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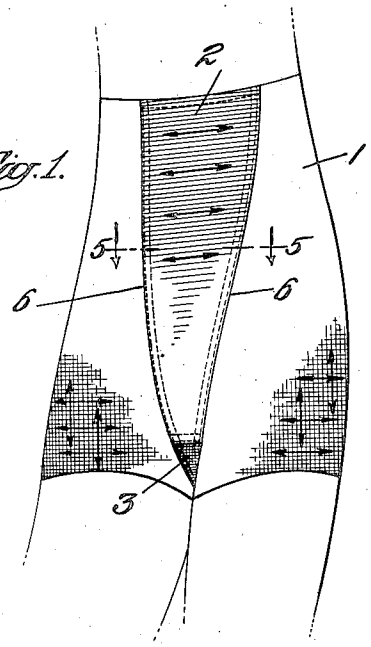


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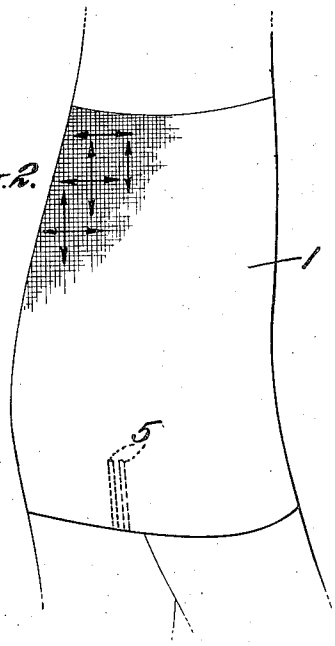
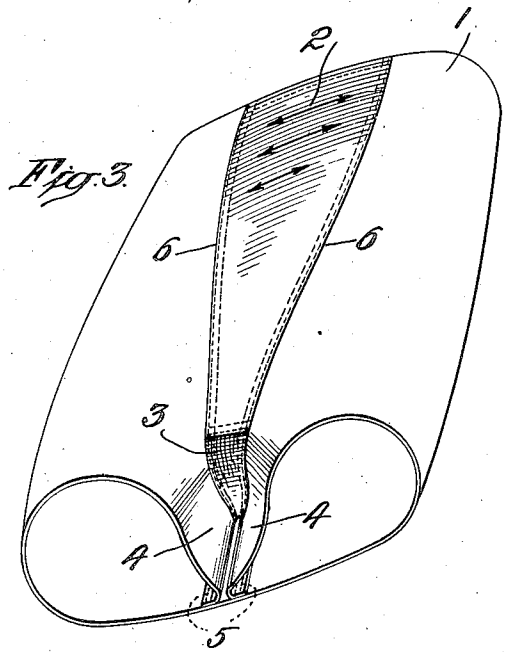


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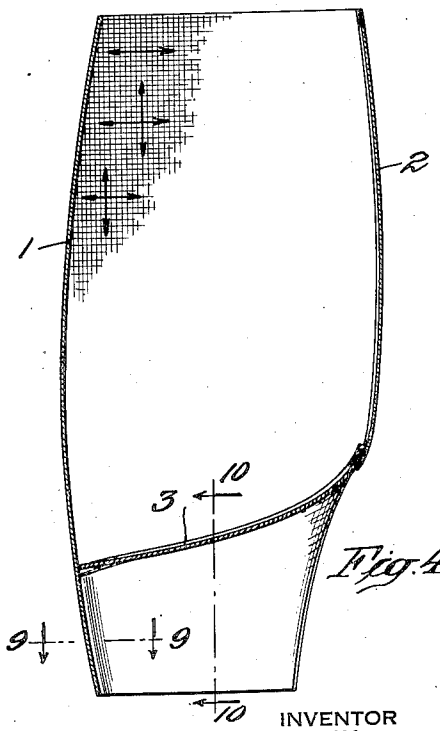


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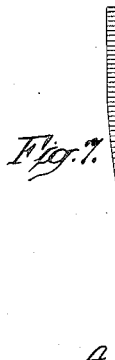


