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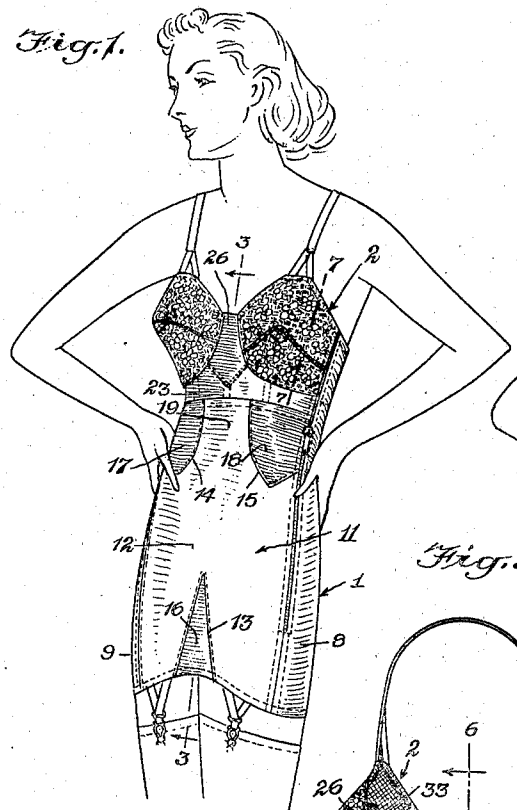


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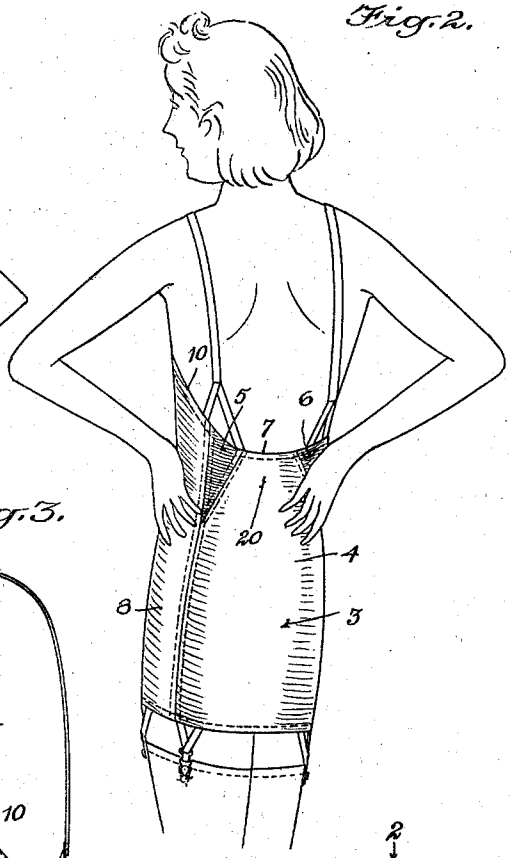


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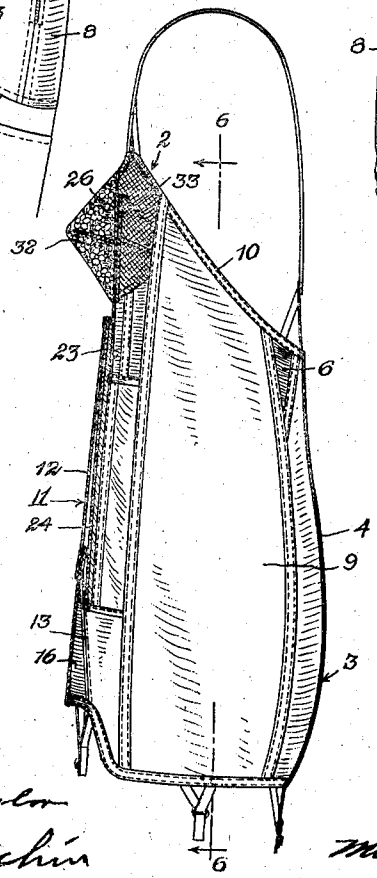
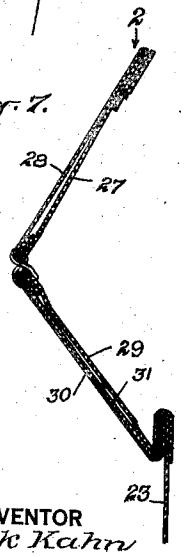


