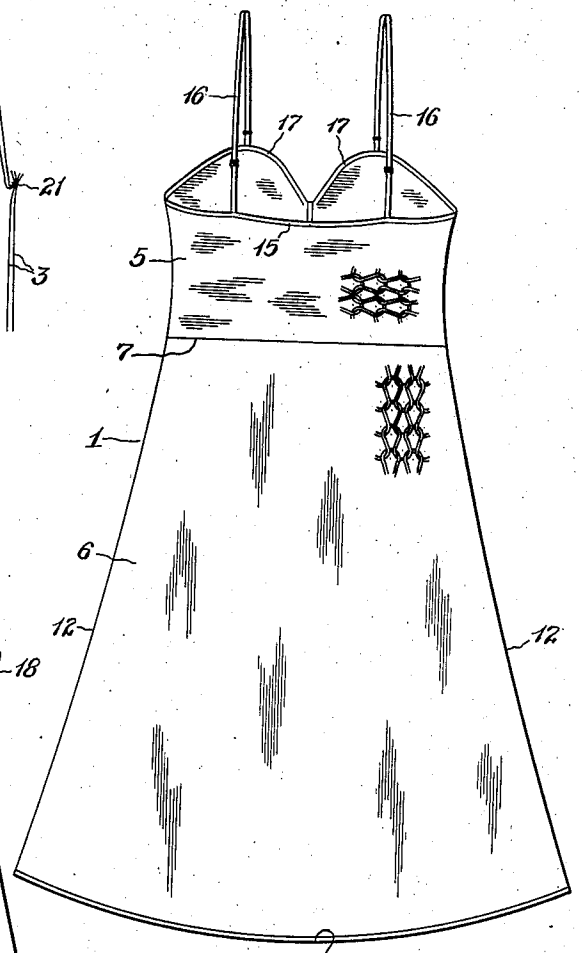


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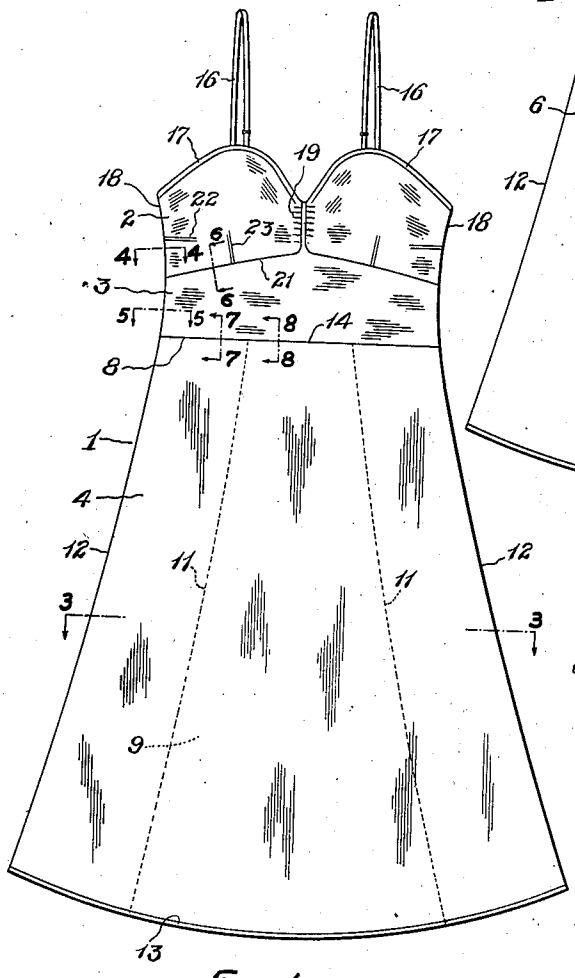


FIG. 1.

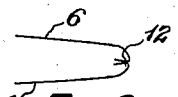


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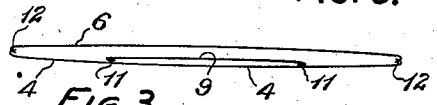


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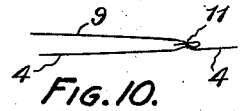


FIG. 10.

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This invention relates to a slip. More particularly, it comprises a garment preferably formed of knitted material and having an upper portion wherein the elasticity of the fabric serves to hold it to the contour of the body of the wearer, and having a lower skirt portion united to the upper portion by means of a waistline seam extending circumferentially completely around the garment. In addition to the straight waistline seam, the garment has other straight line seams which facilitate the rapid production of such garment.

The entire garment is free of hooks and eyes or similar fastening devices, and effects a snug fit solely through the elasticity of the fabric from which the garment is made and the stitching of the seams to allow sufficient expansion so that the garment may be pulled on over the shoulders and when in place will return to substantially its original dimensions by reason of such elastic qualities in the fabric.

