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MATERNITY HOSE SUPPORTER

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Fig. 1.

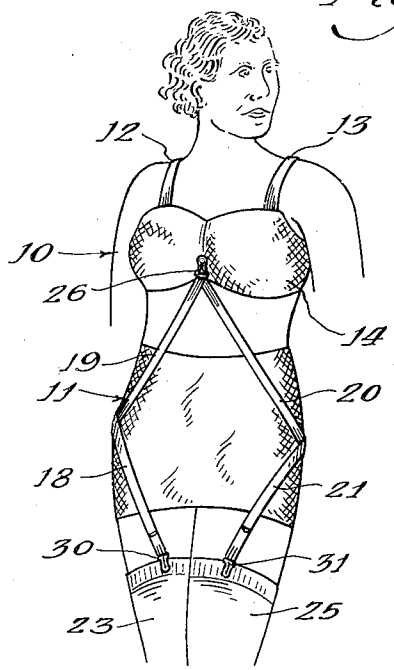


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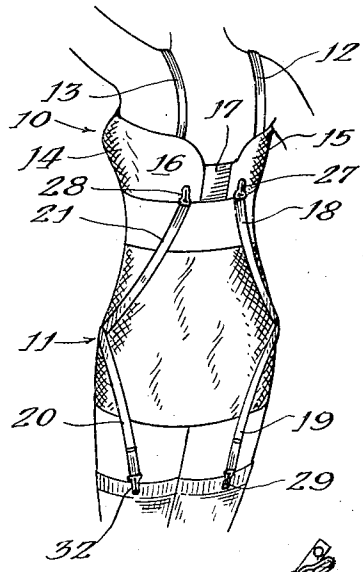
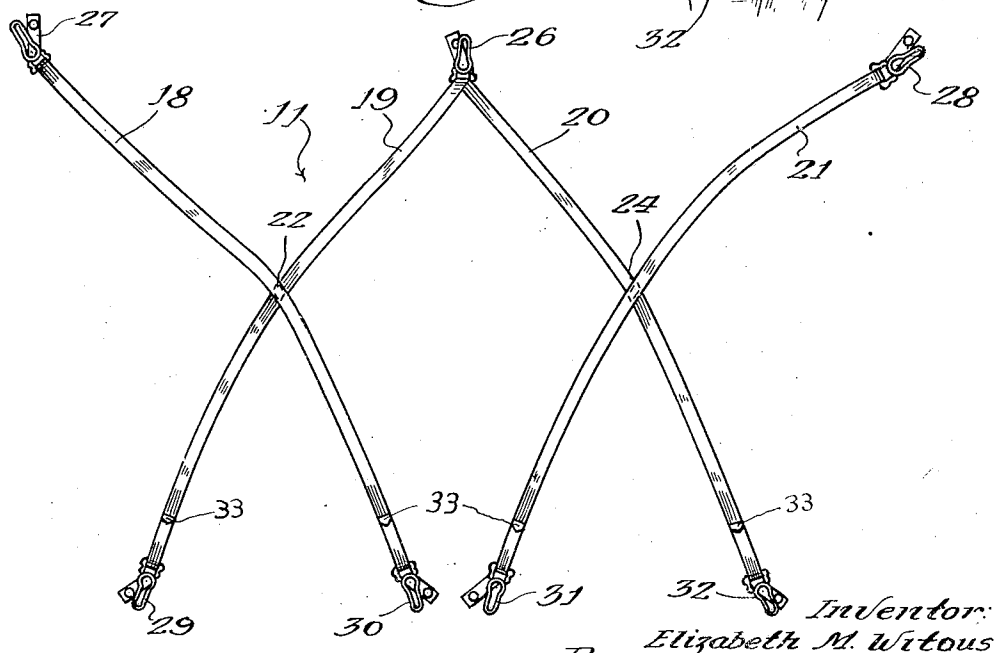


Fig. 3.



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It is an object of my invention to provide a maternity hose supporter which can be attached to and supported from a brassière and which does not embody any elements which bear against the wearer's abdomen.

It is a further object of my invention to provide a combination brassière and hose supporter in which lateral stability of the hose supporting elements is secured by the transversely disposed elements of the brassière in combination with a crossed arrangement of the hose supporting elements.