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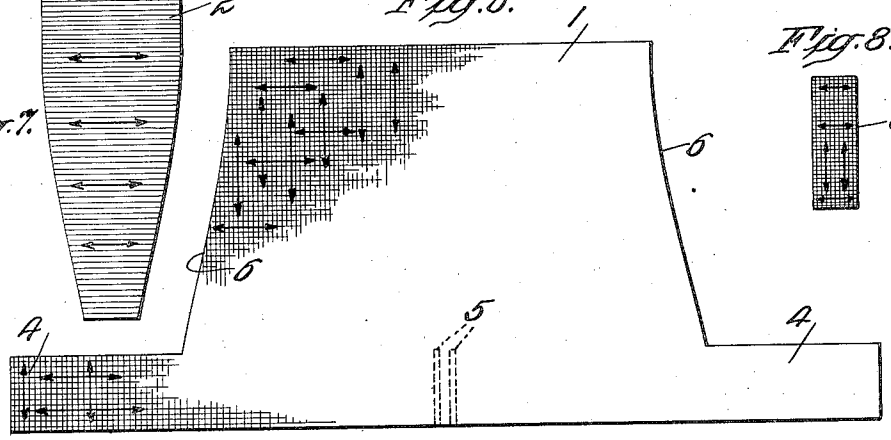
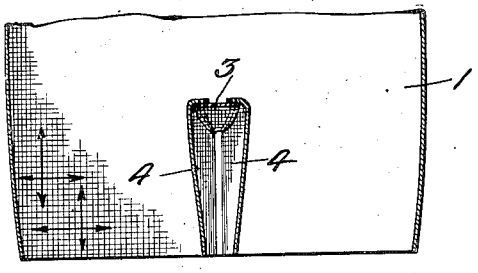


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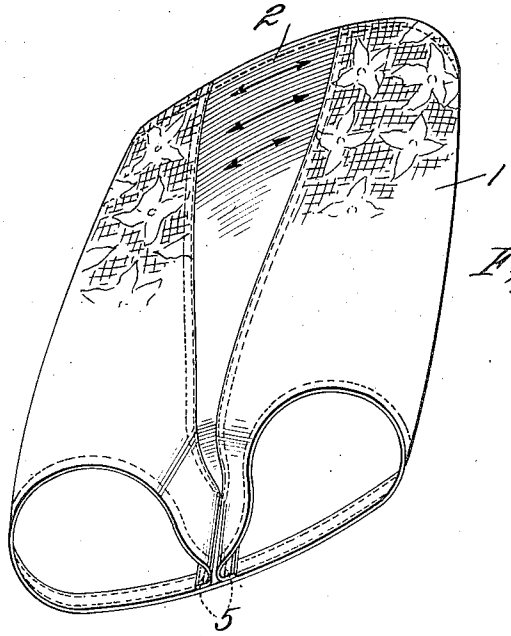


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This invention relates to pantie girdles and has for its object to provide an improved garment of this type having all the advantages of a conventional open crotch girdle without its attendant disadvantages chief among which is the tendency of such a girdle to ride up on the figure in the absence of garters.

A related object of the invention is to provide a pantie girdle which avoids the usual disadvantages of conventional pantie garments, among which disadvantages is the tendency of the legs to creep or roll up to the groin line with resulting discomfort and inconvenience to the wearer.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a garment of the type described which preserves a smooth unbroken line at the back of the figure and affords a proper foundation for outer garments, which confines the lower regions of the body in a manner comparable to an efficient open crotch girdle while affording even more freedom of movement than a conventional pantie garment, and which by effectively combining the dual functions of both pantie and girdle eliminates the necessity for extra underwear.

My improved pantie girdle is composed of form-fitting flexible material such as elastic fabric or a suitable inelastic fabric with considerable stretch. The garment comprises a flat back section and a front portion having its lower central edge secured to the back to close the crotch and form legs. In the preferred form of the invention the body portion forming the back section is cut in a single piece of material which extends around to form the sides of the garment, and this piece of material preferably has extensions on its lower edge which are folded over and secured to the back to form legs while the longitudinal edges of said material are connected and the crotch closed by suitable means such as a front panel which completes the garment.

A garment constructed in this manner has a smooth continuous back which reveals no legs and thus resembles a conventional open crotch step-in girdle. Like its open crotch predecessor it preserves an unbroken back line and thus provides a correct foundation for outer garments. In addition, the crotch, which is flexible, holds the upper portion of the garment in a fixed position on the figure without binding or discomfort, whereas an open crotch girdle has a decided tendency to creep on the figure especially when worn without stockings or with garterless knee length stockings as is customary in the summertime or for sport wear.

A pantie of the ordinary type without a girdle effect at the back does not mold the figure at that place as does my combination garment. In addition, the legs of an ordinary pantie have a tendency to creep or roll up to the groin line which is avoided by my construction. At the same time the legs, which show only at the front of my pantie girdle, afford as much freedom of movement as an ordinary pantie garment. Hence from the standpoint of utility as well as economy my garment effectively combines the desirable features of prior art panties and girdles while largely eliminating the drawbacks peculiar to each.

