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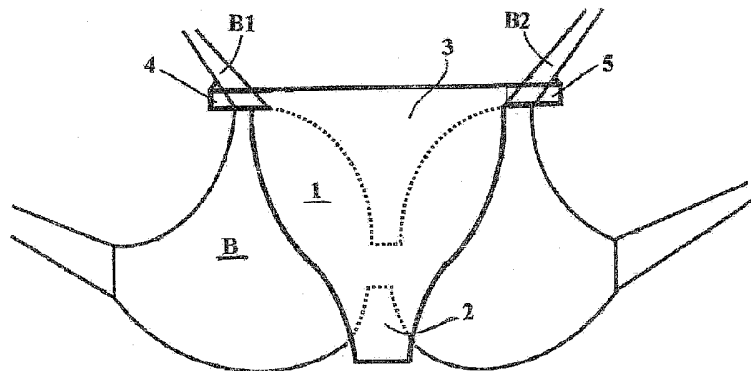
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Fig. 1



(57) Abstract: The invention is directed to an accessory which is fabricated and shaped to cover the bosom area of body. It is particularly useful when applied to a brassiere showing a cleavage of a human body at a center thereof. The accessory, when applied to a brassiere will cover the cleavage area of a wearer to simulate an undergarment. The inventive accessory can be removed from the brassiere when the person is in a different social setting. The accessory can be fabricated from different materials but it is preferred to be stretchable so that it can be applied to differently sized brassieres and the accessory, additionally, can move with the movements of the wearer. It is preferred that the fabric of the accessory be doubled over so that most of the fastening elements do not touch the skin of the wearer which adds to the comfort of wearing the accessory.

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CLEAVAGE ACCESSORY FOR A BRASSIERE

Background of the Invention

The present invention is directed to an accessory which is fabricated and shaped to cover the exposed bosom area of the body. Work environments as well as other environments, dress code restrictions apply to the revealing of the cleavage of the women's bosom area. In certain situations and environments the extent of exposed cleavage area makes the woman uncomfortable. Numerous garments are designed to show off the cleavage area, thus the garments restricts the user from wearing a certain garment whenever they chose to.

US Patent No. 4,955,846 illustrates a brassiere whereby an exposed cleavage on a woman's body may be adjusted by a band in the center of the brassiere which is instrumental in ruffling the fabric of the center to show more or less of a cleavage. Published application No. 2007/0281585 illustrates a triangular piece of fabric representing a partial undergarment that is designed to cover an exposed cleavage of a woman's body.

Brief Description of the Invention

The inventive concept involves the attachment of materials at the center of the bosom area of a brassiere which materials maybe of many types to simulate an undergarment and with the intent to conceal the cleavage area of the bosom. The piece of fabric is designed to be removable and the user may choose to attach or detach the piece of fabric from the bosom area of a brassiere. This feature will allow the user to instantly remove the piece of fabric from the garment after exiting prohibited or restricted environments. As an example, the user may have it attached during working hours and after work may instantly remove the fabric which may be called an accessory. In one embodiment, the accessory attaches to the brassiere as a permanent non-removable item. In another embodiment, the accessory selectively attaches to the brassiere

as a removable and replaceable item. The fastening elements are variable and may be snaps, VELCRO or hook and eye fasteners, and are located at suitable locations on the accessory. The fabric of the accessory is stretchable whereby it may be used on differently sized brassieres and the accessory may move with the various movements of the wearer without inhibiting the same.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 shows an insert inserted in a ready-made brassiere;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the inventive accessory;

Fig. 3 is an outside view of the accessory;