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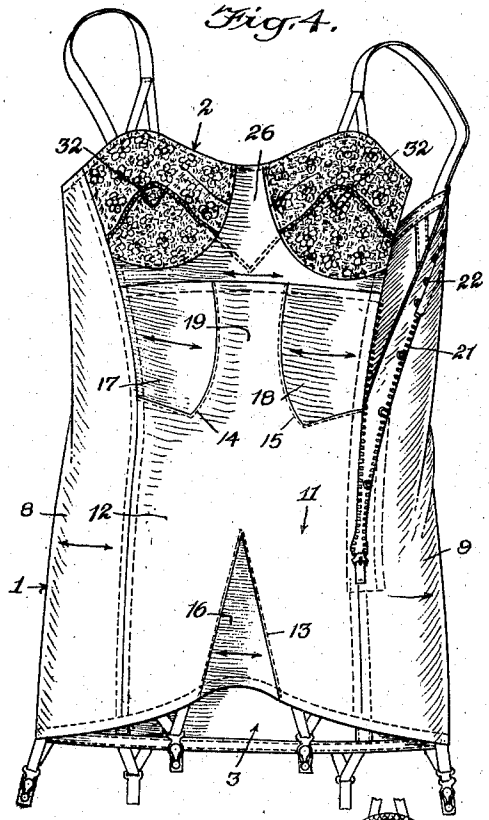


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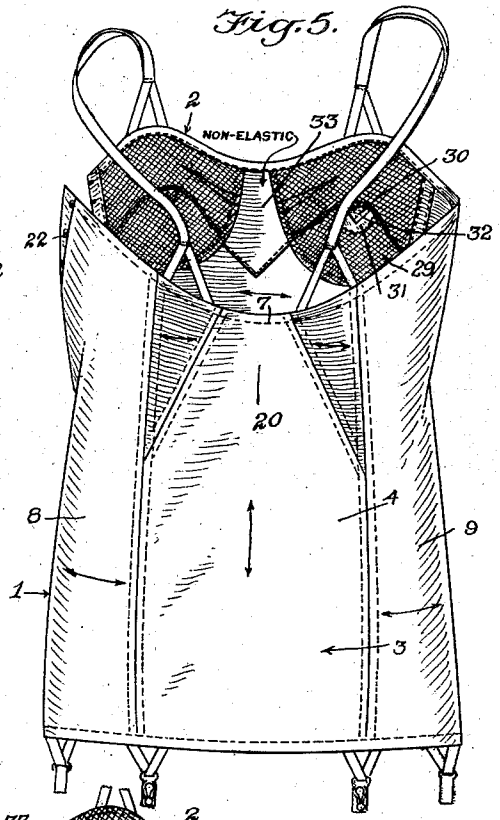
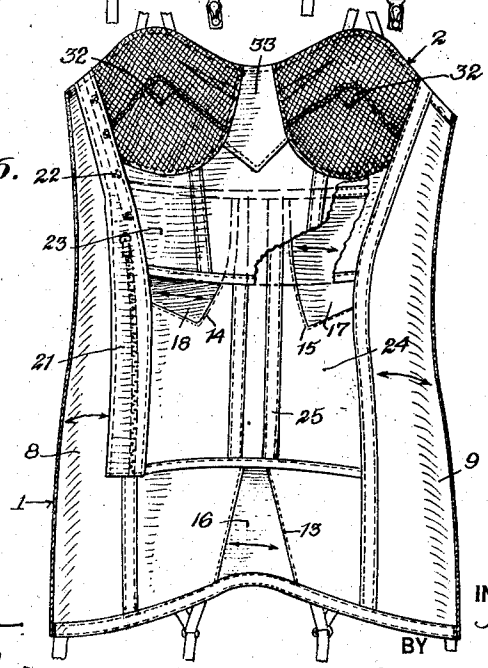


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This invention relates to foundation garments and particularly to an improved corset and has for an object to provide a construction wherein an exceptionally comfortable garment is presented and one which will readily permit bending in various directions without dislocating or deranging any part of the corset.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved construction of corset which includes a front structure and a brassière structure having the lower part telescoping in respect to the front structure.

A further object of the invention is to provide a corset in which the corset body is elastic circumferentially at the waistline except for a small section at the front and a small section at the rear.

An additional and more specific object of the invention is to provide a corset in which the body portion yieldingly molds the body of the person into a desired rounded contour and, at the same time, provides supporting breast pockets for the person wearing the garment wherein the breasts are supported without constriction.

In the accompanying drawings—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a corset disclosing an embodiment of the invention, the same being illustrated on a figure;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the structure shown in Fig. 1 illustrated on a figure;

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through the corset shown in Fig. 1, the same being taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a front view of the corset shown in Fig. 1, the same lying substantially flat and with the side open;

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 4 but showing the rear of the corset;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view through Fig. 3 approximately on the line 6—6;

Fig. 7 is a detail fragmentary sectional view through Fig. 1 on the line 7—7.