The foregoing as well as other features and advantages of my invention will be described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a pantie girdle embodying the invention, showing the garment as worn on the figure;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of said garment showing the smooth back line;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the flexible closed crotch and the folds forming the legs;

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view through the garment;

Fig. 5 is a horizontal section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1, showing the connection of the front panel to the garment;

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the one-piece fabric forming the back, sides and legs of the garment;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of the front panel;

Fig. 8 is a plan view of the crotch piece;

Fig. 9 is a detail section taken on line 9—9 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 10 is a detail section taken on line 10—10 of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 11 is a perspective view illustrating a modification of the invention.

The pantie girdle shown in Figs. 1 to 10 of the drawings comprises a body portion or section 1 cut in a single piece of material which forms the back, sides, side front and leg sections of the garment; a central front panel 2; and a small crotch piece 3.

In the form illustrated, section 1 comprises a light knitted or woven two-way stretch elastic fabric, while front panel 2 is composed of fabric which has a relatively short elastic stretch in a horizontal direction and is inelastic vertically, and crotch piece 3 is composed of the same two-way stretch material as the body of the garment. Other suitable fabrics, may, however, be employed if desired.

In constructing the garment narrow lateral

extensions 4 on the lower edge of section 1 are folded over at their ends and stitched to the lower central portion of said section 1 at points 5 to form the legs as indicated in Figs. 2, 3 and 6. The front panel 2, which tapers inwardly toward the bottom, is stitched to the longitudinal side edges 6 of section 1 and crotch piece 3 is stitched to the end of front panel 2 and to the adjacent edges and back of section 1 to complete the garment as best shown in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 11 section 1 is formed of light pliable, open mesh elastic fabric having considerable stretch in both directions. In this embodiment of the invention front panel 2 is carried down to meet the back of the garment at the point of attachment of the leg folds, eliminating the separate crotch piece described above. Otherwise the construction is the same as in Figs. 1 to 10.

The above garments function in the manner described to confine the body from the region of the waist downwardly and to preserve a smooth unbroken line at the back while preventing the garment from riding up on the figure as happens in the case of ordinary open crotch girdles. It will thus be seen that my invention combines the desirable features of a pantie and a girdle in a single garment without the disadvantages of the individual garments which it is intended to replace for the purpose stated.

In the garments shown here for purposes of illustration the back, side and leg sections are made in one piece of material but they may be made in a number of pieces if desired. They may also be made with various combinations of elastic and inelastic panels for the purpose of controlling the stretch when desirable. The back, for example, may be made of inelastic material and the leg sections made elastic. Although the garments illustrated are of the step-in type it is to be understood that they may be provided with longitudinal openings closed by buttons, separable slide fasteners or other means as required. It will also be evident that various other changes may be made in the details of construction illustrated and described above without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

The invention claimed is:

1. A pantie girdle composed of form-fitting flexible material adapted to confine the body from the region of the waist downwardly, comprising a body portion forming a smooth flat back and unbroken side portions, said body portion having extensions on the lower edge thereof folded over and secured to the back of the garment adjacent the lower central portion thereof to form legs, and means connecting the longitudinal edges of said body portion and edges of said extensions and forming a closed crotch at the front of the garment.

2. A pantie girdle comprising a one-piece body portion composed of flexible material forming the back and sides of the garment and having extensions on the lower edge thereof folded over and secured to the back to form legs, and elastic material connecting the longitudinal edges of said body portion and edges of said extensions at the front of the garment and closing the crotch between said legs.

3. A pantie girdle comprising a one-piece body portion composed of two-way stretch elastic fabric forming the back and sides of the garment and having extensions on the lower edge thereof folded over and secured to the back to form legs, and elastic material connecting the longitudinal edges of said body portion and edges of said extensions at the front of the garment and closing the crotch between said legs.

4. A pantie girdle comprising a one-piece body portion composed of two-way stretch elastic fabric forming the back and sides of the garment and having extensions on the lower edge thereof folded over and secured to the back to form legs, a front panel composed of one-way stretch elastic fabric stretchable transversely of the garment and secured to the longitudinal edges of said body portion, and an elastic crotch piece composed of two-way stretch fabric secured to edges of said extensions and front panel closing the crotch between said legs.

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