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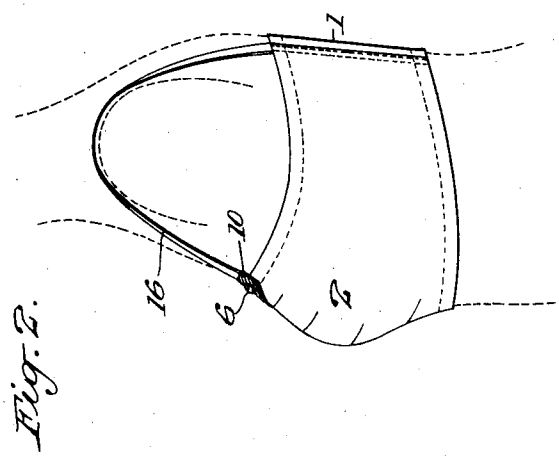


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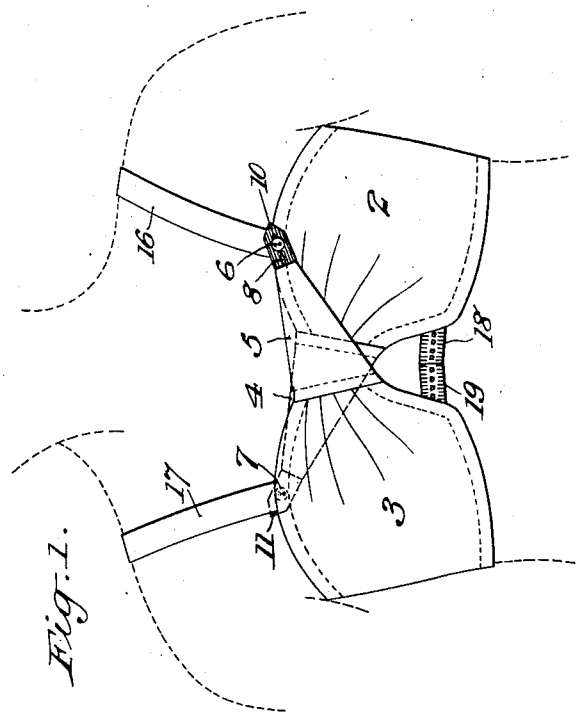


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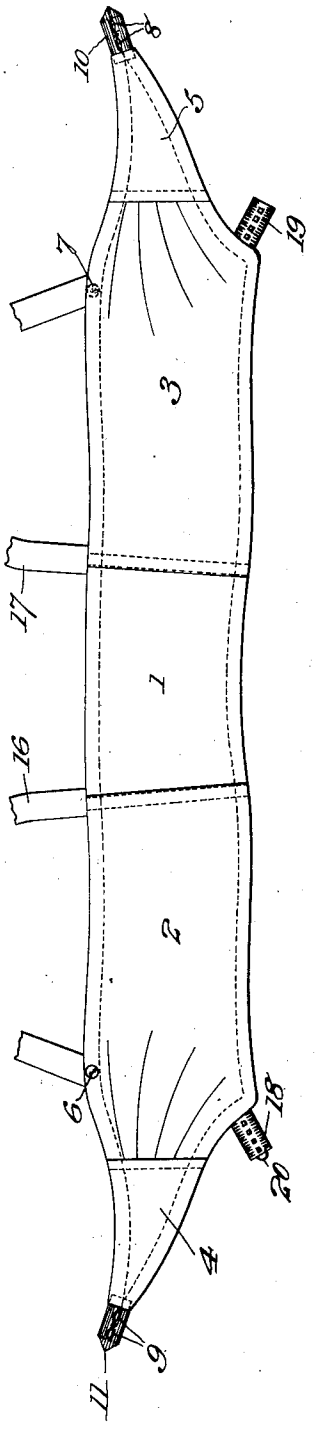
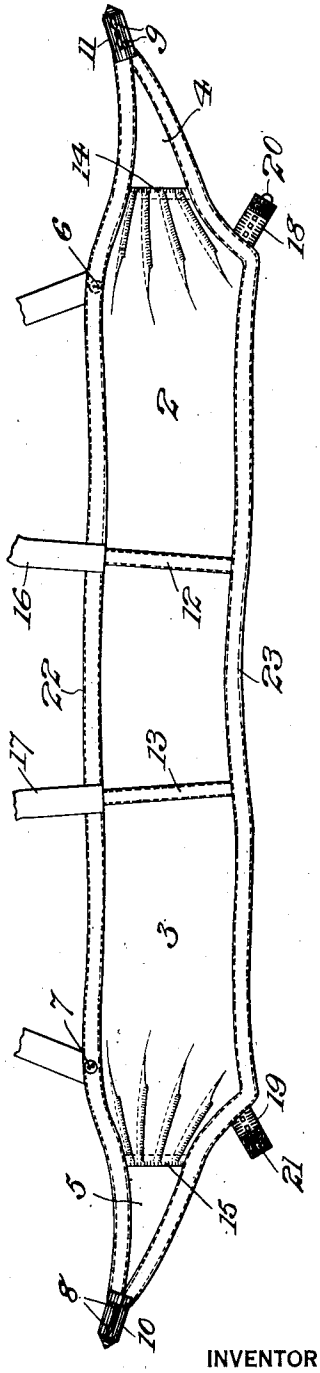


