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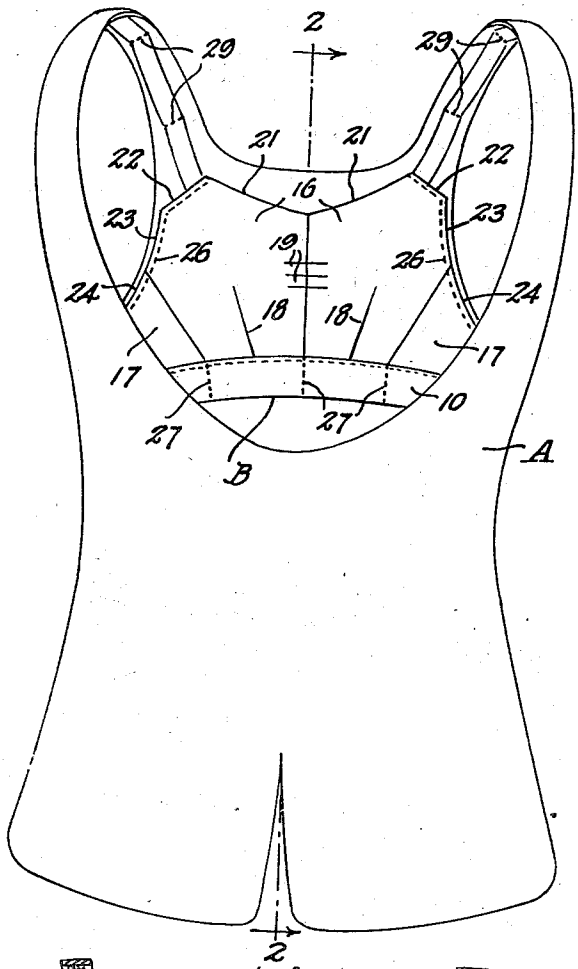


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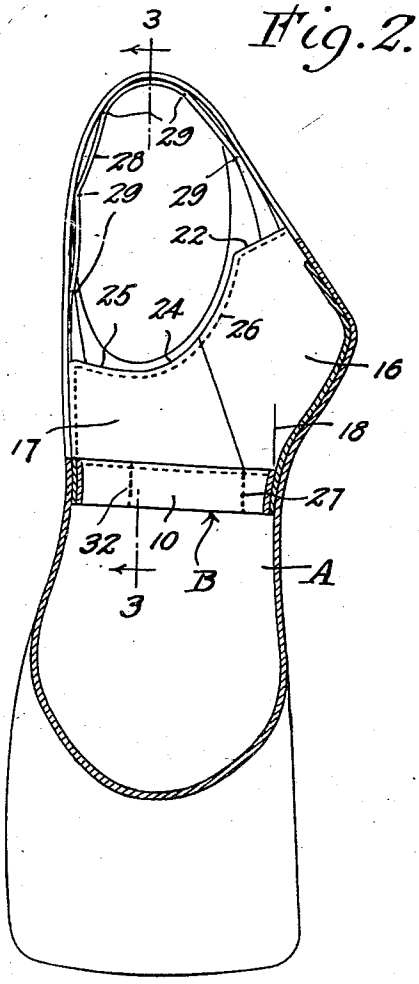
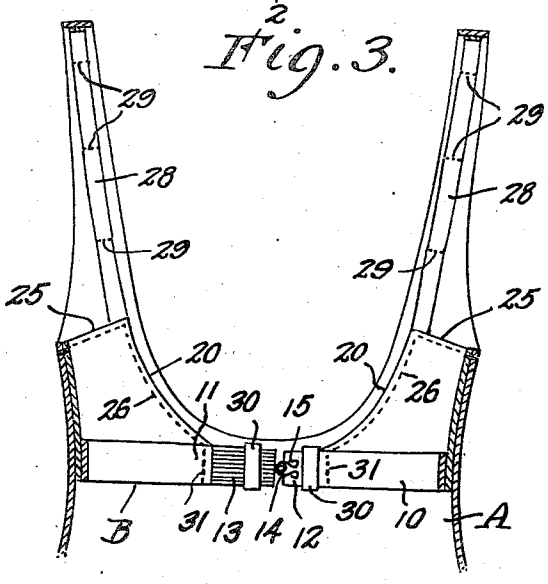


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This invention relates to women's wearing apparel and has particular reference to a one-piece outer garment provided with a form fitting lining encircling the body and affording a support for the bust of the wearer.