Fig. 4 is an inside view of the accessory.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Fig. 1 illustrates an accessory 1 that is attached to an outside surface of a brassiere B. The accessory 1 has a bottom end 2 of the triangular accessory that is turned under the bottom end of the brassiere and a top end 3 that is visible from the outside of the brassiere and forms an appearance of an undergarment. There is an inside stretchable band in the top end of the brassiere and the ends are shown at 4 and 5. The ends will be fastened to the left BI and right B2 shoulder straps of the brassiere which will be shown in detail at subsequent Figs.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the triangularly shaped accessory 1. The fabric of the accessory 1 is somewhat stretchable so that the accessory may be applied to differently sized brassieres or the fabric may move with the various movements of the wearer. The top of the accessory has a stretchable band 3 placed therein. The stretch ability of this band is indicated by the arrow A. The ends of the band 3 are shown as 4 and 5 which ends will extend to some extent beyond the top of the accessory which ends 4 and 5 will be fastened to the shoulder straps of the brassiere as shown in Fig. 1. At each end 4 and 5 of the band there are located fasteners 8 and 9, respectively,

which use will be shown subsequent Figs. As the band 3 with its ends 4 and 5 will be turned on themselves around the shoulder straps to meet with respective fastening elements 10 and 11. In the center of the accessory 1 there is located or placed a vertical band 7 which is also stretchable so that it can stretch when the fabric of the accessory 1 is stretching. The basic fabric of the accessory is doubled over on itself so that the top band 3 and the vertical band are hidden within the fabric and only the respective fasteners are visible but will somewhat be hidden so as not to interfere with the bare skin of the wearer. The center vertical band 7 fasteners 12 and 13 placed thereon and a single fastener 14 is placed at the bottom of the triangularly shaped accessory. The bottom fastener will be fastened to any of the upper fasteners 12 and 13 depending on the size of the brassiere. The bottom end of the triangular accessory will be turned up and under the bottom of the brassiere so that the fastener 14 movable therewith can be attached to any of the fasteners 12 and 13.

Fig. 3 is an outside view of the accessory 1. As mentioned above, the stretchable fabric of the accessory is doubled over the top band as can be seen by the outside fabric 1 and the inside fabric 1a. The ends 4 and 5 of the top band can be seen on the right and left side of the accessory including the respective fasteners 8 and 9.

Fig. 4 is in inside view of the accessory 1. Again the doubled over fabric can be seen at 1 and 1a. The respective ends of the top band can be seen at 4 and 5 including the respective fasteners 8 and 9. The fasteners 8 and 9 will be attached to their respective fasteners 10 and 11 depending on the size of the brassiere. The same is true with the bottom fastener 14 which will be matched with either of the fasteners 12 and 13 depending on the required overlap of the bottom of the accessory.

Operation

When the occasion presents itself to cover the exposed cleavage of a woman's body by way of a brassiere and, of course a garment, the triangular fabric is placed over the center of the brassiere. The upper exposed ends 4 and 5 are placed around the brassiere shoulder straps Bland B2 and the movable fasteners 8 and 9, moving with the exposed ends 4 and 5 are now fastened to their respective fasteners 10 and 11. Because the elastic fabric is doubled, both of the movable fasteners 8 and 9 are hidden in the fabric and they cannot touch the skin of the wearer. Thereafter, the lower end of the triangle is doubled over and moved under the fabric of the accessory and the doubled end is placed under the bottom end of the brassiere and moved upwardly to meet any of the stationary fasteners 12 and 13 and the movable bottom fastener 14 is matched with any of the respective fasteners 12 or 13 and attached thereto. Due to the fact that the fabric of the accessory is doubled, the movable fastener 14 is hidden in the fabric and therefore cannot touch the skin of the wearer which adds to the comfort of wearing the accessory. Another important feature of the inventive concept is the fact that no fasteners can be seen from the outside of the accessory. This adds considerably to the appearance of the garment.

