

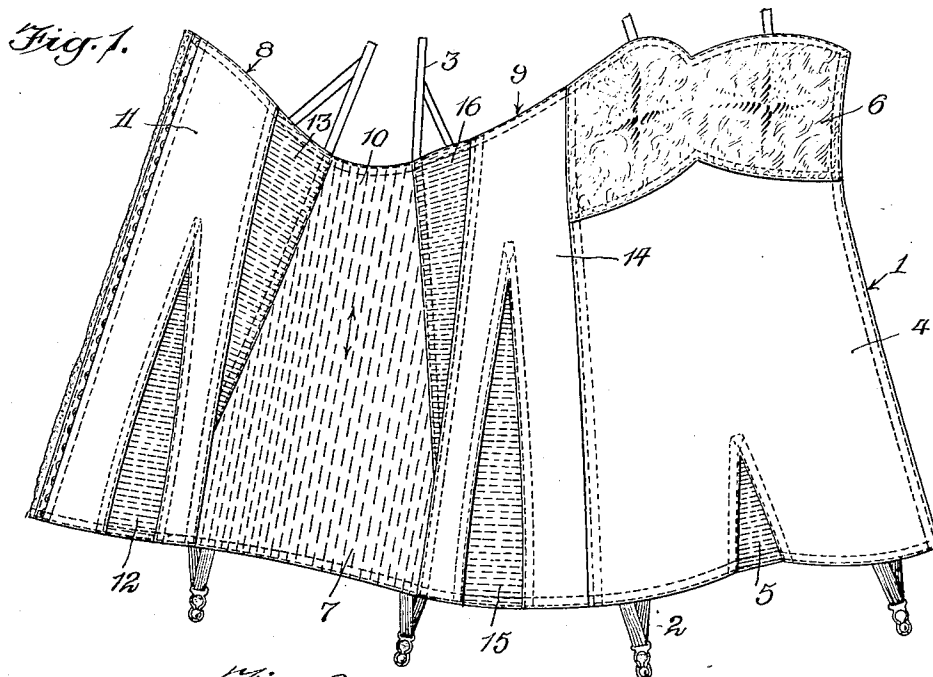
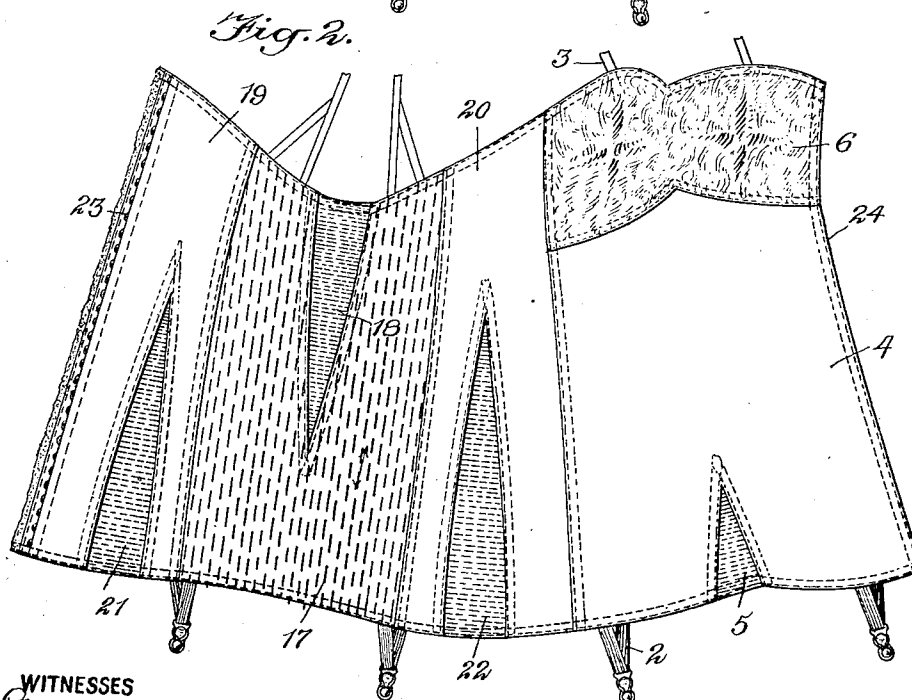
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This invention relates to corsets, girdles, and the like, and has for an object to provide an improved construction wherein the desired support is provided and yet freedom of movement permitted.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved corset, girdle, or other foundation garment wherein elastic and inelastic panels are interspersed in such a manner as to give a resilient action adjacent the top and bottom of the garment and an almost unyielding circumferential action at the center.

A further object, more specifically, is to provide a corset having a number of inelastic panels with a number of gores or substantially triangular shaped inserts extending from the respective top and bottom edges and overlapping so as to give resilient action at certain points and non-resilient action at other points.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a corset disclosing an embodiment of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing a slightly modified construction.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates the body of the corset which is adapted to be provided with the usual hose supporters 2 and also, if desired, with shoulder straps 3. The body 1 is formed with a front panel 4 which is inelastic except for a substantially triangular gore 5 formed of elastic material stretchable circumferentially. The gore 5 extends from the bottom upwardly for a distance preferably less than half the height of the corset. At the upper end of the panel 4 there is provided a brassiere section 6 which may be provided with pockets in the usual manner and of any desired material. The material of the panel 4 is fabric and is substantially inelastic in all directions, except the gore 5. At the back there is provided a rear panel 7 and what may be termed side panels 8 and 9. All of these panels extend from the top to the bottom of the garment. It will be noticed also that the panels 7 to 9, inclusive, all extend above the front panel 4 but not above the brassiere section 6. As a matter of fact, the upper edge 10 at the back and sides presents a curved line so that the center of the back will be almost as low as the lower part of the brassiere 6. The material of the panel 7 stretches and is elastic longitudinally of the garment but is not stretchable circumferentially of the garment. The side panel 8 is provided with a section 11 of fabric, which is substantially inelastic in all directions. Associated with this