The invention relates generally to garments of the type which are constructed to provide freedom of movement of the wearer and which are usually sleeveless, have a low cut back and are without a lining such as sun suits, play suits and bathing suits. Such garments are either loose fitting or are made of material that is stretchable so that the same will not afford a support for the bust of the wearer. It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide a one-piece outer garment of the aforesaid character with a form fitting lining which is so constructed and arranged and affixed to the outer garment in such a manner as to snugly fit the upper portion of the body and provide an adequate support for the bust of the wearer while permitting freedom of movement.

The invention further comprehends the combination of a garment of the indicated character and an inelastic lining including a band and contiguous gore sections sewed to the upper edge of the band, the gore sections being stitched to the garment along the arm openings and formed with seams extending upwardly from the band to provide a fullness for receiving the bust of the wearer and said band encircling the garment adjacent to and above the waist for retaining the lining in bust supporting relation.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, reference is now made to the following specification and accompanying drawing in which is illustrated the preferred form of the invention.

In the drawing,

Fig. 1 is a rear view of a sun suit, play suit, bathing suit or the like.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference A designates a women's garment such as a sun suit, play suit, bathing suit or the like which may be provided with a skirt affixed thereto or the same may be without the skirt. The garment is fashioned of either stretchable or non-stretchable material, which is of such a character as to be incapable of affording the necessary support for the bust of the wearer. The garment while not necessarily restricted thereto is preferably of the low back, sleeveless type and as stated hereinbefore whether made of stretchable or non-stretchable material is inherently incapable of providing the proper support for the bust of the wearer and hence the present invention resides in the provision of a bust supporting lining therefor designated by the reference character B. The lining B is made as a separate member consisting of a waist encircling band 10, the opposite ends 11 and 12 of which are disposed adjacent the medial portion of the rear of the garment immediately below and concealed by the upper edge portion of the back.

The end 11 of the band has secured thereto an elastic terminal piece 13 provided with a hook 14 for engagement with an eye 15 carried by the opposite end 12. The band has secured thereto a bodice composed of a pair of upstanding front gore sections 16—16 and a pair of side gore sections 17—17. The front gore sections 16 are secured to each other at the upstanding adjacent inner side edges while the remaining outer side edges thereof are secured respectively to the upstanding forward edges of the side gore sections 17. The lower edges of the front gore sections intermediate the length of each is formed with a dart 18 providing the same with the necessary fullness at the medial portions thereof so as to snugly fit the contour of the bust to properly support the same.

Intermediate the length of the front gore sections 16 at the juncture thereof the same are provided with a series of tucks 19 to further provide the proper restriction at the central portion to cause the front gore sections to separately fit the busts. The side gore sections 17 extend rearwardly around and within the back of the garment and the upper edges 20 of the said sections follow the contour of the upper edge of the garment back. The upper edges 21 of the front gore sections 16 are disposed below the upper edge of the front of the garment neck and are then cut downwardly and outwardly at an angle as at 22 and terminate in a concave portion 23 at each side which follow the curvature of the arm openings of the garment. The upper edges of the side gore sections at the forward portions thereof are also concave as at 24 and then extend at a slight upward inclination as at 25 where they join with the edges 20 at each side respectively.

The bodice of the lining B is secured to the garment A by lines of stitching 26 which extend throughout the length of the upper edges 20, 24 and 25 of the side gore sections 17 and the angularly cut and concave edges 22 and 23 of the front gore sections 16. The remaining forward upper edges of the front gore sections are loose or unsecured so that the upper edges fit the upper portion of the bust of the wearer while allowing relative freedom of movement of the upper edge portion of the front of the garment.

The band 10 is tacked to the garment A by longitudinally spaced vertical lines of stitching 27 adjacent the juncture of the gore sections which retains the waist portion of the garment in relative position with the lining. The lining B is also provided with shoulder straps 28 attached by stitching to the upper edges 22 of the

front gore sections and the upper edges 25 of the side gore sections at the juncture of the said edges with the edges 20. In order to retain the shoulder straps in associated relation with and concealed by the shoulder straps of the garment, the straps 28 are secured at longitudinally spaced points to the shoulder straps of the garment by tacking stitching 29. In order to retain the elastic terminal 13 and the end 12 of the band 10 in properly located concealed relation below the upper edge of the rear of the garment, a pair of belt loops 30 are secured within the garment through which loops the terminal 13 and the end 12 of the band are trained. The band 10 is also tacked to the garment adjacent the rear ends 11 and 12 thereof by stitching 31 and if desired the same may be tacked to the garment by stitches 32 intermediate the tacking stitches 27 and 31.

