

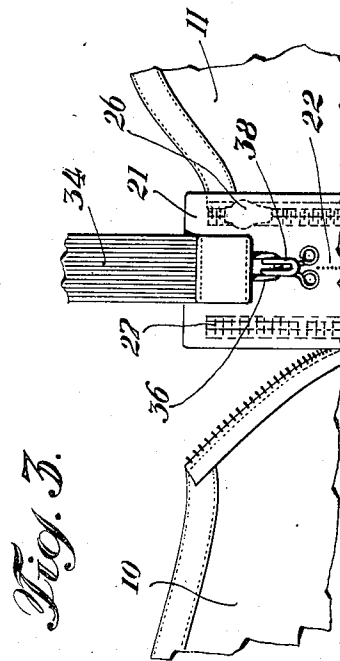
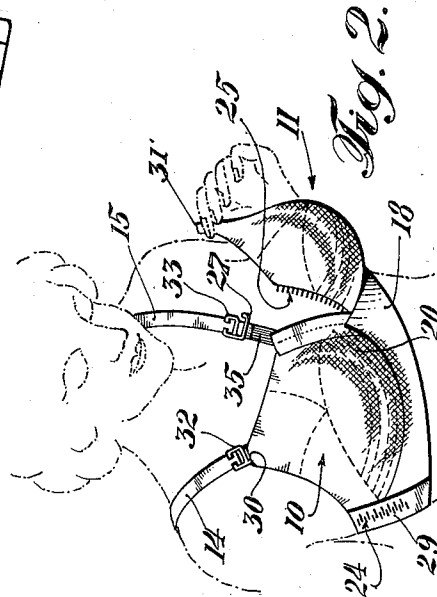
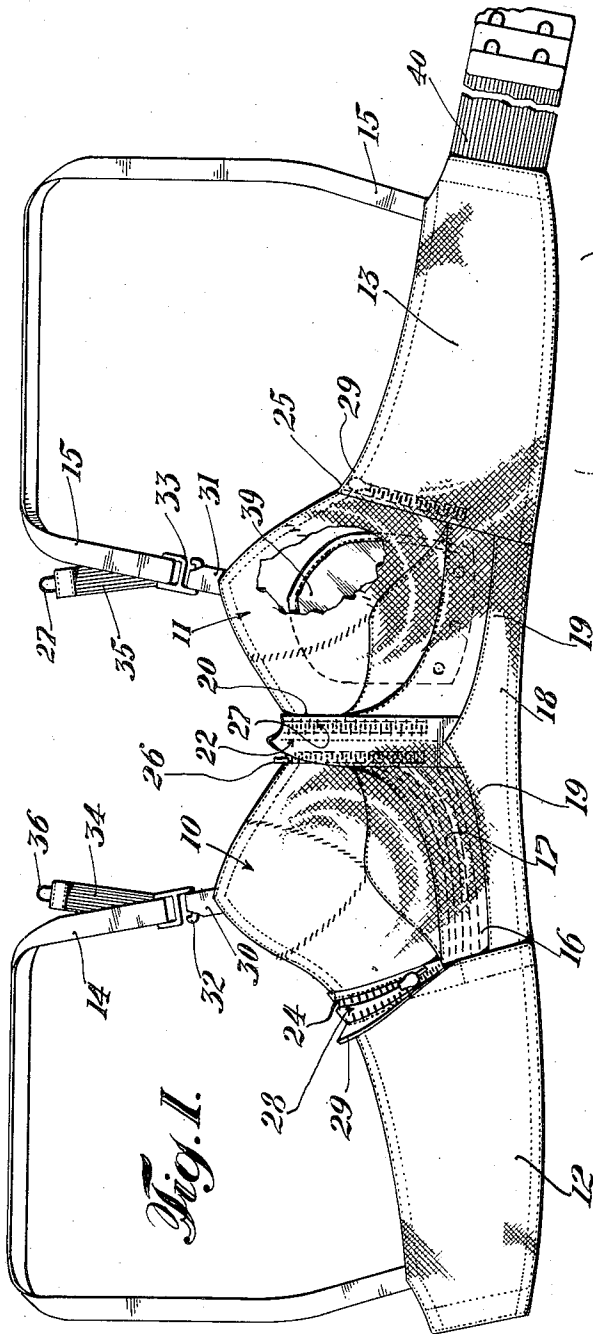
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The present invention relates to women's undergarments and more particularly to a brassière especially constructed for use by a mother during the period of nursing an infant.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a brassière that will give the wearer the proper support during normal wear and also while nursing. A brassière embodying the present invention is adapted to enable the wearer to readily expose one breast for nursing without disturbing the brassière in its position on the body of the wearer or removing the support it gives to the breast not exposed for nursing.