What is claimed is:

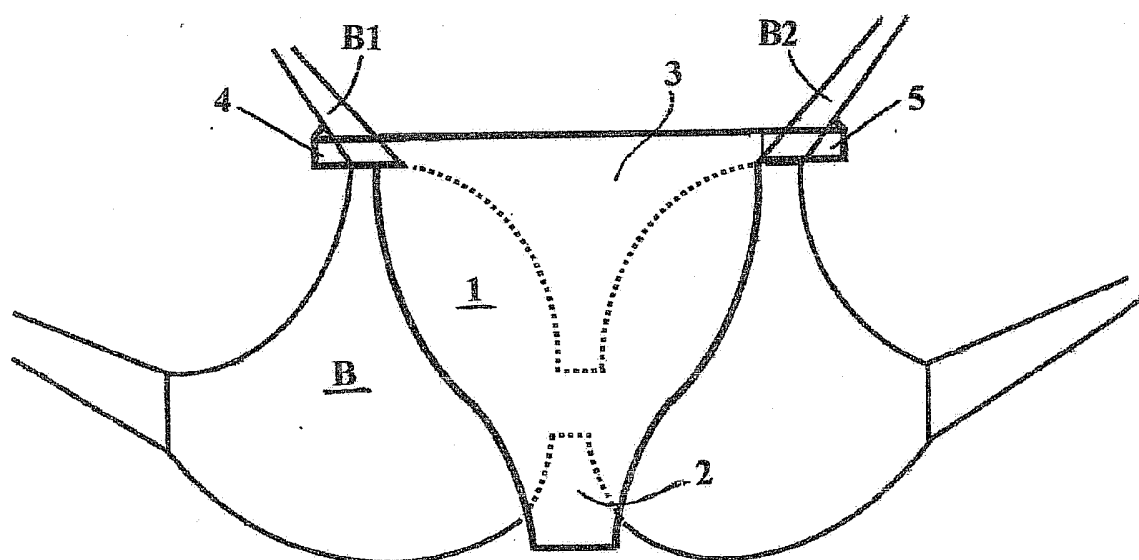
1. A removable brassiere accessory worn at a center of said brassiere to cover a cleavage created by said brassiere, said accessory consists of a stretchable triangular fabric, said stretchable fabric has a stretchable band located at a top of said accessory and forming a straight edge at that location, ends of said stretchable band extend beyond said top edge and each having a movable fastening element located thereon, said stretchable fabric further having a stretchable vertical band located at a center of said accessory, said stretchable band having located thereon and at a bottom thereof a movable fastening element, said stretchable band further having a multiple of fastening elements located at an upper area of said band, a lower end of said triangular accessory is moved upwardly and inwardly when fitted to said brassiere and said movable fastening element can be attached to any of said multiple fastening elements, said stretchable top band having a multiple of fastening elements locate inwardly from said edge, each of said movable elements at the ends of bands extending from said edge having a movable element located thereon, each of said movable elements located at said extending band can be fastened to any of said multiple of elements on said horizontal and stretchable band when placed around shoulder straps of said brassiere.

2. The removable brassiere accessory of claim 1, wherein said stretchable fabric of said accessory is doubled over said top stretchable band and over itself.

3. The removable brassiere accessory of claim 2, wherein fastening elements are placed in said doubled over fabric in such a manner to avoid making contact with the skin of a wearer.