The garment preferably comprises two major sections at the rear and three major sections at the front, such parts mutually coacting to cause the upper portion of the garment to closely engage the form of the wearer and to permit the lower portion of the garment to be held in free suspension so as to permit changes of position of the wearer in sitting, walking or running, without interfering with the fit of the garment. The upper section of the garment preferably has the wales of knitted material extending circumferentially so as to restrict the stretch of the garment in such direction. The skirt portions of the garment have the wales of knitted material extending vertically so as to permit free stretching of the material transversely.

The upper rearward panel of the garment serves as a back for both the diaphragm and brassière forward sections thereof. The brassière portion preferably is formed of two layers of fabric and is provided with a vertically shirred section at the center with darts placed at the bottom and sides to suitably shape the garment to the form of the wearer. The lower seam connecting the diaphragm and brassière sections is slightly inclined upwardly from each side toward the shirred section and the forward intermediate section over the diaphragm is preferably formed of two layers of fabric and has a retaining effect, holding the garment closely to the body immediately below the bust portion.

The skirt preferably has a shadow panel centrally of the front connected to the inner face of the skirt by straight line seams tapering upwardly from the bottom to the point of merger of the shadow panel with the lower edge of the diaphragm section in the single straight waistline seam.

Heretofore knitted garments have been provided wherein skirt portions and brassière portions have been connected, but such garments it has been found are not suitably balanced, both as to the areas and the structure of their several portions to satisfactorily maintain their shape under ordinary conditions of wear. The present garment obviates the difficulty referred to in that it provides an upper portion for the garment having a shaped brassière and an intermediate section adapted to engage snugly over the diaphragm of the wearer providing a waistline seam on a substantially straight line from which the skirt is supported. It also provides a garment wherein a shadow panel is embodied in the skirt and connected with the diaphragm portion of the garment along with the skirt portion by a single seam along a straight line. The garment also provides for a brassière portion of double thickness shaped to the lines of the figure, and, as stated, the diaphragm portion also is preferably made of two thicknesses of material.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide an improved garment embodying a brassière and slip and having a transversely non-extensible section.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment formed of knitted material wherein the rearward portion comprises a lower skirt portion and a single upper portion, and wherein the forward portion of the garment comprises a lower skirt portion and a top brassière portion with an intermediate diaphragm portion.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment wherein the forward portion thereof comprises three sections, the upper section forming a brassière of double thickness with darts and shirring to shape the same, and the lower portion comprising a skirt portion with a shadow panel of double thickness, said portions being joined by an intermediate portion of double thickness but less transverse elasticity than the skirt section.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment having areas of double thickness and having areas wherein the stretch is longitudinal and other areas wherein the stretch is transverse, and wherein most of the seams are straight line seams.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment wherein the skirt portion thereof is provided with a shadow panel united with the

upper portion of the garment in a common seam for the skirt panel and upper portion of such garment.

Other and further objects of the invention will appear in the course of the following description.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and related ends, said invention, then, consists of the means hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims, the annexed drawing and the following description setting forth in detail certain means embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, but several of various forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a brassière-top slip embodying the principles of the invention;

Figure 2 is a rear elevation of the garment shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a diagrammatic view, taken along the line 3—3 shown in Figure 1, looking downwardly, showing the position of the shadow panel;

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail view showing a portion of the double brassière section of the garment and the side seam therefor, taken along the line 4—4 shown in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 5 is an enlarged detail view showing the side seam of the double fabric diaphragm portion of the garment, taken along the line 5—5 shown in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 6 is an enlarged detail view showing a portion of the double brassière section of the garment and the double fabric diaphragm section joined thereto, taken along the line 6—6 shown in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 7 is an enlarged detail view showing the connection between the double thickness diaphragm section and the single thickness area of the skirt, taken along the line 7—7 shown in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 8 is a view similar to Figure 7, showing the connection of the shadow panel portion of the skirt with the diaphragm section, taken along the line 8—8 shown in Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

Figure 9 is an enlarged detail view of the right hand end of the structure shown in Figure 3, showing the side seam of the skirt; and

Figure 10 is an enlarged detail view of the lateral shadow panel seam shown in Figure 3.

It will be noted that the garment 1 shown in Figures 1 and 2 comprises three main sections at the front, the upper brassière portion 2, which is of double layers of fabric with the loops of the knitted material extending transversely, a forward diaphragm section 3, which is of double layers of fabric with the loops of the knitted material extending transversely, and the skirt portion 4 which is of single thickness with the loops of knitted material extending vertically. The garment at the rear comprises two main portions, the upper back portion 5 being of sufficient width to connect with the lateral edges of both the brassière and diaphragm portions at the front of the garment, and preferably having the loops of knitted material thereof extending transversely, and the lower portion comprising the skirt section 6 which is of single thickness with the loops of knitted material extending vertically, and the upper seamline 7 joining the skirt to the upper back portion being a continuation of the seamline 8 at the front of the garment joining the skirt to the diaphragm portion 3.

