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Fig. 1.

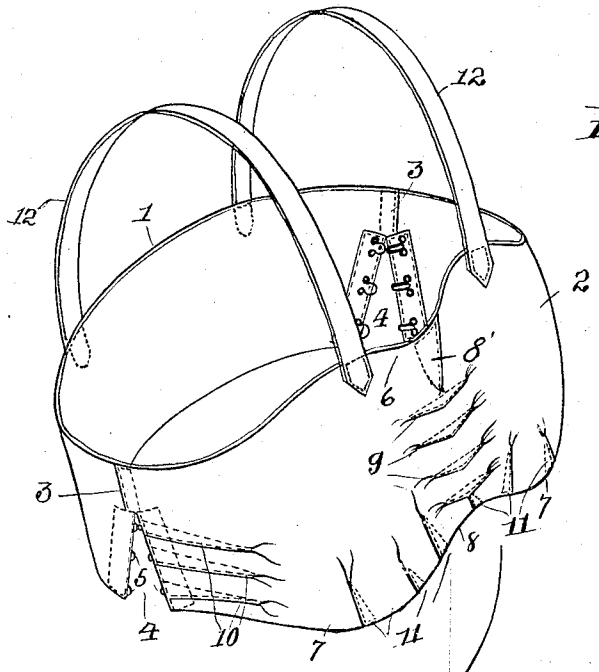
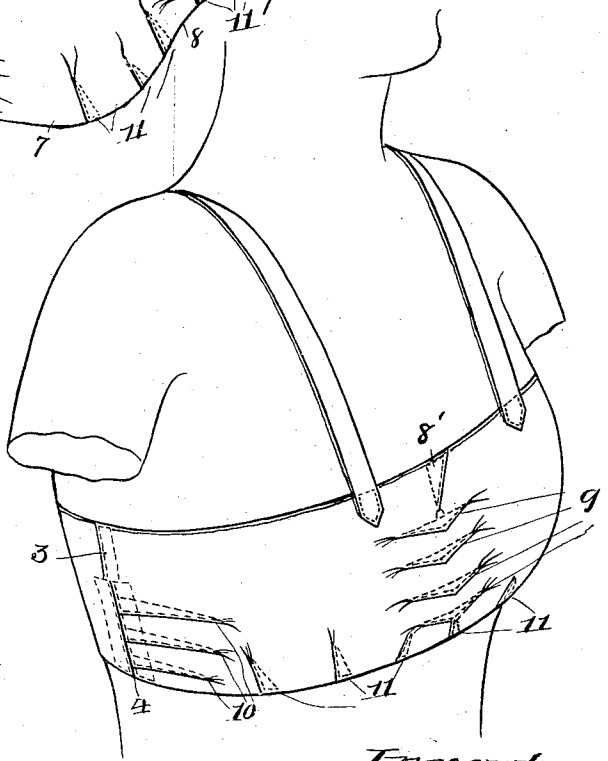


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to new and useful improvements in a breast supporter, and has for its object to so design and make a garment that the upper portion thereof will be adapted to fit around the body of the wearer over the upper portion of the breast and around the back of the wearer while the front and lower portion thereof is provided with certain fullnesses to accommodate the lower portion of the breast, the upper edge and especially the lower edge of the front section of the garment being so curved that when drawn in straight lines, the breast will be lifted and the fullnesses increased.

A further object of the invention is to so make the garment that it may be readily passed over the upper portion of the body and arms and after being adjusted in place, the lower portion may be tightened around the body to produce the above named effects.

With these and other ends in view, this invention consists in the details of construction and combination of elements hereinafter set forth and then specifically designated by the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which this invention appertains may understand how to make and use the same, I will describe its construction in detail, referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this application, in which:—

Fig. 1 represents my improved breast supporter in condition to be passed over the head and arms of the wearer.

Fig. 2 represents the garment adjusted and tightened upon the body of the wearer, whereby the breast is supported.

In carrying out my invention as herein embodied, 1 represents the back section and 2 the front section of the garment the upper portions of which are permanently united as at 3 by any suitable seams and stitching while the lower portions of these front and back sections are separated as indicated at 4, the edges of the separations having hooks and eyes or other suitable means 5 for attaching the lower portions of the garment together after it has been properly adjusted upon the wearer.

The upper edge of the front section is curved upwardly from the seams 3 and then downwardly as indicated at 6 to provide a compound curve line while the lower edge of the front section is curved downwardly from each opening 4 as indicated at 7 and then upwardly as indicated at 8 to also produce a compound curve line. These curvatures of the front section are produced in a single piece of cloth by the pleat 8′, the central pleats 9, the side pleats 10 and the lower edge goring 11, all serving to give the fullness necessary for the accommodation of the breast.

When a garment thus made is placed in the proper position upon the wearer whose body it snugly fits, the curved upper edge of the front section will be drawn into a straight line and the closing of the spaces 4 by engaging the hooks and eyes 5 will also draw the bottom edges of the front section into a straight line, as clearly shown in Fig. 2 and in so doing will give the fullness necessary for the accommodation of the breast, the lower edge of the garment lifting the breast and supporting the same without putting pressure upon or compressing the breast.

It is well known that in many cases, it is essential to support the breast without compressing the same and this I accomplish by the simple expedient of providing a front section to a garment, said section having curved top and bottom edges, the lower edge being adapted to be drawn into a straight line by fastening the lower front and back sections together.

It is to be further noted that in my improved breast supporter no follow-up pressure is put upon the body since there is no elastic in the structure.

For convenience in properly positioning the supporter upon the body and holding the same against displacement, I provide straps 12 for suspending the garment from the shoulders of the wearer.

Of course I do not wish to be limited to the exact details of construction as herein shown, as these may be varied within the limits of the appended claim without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new and useful is:—

A breast suppporter consisting of a continuous band forming a circular endless garment to surround the upper portion of a person's body, said garment being slit from the lower edge upwardly, the slits terminating short of the upper edge, means to fasten the edges of the slits together, said garment being pleated adjacent to and forward of each of the slits, and also along the upper and lower edges and likewise between the top and bottom edges along the front central part to provide compound curved upper and lower edges and to give the necessary fullness for the accommodation of the breasts and shoulder straps attached to said garment at the upper edge thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature.

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