Still further objects are to provide a maternity hose supporter which does not show through an open neck dress, which does not pull on the neck or shoulders of the wearer, which does not interfere with the progress of pregnancy, and which may be worn in place of a garter belt or girdle.

With reference now to the drawings, in which like reference numerals designate like parts,

Fig. 1 shows in front elevation a preferred embodiment of my invention as worn;

Fig. 2 is a generally rear elevation of the same; and

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the hose supporting portion of the combination.

With reference now to Figs. 1 and 2, the reference numerals 10 and 11, respectively, designate the brassière portion and the hose supporting portion of the combination which comprise my invention.

The brassière portion 10 comprises the usual shoulder straps 12 and 13 and a breast supporting band 14. The end portions 15 and 16 of the band 14 are detachably connected to each other by an elastic band 17 in the usual manner.

The hose supporting portion 11 comprises two pairs of crossed straps, the straps being designated by the reference numerals 18, 19, 20 and 21. The pair of straps 18 and 19 cross and are secured to each other, either permanently or slidably, at point 22 and are adapted to support one stocking 23. The pair of straps 20 and 21 cross and are secured to each other at point 24 and are adapted to support the other stocking 25.

The two straps 19 and 20 are secured to each other at their upper ends, forming an inverted V, so that a common buckle 26 can be used to support both straps. In the alternative, a single strap can be employed, the buckle 26 being either slidably or permanently attached to its midpoint, and the two halves constituting the strap elements 19 and 20. Buckles 27 and 28 are secured to the upper ends of straps 18 and 21, respectively. The buckles 26, 27 and 28 provide means for attaching the hose supporting portion 11 to the brassière portion 10. Buckle 26 is attached to the midpoint of the band 14, and buckles 27 and 28 to end portions 15 and 16, respectively.

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Stocking buckles 29 and 30 are attached to the lower ends of straps 19 and 18, respectively, so that the stocking 23 is supported at two points. Similar stocking buckles 31 and 32 are provided for straps 21 and 20, respectively, for supporting stocking 25.

In operation it will be observed that the desired lateral stability, that is the lateral spacing of the two pairs of strap elements 18 and 19 on the one hand and 20 and 21 on the other hand, is provided at the upper portion of the body by the fact that the strap elements are attached to and supported from the brassière 14. The lateral stability or spacing at the lower portion of the body is provided by the fact that the strap elemens of each pair are crossed, thereby permitting each strap element to be disposed in more or less of a straight line, and the diagonal disposition of each strap element permits it to lie close to the body. It will be seen from Fig. 1 that from this arrangement of the parts, no strap element bears against the stomach.

The straps 18, 19, 20 and 21 may be either elastic or non-elastic. I prefer to use elastic straps, in which event the two straps of each pair may be secured to each other permanently, as by stitching. If non-elastic straps are used, a suitable slidable securing arrangement is preferred which permits relative longitudinal movement of the straps of each pair. The straps may embody the usual means 33 for effecting length adjustment.

Although one of the features of my invention is the provision of a hose supporting means which can be sold as an attachment for use in combination with any standard type brassière, it will be apparent that the hose supporting means may be permanently secured with the brassière if desired.

Although only a preferred embodiment of my invention has been shown and described herein, it will be apparent that various modifications and changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of my invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A hose supporter adapted for use in connection with a brassière comprising two pairs of crossed straps, the members of each pair being

secured to each other at the point of crossing and the pairs being secured to each other by a connection between the upper ends of one member of each pair, means disposed at the upper end of each strap for securing said straps to a brassière, and hose supporting means attached to the lower end of each strap.

2. A hose supporter adapted for use in connection with a brassière comprising two pairs of crossed straps, the members of each pair being secured to each other at the point of crossing and the pairs being secured to each other by a connection between the upper ends of one member of each pair, means disposed at the upper end of each strap for securing said straps to a brassière, one of said means being common to the interconnected straps of each pair and being

adapted to be secured to the front midpoint of said brassière, and the remaining two securing means being adapted to be secured to the brassière at laterally spaced points at the rear thereof, and hose supporting means attached to the lower end of each strap.

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