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GIRDLE

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My invention relates to women's wearing apparel, and more particularly to girdles known generally as the "step-in" girdle and the "Two-way stretch" types.

Girdles are usually made of alternate strips of some material such as batiste with strips of elastic webbing, which enables the girdle to stretch when it is pulled up over the thighs and hips of the wearer, and then by reason of the elasticity of the webbing, the girdle binds closely around the waist of the wearer.

The difficulty with this type of girdle is that there is nothing to hold it down in the back because there are no stays and no hose supporters at the back. The elastic webbing does not adhere to the flesh of the wearer and the result is the girdle creeps or rides upwards so that the top edge rolls into a ridge, which cuts into and pushes up the flesh of the wearer at the waist band, rendering the garment extremely uncomfortable. In addition to the discomfort, the ridge shows through the outer clothing of the wearer and the wearer has to frequently pull the girdle down by grasping the girdle with the hand through the outer clothing and pulling down both the girdle and the clothing together.

My invention overcomes these difficulties by placing a piece of sheet rubber, on the lower part of the inside of the rear of the girdle. I have discovered that this sheet rubber will not slip or creep up but adheres firmly to the flesh and prevents the girdle from riding up in the manner above described.

Another type of girdle on the market is known as the "Two way stretch". This is made entirely of elastic webbing and has no strips of batiste or other fabric. The only way this type of girdle can be held down is by the hose supporters attached to the front and sides, which connect with the stockings. If the wearer desires to wear stockings, without attaching them to the hose supporters, or else no stockings at all, such girdles are prevented from creeping or riding up by means of a strap passing through the crotch of the wearer, which holds the girdle in place. Needless to say such a strap causes discomfort and annoyance. By having a strip of rubber entirely around the bottom of a "Two way stretch" in accordance with my invention, the girdle is held down when no stockings are worn and the annoyance of a strap is eliminated.

The invention is more fully described and shown in the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a rear view of the outside of a girdle, the top of the rubber strip being indicated by a row of cross stitches.

Fig. 2 is an inside view of the rear of the girdle.

The girdle is made of alternate strips of elastic webbing 3 and with alternate strips of batiste or other fabric 4.

At the bottom of the inside of the rear portion of the girdle is secured, by stitching or other means, a strip of plain sheet rubber 5. In practice this is usually about 3 to 4 inches wide, but no particular width need be used, so long as there is enough sheet rubber to come in contact with the flesh of the wearer and keep the girdle from riding up.

These girdles, are of course, of various lengths and sizes, according to the size of the wearer. But the sheet of rubber, is so placed that it comes just below the buttocks of the wearer and cannot, in any sense act as a reducing medium. The sole purpose and function is to keep the girdle from riding or creeping up.

While in the drawing the sheet of rubber is shown extending around the lower rear half of the girdle it will, of course, be understood that if desired, the sheet rubber may extend further, to go wholly or partly around the complete lower edge of the girdle, or it may be shorter than the strip shown in the drawing and extend only across the batiste rear portion or across the batiste rear portion and only part way into the webbing on each side.

It will of course be understood that in the girdle composed of strips of elastic webbing and fabric, if it is desired to eliminate the use of hose supporters, the strip of sheet rubber will extend entirely around the bottom of the girdle.

While I have shown and described a piece of plain sheet rubber, it will also be understood that this sheet rubber may be covered with some thin fabric, if desired.

In the drawing, the strip of sheet rubber is shown exactly at the bottom of the girdle, but it may if desired, be placed slightly above the bottom and in near proximity thereto.

While I have shown the sheet of rubber fastened on the inside of the girdle, it will be understood in order to make the girdle less bulky, the lower portion of both the batiste and elastic webbing may be cut away and the holding sheet of rubber may be sewed or secured directly to the bottom of the girdle.

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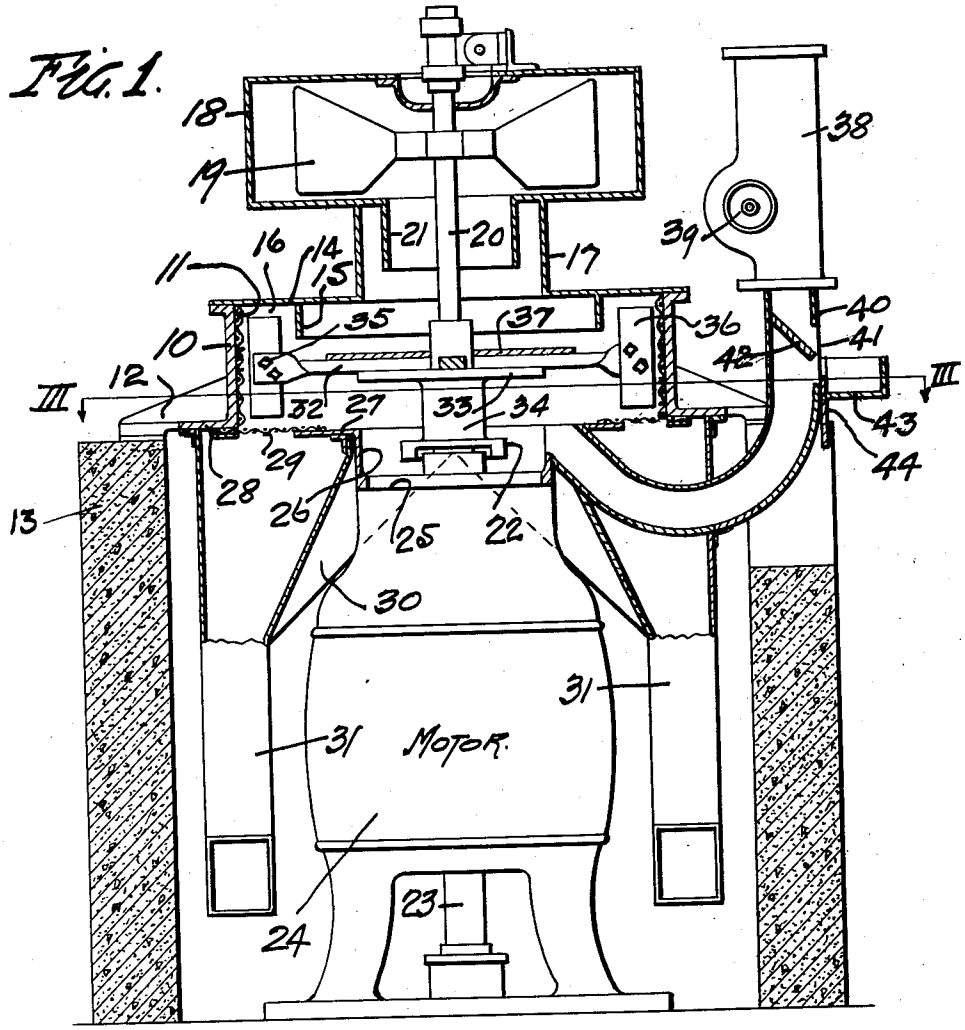
1. A girdle of the step-in type formed of elastic webbing and having a strip of sheet rubber secured to the bottom and on the inside portion

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MEANS AND METHOD FOR DEFIBRATING

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FIG. 1.



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