The forward central portion of the skirt is provided with a shadow panel 9 connected with the inner face of the material of the skirt by means of a seam 11 at each side thereof in uniformly spaced relation to the side seam 12 formed between the front and back skirt sections, at each respective edge. The shadow panel at its lower edge is engaged in the relatively non-stretchable binding 13 around the bottom of the garment, while the upper edge of the shadow panel is united to the diaphragm section along with the front portion of the skirt in a common seam 14 comprising a continuation of the circumferential seams 7 and 8 at the top of the skirt.

The upper edge of the back panel 5 is preferably provided with a binding 15 to which adjustable shoulder straps 16 are connected, the forward edges of such shoulder straps being connected with a similar binding 17 at the upper edge of the brassière portion at the front of the garment.

The brassière portion 2 of the garment, as stated, is of double thickness, being connected by a side seam 18 with the back panel 5. The central portion of the brassière is provided with a line of shirring 19.

The diaphragm portion of the garment, it will be noted, has a straight lower edge formed by the seam 8 and its central section 14 heretofore described, while its upper portion is formed by the seam 21 which extends upwardly from each side to its point of juncture with the shirred portion of the brassière centrally. The manner in which such seam unites the brassière to the diaphragm section is shown in Figure 6.

As has been explained, the garment is provided at the front with a double thickness of fabric provided by the shadow panel centrally of the front of the skirt, the double layer fabric of the diaphragm section, and the double layers of fabric with the intermediate shirring, comprising the brassière.

The upper portion of the garment above the top edge of the skirt is formed of knitted material with the wales running transversely, so that there is relatively small stretch around the body of the wearer and a snug fitting garment can be provided which will retain its shape at such point. The lower portion of the garment will stretch in a horizontal direction or circumferentially of the garment, and thus result in a satisfactory fit of the garment without special shaping.

The garment lends itself to quantity production in that the seam connecting the skirt portions front and back to the upper portion of the garment is on a single straight line.

The brassière portion of the garment, in addition to the central shirring to shape the same, is preferably provided with darts 22, 23, at the sides and bottom, respectively, of the brassière sections to suitably shape the same. The upper portion of the brassière, it will be noted, due to the shirring, presents a somewhat semi-circular upwardly curved contour, while the back panel of the garment presents a slightly concave upper margin exposing a larger area of the body of the wearer than at the front of the garment.

The several parts of the garment as above described provide for a garment which will retain its shape and at the same time will have adequate elasticity to conform to the shape of the wearer over certain localized sections of the garment, as has been explained. Apart from the brassière section, the seams are formed on a straight line.

Other modes of applying the principle of my invention may be employed instead of those explained, change being made as regards the means and steps herein disclosed, provided that the means stated by any of the following claims or the equivalent of such stated means be employed.

I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention:

1. A knitted garment comprising a brassière section of double thickness, a diaphragm section of double thickness, a back panel, a shadow panel, and a skirt section, the diaphragm section and back panel meeting the skirt section along a straight line extending completely around the garment, the back panel comprising a section of greater width than the diaphragm section, said back panel merging at its lateral edges with the brassière section positioned at the upper front portion of the garment, said brassière section being attached to the upper portion of the diaphragm section along upwardly and inwardly inclined seamlines, and said shadow panel depending from said straight line and being supported by the diaphragm section.

2. A knitted garment comprising a brassière section, a diaphragm section, a back panel, and a skirt section, the diaphragm section and back panel being joined to each other by straight side seams, and being joined to the skirt section in a straight seam extending completely around the garment, the back panel comprising a section of greater width than the diaphragm section, said back panel being joined in straight seams, respectively, at its upper lateral edges with the brassière section positioned at the upper front portion of the garment, said brassière section being attached to the forward portion of the diaphragm section along an upwardly and inwardly inclined seamline, and said diaphragm section having the wales of the knitted fabric extending circumferentially so as to have restricted stretch around the body of the wearer.

3. A knitted garment comprising an upper portion of fabric of relatively restricted circumferential elasticity and a skirt portion of fabric of relatively full circumferential elasticity, said upper and skirt portions being united along a straight waistline seam, said upper portion comprising a plurality of sections united along continuous straight side seams, and a shadow panel centrally of the inner front portion of the skirt, said shadow panel being narrowed upwardly and merging with the waistline seam of said upper and skirt portions.

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