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Fig. 1



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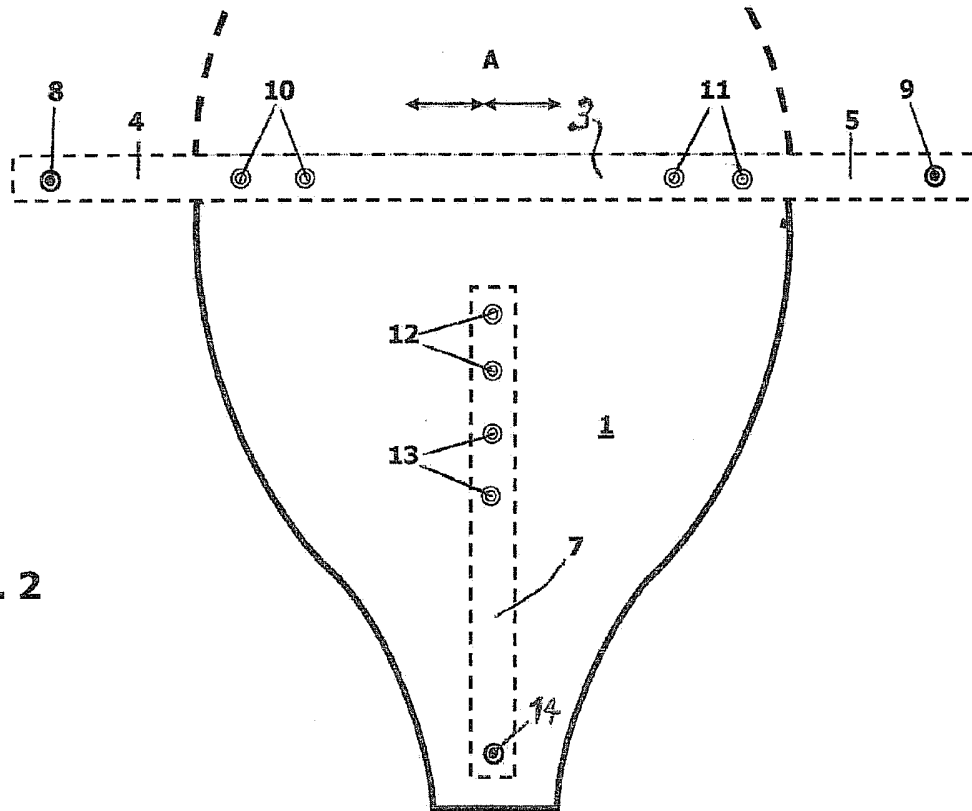


Fig. 2

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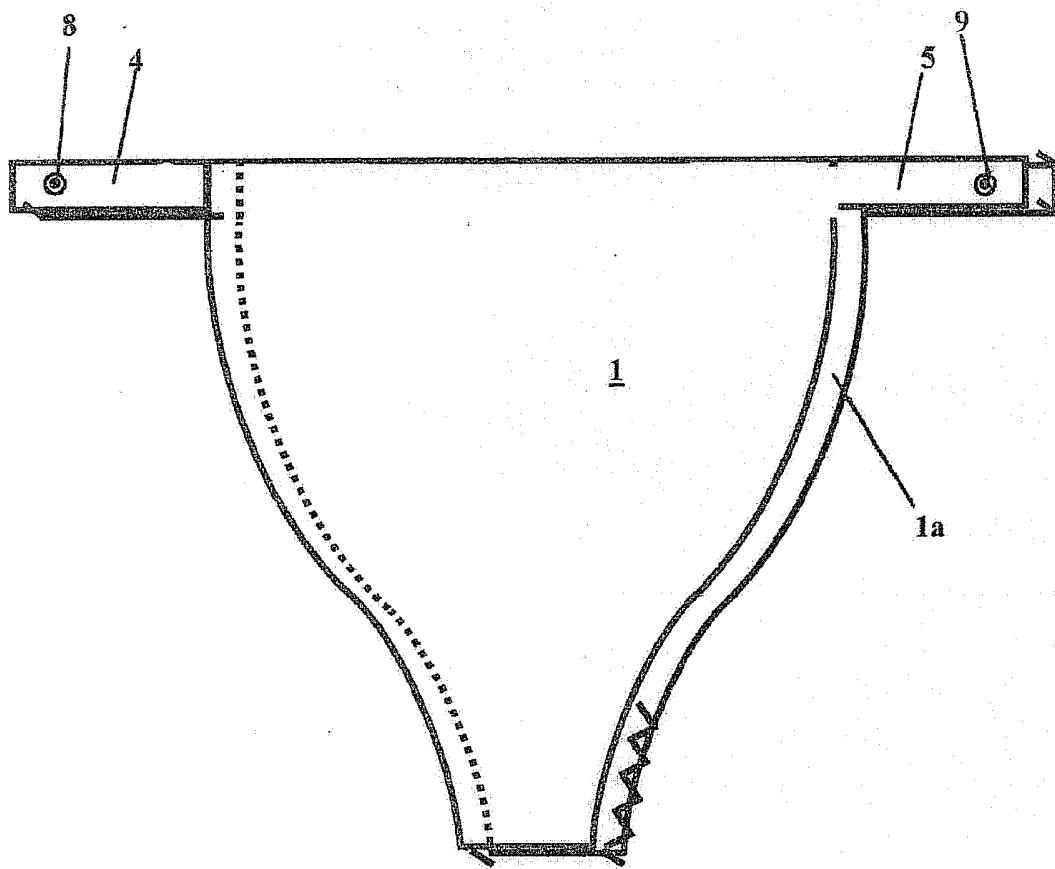