It is also the object of the present invention to provide a brassière which permits the exposure of one breast at nursing time very quickly and very easily with a minimum of adjustment being necessary, and enabling the wearer to expose a breast for nursing without removing the brassière from the body of the wearer.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a brassière that is at all times, whether during normal wear or during nursing, extremely comfortable to wear and which lifts and aids in strengthening the breasts during the nursing months. It can thus be seen that a brassière embodying the present invention is extremely desirable for a mother during the nursing months having all the qualities necessary in a garment of this type. It is the combination of comfort, simplicity and convenience that are the outstanding features of this novel garment.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be more readily understood from the following specification and drawing in which drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a brassière embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a view thereof in position on the body of a wearer; and

Fig. 3 is an enlarged view of the inside central attaching member.

The brassière consists of the usual breast pockets or cups 10 and 11, body encircling bands 12 and 13 and shoulder straps 14 and 15. The breast pockets 10 and 11 may be of conventional design but in my preferred embodiment they have an extra reinforcing member secured along the bottom edge of the breast pockets 10 and 11 to give added support, the reinforcing member consisting of a panel of material 16 secured to the cups 10 and 11 by means of horizontal parallel rows of stitching 17.

The cups 10 and 11 are secured to band 18 by means of stitching 19. The band 18 is secured

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at its ends to the body encircling bands 12 and 13 and is adapted to fit snugly against the body of the wearer. Separating the cups at the center of the brassière are strips 20 and 21. The strips 20 and 21 are secured at their lower ends to the band 18 by the same stitching 19 and secured together along their vertical center line by stitching 22.

The cup 10 is detachably secured to the body encircling band 12 by means of the slide fastener or "zipper" 24 and is detachably secured to the center strips 20 and 21 by the slide fastener 26. The same is true of the cup 11 which is detachably secured to the body encircling band 13 by means of slide fastener 25 and to the center strips 20 and 21 by means of slide fastener 27. The element of the slide fasteners 26 and 27 that is secured to the strips 20 and 21 is located between these strips so that the strips act as flaps to completely cover the slide fasteners 26 and 27 when they are closed. The same is true of the slide fasteners 24 and 25, there being flaps 28 and 29 secured to the body encircling bands 12 and 13, to act as covers for the slide fasteners. The inner flaps 28 and the strip 21 protect the skin of the wearer from coming into direct contact with the metal slide fasteners 24, 25, 26 and 27 and the flaps 29 and strip 20 cover the slide fasteners 24 through 27 so that they will not be observable through the outer garments of the wearer.

The shoulder strap 14 is secured at one end to the body encircling band 12 and detachably secured to the top of the cup 10 by means of loop 30 and hook 32, and the shoulder strap 15 is secured to the encircling band 13 at one end and the other end is detachably secured to the cup 11 by means of loop 31 and hook 33.

The ends of the shoulder straps 14 and 15 that are secured to the cups 10 and 11 terminate respectively in elastic segments 34 and 35 which have eyes 36 and 37, respectively secured at their free ends. A hook 38 is secured to the center strip 21 and is adapted to receive either of the eyes 36 and 37.

A detachable moisture repellent pad 39 of the type disclosed in my application No. 46,451 filed August 27, 1948, now Patent No. 2,502,524, may readily be adapted for use on a brassière embodying the invention set out herein.

The body encircling band 13 terminates in an elastic member 40 and the usual hook and eye fastening means for encircling the wearer's body with the garment are provided.

If the wearer wishes to expose one breast for

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nursing, say the left-hand breast supported by cup 11, she would first detach the shoulder strap 15 from the cup 11 by removing the hook 33 from the loop 31. The eye 37 would then be secured to the hook 38, so that the cup 10 would still be completely supported, as can be seen in Fig. 2. Then, after opening the slide fasteners 25 and 27 the cup 11 can be folded down completely exposing the left-hand breast. By leaving the strap 15 in its normal position, detaching the hook 32 from the loop 30 and hooking the eye 36 into hook 38, the cup 10 can be folded down and the right-hand breast exposed by the wearer without removing the support from the left-hand breast. It can thus be seen that either breast may be exposed for nursing without disturbing the brassière in its position on the body of the wearer.

I claim:

A brassière comprising a pair of breast pockets, a body encircling band having a portion extending underneath the breast pockets, a center strip located between the breast pockets having its lower end secured to the portion of the body

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encircling band extending underneath the breast pockets, said breast pockets detachably secured on one side to the body encircling band and detachably secured on the other side to the center strip, shoulder straps secured at one end to the body encircling band and detachably secured at the other end to the breast pockets, and means for securing said shoulder straps to the center strip when they are detached from the breast pocket.

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