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The object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive brassière which will exert a converging upward pull on the breasts of the wearer to prevent the breasts from sagging; this result being accomplished without injury to the wearer, said brassière at the same time being so constructed that it is particularly well adapted for use by nursing mothers.

A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 represents the brassière in front elevation, as in use.

Fig. 2 represents the brassière in side elevation, as in use.

Fig. 3 represents an outside view of the brassière laid out flat.

Fig. 4 represents an inside view of the same.

The brassière has a back portion 1 and two breast supporting portions 2, 3, provided with tapered ends 4, 5, adapted to be crossed over and removably attached to the top of the brassière at the breast portions by suitable fastening means. In the present instance I have provided buttons 6, 7 and their coacting buttonholes 8, 9, which buttonholes are located in the tabs 10, 11, projecting from the tapered ends 4, 5. Vertical reinforcements 12, 13, are provided across the back portion of the brassière between its top and bottom.

The breast supporting portions 2, 3, of the brassière are made with the required fullness, in the present instance, by tucks or darts held in position at their ends by vertical reinforcements 14, 15, extending between the top and bottom of the brassière at the bases of the tapered ends 4, 5.

Shoulder straps 16, 17, are secured at their rear ends to the brassière at the upper ends of the reinforcements 12, 13, and at their front ends to the tops of the breast supporting portions 2, 3 at the points where the tabs 10, 11 of the tapered ends 4, 5 are removably attached to the brassière.

Elastic means are provided for pulling the bottoms of the breast supporting portions of the brassière toward each other, which means are herein shown as elastic tabs 18, 19 having suitable coacting fasteners, in the present instance, an eye 20 and a hook 21.

The top and bottom of the brassière are provided with suitable reinforcing bindings 22, 23 which extend from tab to tab.

When the brassière is fastened in position around the bust of the wearer, the parts are so shaped and fastened that a converging upward pull is imparted to the breasts, whereby the breasts are held up and properly supported without injury to the wearer. Furthermore, the arrangement of the parts is such that the brassière is particularly well adapted for use by nursing mothers.

It is evident that various changes may be resorted to in the construction, form and arrangement of the several parts without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention; hence, I do not wish to limit myself to the particular embodiment herein shown and described, but

What I claim is:—

1. A brassière having a back portion provided with vertical reinforcements and breast supporting portions provided with tapered ends having vertical reinforcements at their bases, said ends being adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière at the breast supporting portions.

2. A brassière having a back portion provided with vertical reinforcements and breast supporting portions provided with tapered ends having vertical reinforcements at their bases, said ends being adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière at the breast supporting portions, and means for pulling the bottoms of the breast supporting portions toward each other.

3. A brassière having a back portion provided with vertical reinforcements and breast supporting portions provided with tapered ends having vertical reinforcements at their bases, said ends being adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière at the breast supporting portions, and elastic means for pulling the bottoms of the breast supporting portions toward each other.

4. A brassière having a back portion developed into two breast supporting portions provided with short tapered ends adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière about midway of the breast supporting portions, and shoulder straps secured at their rear ends to the top of the

brassière at the back portion and at their front ends to the top of the brassière at the points where the short tapered ends are attached thereto.

5. A brassière having a back portion developed into two breast supporting portions provided with short tapered ends adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière about midway of the breast supporting portions, shoulder straps secured at their rear ends to the top of the brassière at the back portion and at their front ends to the top of the brassière at the points where the short tapered ends are attached thereto, and means for pulling the bottoms of the breast supporting portions of the brassière toward each other.

6. A brassière having a back portion developed into two breast supporting portions provided with short tapered ends adapted to be crossed over each other and removably attached to the top of the brassière about midway of the breast supporting portions, shoulder straps secured at their rear ends to the top of the brassière at the back portion and at their front ends to the top of the brassière at the points where the short tapered ends are attached thereto, and elastic means for pulling the bottoms of the breast supporting portions of the brassière toward each other.

In testimony, that I claim the foregoing as my invention, I have signed my name this 13th day of October, 1926.

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