Fig. 3

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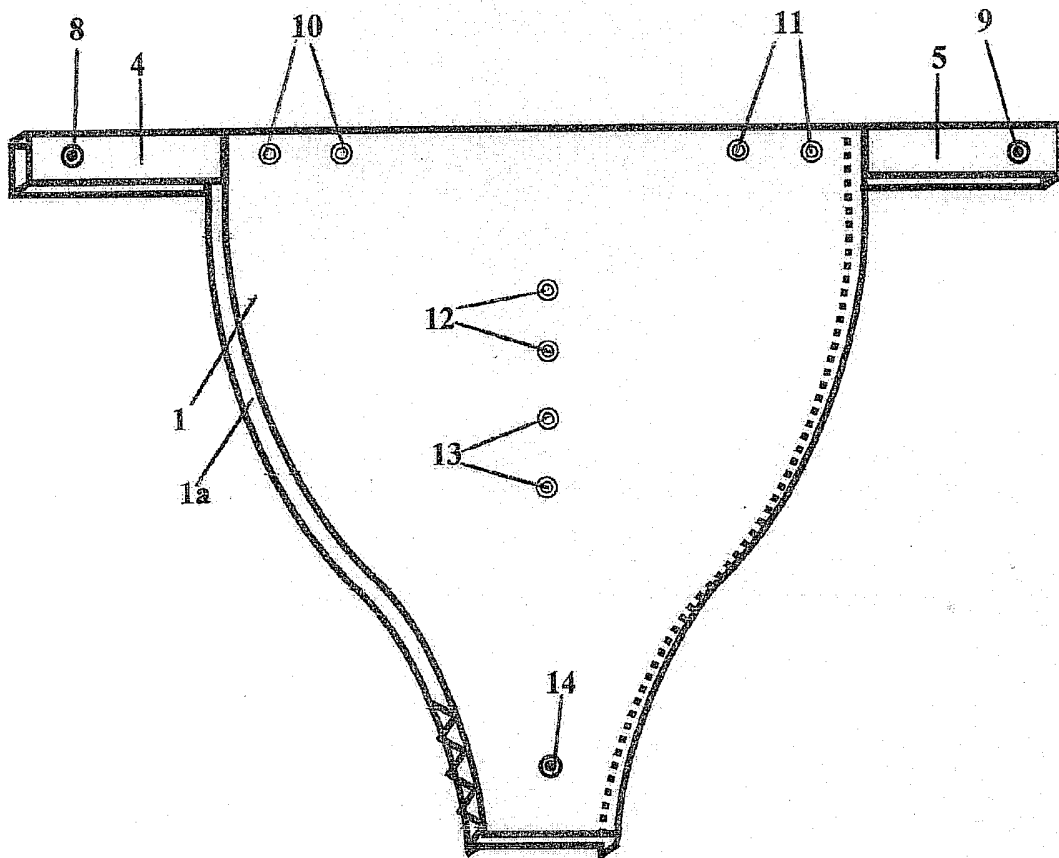


Fig. 4