section are gore sections 12 and 13 which are formed preferably of fabric elastic in one direction only. These gores are so positioned that they will stretch circumferentially of the garment when the garment is in use. These gores present substantially triangular-shaped members with the large end of one member extending from the bottom of the garment upwardly past the center and the large end of the other member extending from the upper edge of the garment downwardly past the center of the garment. From this it will be seen that the respective gores 12 and 13 overlap but are spaced apart as gore 12 is arranged within a notch in the panel 11 while the gore 13 has one edge connected to the side of the section 11 and the other edge connected to one edge of the rear panel 7. Panel 9 is formed identical with panel 8 and presents an inelastic section 14 and elastic gore sections 15 and 16 which are shaped and function similar to the sections in panel 8 except on the opposite side of the body.

In Fig. 2 a slightly modified structure is shown, the modification being confined to the side and rear panels, and consequently the numbers, except for these members, will be the same as in Fig. 1. In this form of the invention the rear panel 7 is substantially rectangular and is elastic but stretches only in a longitudinal direction, while the insert 18 stretches only in a circumferential direction. It will be observed that the panel 7 is formed with a notch extending from the upper edge downwardly past the center part of the garment and this notch is filled with the section gore 18 which is stretched in place so as to present a desired appearance while presenting means to allow a circumferential stretching. The panels 19 and 20 are elastic except for the gore sections 21 and 22, which are constructed identically with the gore sections 12 and 15 and which function in the same manner.

The structure shown in Figs. 1 and 2 present wrap-around corsets and have any desired form of fastening means 23 and 24 at their respective side edges, as, for instance, hooks and eyes. The respective elastic gores permit a sufficient circumferential stretching to cause the garment to snugly fit and to retain the snug fitting action. In addition the inelastic sections or panels present means for bracing and holding the parts of the body in the desired position while permitting ready movement of the body. This is particularly true in regard to the panel 17 which stretches up and down and thereby permits a person to readily bend, as, for instance, when sitting down, said bending action not produc-

ing any distorting strain on the adjacent parts.

I claim:

1. A corset, comprising a body having a front panel principally of inelastic material, a rear panel extending from the top to the bottom of said body and elastic and stretchable only longitudinally of the body, and a pair of side panels connecting the front and rear panels, one of said side panels having a row of disengageable fastening members, said front panel having a row of disengageable members interlocking with the fastening members of the last-mentioned panel, each of said side panels comprising a section formed of material substantially inelastic and extending from the top to the bottom of the corset and a pair of elastic and circumferentially stretchable gores, one gore having its larger end at the bottom of the body and the other gore having its larger end at the top of the body, with the smaller ends overlapping but spaced apart, one edge of one gore being connected to one edge of said rear panel and the opposite edge connected to one edge of said inelastic section.
2. A corset, comprising a body having a rear panel extending from the top to the bottom of the body and elastic and stretchable longitudinally of the body, a pair of side panels, each of said side panels comprising an inelastic section extending from the top to the bottom of the body and a gore elastic circumferentially of the body extending from the bottom of the body to a point above the center of the body, and a substantially triangular shaped gore having one edge secured to one edge of said rear panel and the other edge secured to one edge of said inelastic section, said triangular shaped gore extending from the top toward the bottom for a distance more than half the length of the body.
3. A corset including a back panel elastic and stretchable longitudinally only, a pair of side panels extending from the top to the bottom of the corset, each side panel having a body of inelastic material extending from the top to the bottom of the corset and a gore elastic circumferentially of the garment extending from the bottom upwardly with the larger end of the gore at the bottom of the corset, and a pair of back gores connected to the side edges of the

upper portion of said back panel, said back gores being elastic circumferentially of the garment, the larger end of said back gores being at the top of the corset, whereby the corset as a whole is more stretchable adjacent the top and bottom than at a central line.

4. A corset having a front panel formed with an inelastic section extending from the bottom of the garment to slightly above the waist line, a brassière extending from the upper edge of said inelastic section to the top of the corset, and a circumferentially elastic gore insert positioned substantially centrally of the lower edge portion of said inelastic section, a back panel having a section of material elastic and stretchable longitudinally of the corset and extending from the top to the bottom with the side edges of the top portion tapering from a point below the center of the corset to the top edge, and a gore elastic and stretchable circumferentially of the corset connected to each of the edges of said tapering portion with the larger ends at the top of the corset and a pair of side panels, each of said side panels having a body of inelastic material extending from the top to the bottom of the corset and a gore elastic circumferentially of the corset extending from the bottom upwardly with the larger end at the bottom of the corset.

5. A corset including a front structure, a rear structure formed of material elastic in one direction, said material being divided into a plurality of sections, one section being positioned to be elastic and stretchable longitudinally of the corset and extending from the top to the bottom of the corset and the remaining part of said material being positioned to be elastic and stretchable circumferentially of the corset, said remaining part extending from the top of the corset downwardly past the center thereof, and a pair of side panels, each of said side panels having a section of inelastic material extending from the top to the bottom of the corset and a gore insert in the lower part of said section positioned to be elastic and stretchable circumferentially of the corset, said gore having its larger end at the bottom of the corset.

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