From the foregoing, it will be appreciated that a women's garment such as a sun suit, play suit, bathing suit or the like has been devised in which a non-stretchable lining is utilized and attached in such a manner as to confine and properly support the bust of the wearer so as to bring out the natural contour of the same, while the lower edge of the lining is secured by spaced stitching to insure a smooth fit of the suit at the waist.

What is claimed is:

1. In a women's suit of the indicated character, an outer garment including trunks and an upper portion having shoulder straps, a bust supporting lining disposed within the upper portion of said outer garment and including a waist encircling band secured to the outer garment at longitudinally spaced points and a bodice secured to the upper edge of the band and composed of a pair of oppositely disposed mating upstanding front gore sections and a pair of oppositely disposed mating side gore sections, said front and side gore sections being secured together in contiguous relation, said side gore sections extending rearwardly and within the back of the outer garment and being secured thereto adjacent the arm openings respectively and adjacent the upper edge of the back, and said front gore sections being free for limited movement with reference to the front of the outer garment and being formed with a fullness to receive the bust of the wearer and said band having interengageable fastening elements at the rear thereof for coupling and securing the band in waist encircling relation.

2. In a women's suit of the indicated character, an outer garment including trunks and an upper portion having shoulder straps, a bust supporting lining disposed within the upper portion of said outer garment and including a waist encircling band secured to the outer garment at longitudinally spaced points and a bodice secured to the upper edge of the said band and extending across and within the front of the said garment and projecting to the rear thereof at each side, said bodice being secured to said garment adjacent the arm openings and adjacent the upper edge of the back and being free for relative movement with relation to the front of the said garment between the arm openings and being provided with a fullness for receiving the bust of the wearer and said band having interengageable fastening elements at the rear thereof for coupling and securing the band in waist encircling relation.

3. In a women's suit of the indicated character, an outer garment including trunks and an upper portion having shoulder straps, a bust supporting lining disposed within the upper portion of said garment and including a waist encircling band secured to said garment at longitudinally spaced points and a bodice secured to the upper edge of said band and comprising a pair of oppositely disposed mating front gore sections and a pair of oppositely disposed mating side gore sections, said front gore sections being secured together along their inner edges medially of the front of said garment and each tapering downwardly from the upper edge thereof to the said band, said side gore sections being secured to the front gore sections respectively at their side edges and each side gore section tapering upwardly from the said band to the upper edge thereof, said side gore sections extending rearwardly and within the back of said outer garment and being secured thereto adjacent the arm openings respectively and adjacent the upper edge of the back, said front gore section being free for limited movement with reference to the front of the outer garment and each having means providing a fullness to receive the bust of the wearer and said band having interengageable fastening elements at the rear thereof for coupling and securing the band in waist encircling relation.

4. In a women's suit of the indicated character, an outer garment including trunks and an upper portion having shoulder straps, a bust supporting lining disposed within the upper portion of said outer garment and extending across the front thereof and to the rear in waist encircling relation, said lining being secured to the outer garment continuously along and adjacent to the arm openings and adjacent the upper edge at the back thereof and being tacked at spaced intervals along the bottom thereof to the outer garment at the waist and said lining being free at the front between the arm openings for relative movement with reference to the outer garment between said arm openings and having means providing a fullness for receiving the bust of the wearer and shoulder straps attached to the lining adjacent the sides thereof and secured to the underside of the shoulder straps of the upper portion of the outer garment so as to be concealed thereby.

5. In a women's suit of the indicated character, an outer garment including trunks and an upper portion having shoulder straps, a bust supporting lining disposed within the upper portion of said outer garment and extending across the front thereof between the arm openings and to the rear in waist encircling relation, said lining being secured to the outer garment along and adjacent to the arm openings and adjacent the upper edge at the back thereof and along the bottom thereof to the outer garment at the waist and said lining being free at the front between the regions of attachment at the arm openings for relative movement with reference to the outer garment between said arm openings and having means providing a fullness for receiving the bust of the wearer and shoulder straps attached to the lining adjacent the sides thereof and secured to the underside of the shoulder straps of the upper portion of the outer garment so as to assist in supporting the said lining and prevent undue stretching of the shoulder straps of the outer garment.

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