Referring to the accompanying drawings by numerals, 1 indicates the body of the garment and 2 the brassière. The body of the garment is provided, as shown in Fig. 2, with a rear panel 3, which is substantially rectangular though not exactly as the sides are slightly curved at the hipline. Panel 3 consists of a rear section 4 elastic longitudinally of the garment and substantially non-elastic circumferentially and a pair of gores 5 and 6 which are elastic circumferentially but not longitudinally of the garment. Section 4, at the upper end, converges to a blunt end 7 with the parts arranged so that the converging or tapering portion of the section extends approximately equal distances above and below the waistline. On the respective sides of the garment there are provided side panels 8 and 9, which are made of material elastic in one direction. The panels are arranged so that they will be elastic circumferentially of the garment. In the accompanying drawings it will be observed that these panels extend from the bottom of the garment upwardly past the waistline to a short distance above the center of the breast pockets. At the upper ends these side panels taper, as indicated by the numeral 10, so that the garment will be low at the back and sufficiently high at the front to provide lateral support for the brassière 2, which brassière is connected along its respective side edges to the respective side panels 8 and 9.

Between the front edges of the side panels 8 and 9 is arranged the brassière 2 and also a front structure 11. The front structure 11 is provided with a non-elastic section 12, which extends from the bottom of the garment to the top of the front structure, which is slighly above the waistline. A V-shaped notch 13 is formed in the lower portion of section 12 at the center thereof and almost rectangular notches 14 and 15 are provided at the two upper corners of the front structure. Elastic filling inserts 16, 17 and 18 are arranged in the various notches and are stitched in place. These elastic inserts are elastic circumferentially of the garment, whereby at the upper part of the front structure there is provided a portion 19 which is non-elastic circumferentially or horizontally. At the rear the tapering portion 20 is non-elastic circumferentially and all the other parts of the garment at or adjacent the waistline are elastic circumferentially. A proper fit is thus secured and one that tends to mold the figure into a desired shape.

Between panel 8, brassière 2 and the front structure 11, there is provided an opening, which opening is adapted to be closed by suitable disengageable fasteners 21 and 22, which may be slide fasteners and hooks and eyes. These fasteners extend from the top of the garment down to near the bottom and, consequently, form the garment into a step-in structure. The front structure 11 is not connected at any point to the brassière structure 2 and, consequently, the lower portion or lower half 23 of the brassière 2 is adapted to slidingly fit beneath the upper part of the front structure.

It will be noted that the front structure 11 is provided with a stiffening lining 24, which is not

connected at the lower end but is connected at its side edges and top edge to the front structure 11, as well as around the notches 14 and 15. The stiffening lining 24 is provided with a plurality of stiffening stays 25 which are preferably arranged centrally. As the lining 24 is connected only at its edges to the front structure 11, none of the seams will be seen when looking at the front of the garment. The lower half 23 of the brassière 2 slides between the stiffening lining 24 and the body of the person wearing the garment. The person wearing the garment may sway forwardly or rearwardly, or in various directions, and the sliding panel or lower half 23 will slide and stretch circumferentially as this panel is circumferentially elastic. As indicated in the drawings, this panel is provided with a vertically extending arm 26 which projects between the breast pockets and to which the breast pockets are stitched.

As shown in Fig. 7, each of the breast pockets is an insert and is formed of inner and outer lace members 27 and 28 at the upper part and inner and outer lace members 29 and 30 at the lower part. A non-elastic textile double-ply supporting lining 31 is provided between members 29 and 30 so as to provide a non-yielding support at the bottom part of each breast pocket so that the breasts of the person wearing the garment will be properly supported without constriction. Also it will be noted there is provided a notch 32 at the apex of the lining 31 for supporting but not constricting the nipple of the person wearing the corset.

The fabric of the sliding panel of the lower half 23 is elastic circumferentially, with the upper edges secured by stitching to the breast pockets and with an arm 26 extending upwardly between the pockets. All this fabric is elastic but the arm 26 is made non-elastic by means of an interiorly positioned non-elastic superposed panel 33 stitched in place around its perimeter. This results in presenting a non-elastic portion between the pockets but leaves the exterior appearance of the elastic member 23 uniform throughout.

I claim:

A corset, including a substantially rectangular non-elastic front structure extending from the bottom of the garment to a short distance above the waist line, a substantially rectangular shaped notch at each corner of the top, side panels elastic circumferentially of the garment extending from the bottom thereof to a point substantially above the front panel at the front and sloping downwardly toward the rear, said side panels being fastened at their edges to said front panel, substantially rectangular panels elastic circumferentially in said notches in the front panel and engaging said side panels, a rear panel elastic longitudinally of the garment fastened to said side panels from a point slightly below the waist line to the bottom of the garment and converging inwardly from said point to the top of said panel slightly above the waist line of said garment, elastic panels elastic circumferentially of the garment connecting said converging edges and said side panels, a brassière section having breast pockets, said breast pockets having their side edges engaging the side panels at the front thereof, an elastic panel stretchable circumferentially of the garment below said breast pockets and adapted to be slidably fitted under the top portion of the front panel and having a non-elastic portion extending between and connecting said breast pockets.

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