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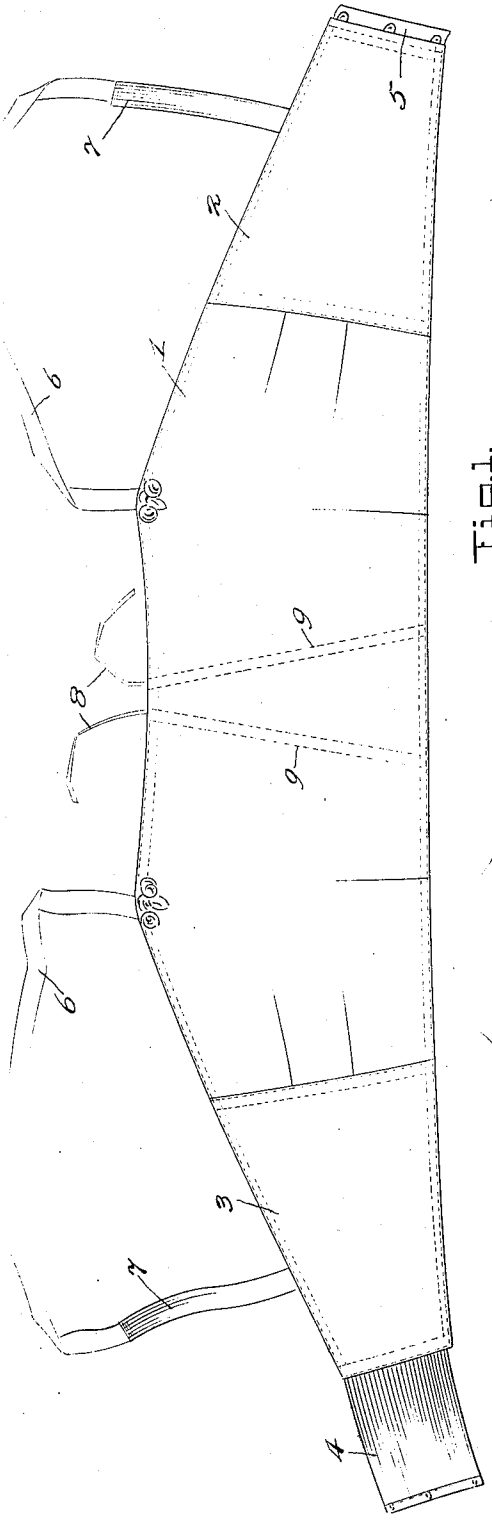


Fig. 1.

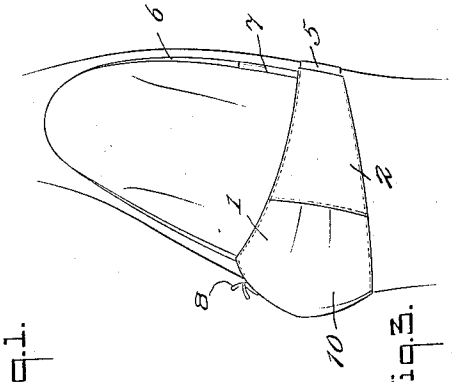


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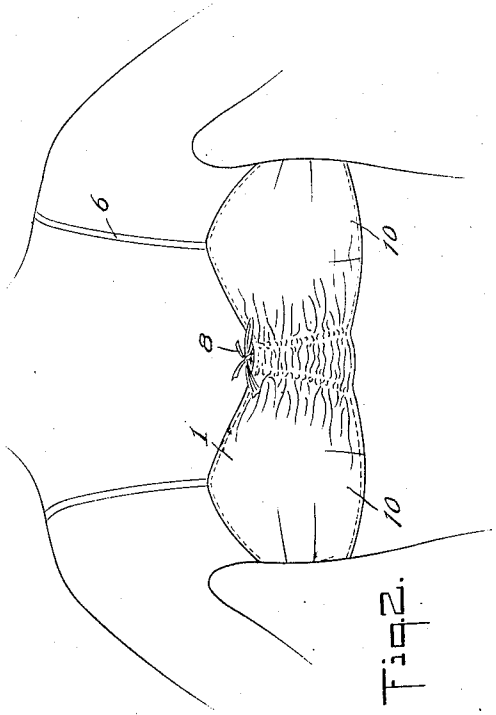


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to brassières and has for its object to provide an improved garment which may be used as a flat bandeau brassière or may be adjusted at the front to fit the figure of the wearer, to mold the busts as required, and to secure any desired degree of uplift.

Brassières are commonly provided with horizontal ribbons or strings which may be adjusted to tighten or loosen the edges which encircle the body of the wearer, but such adjustment has no uplift or other corrective effect upon the busts. Also, parallel drawstrings have been placed vertically between the breast portions of a brassière to draw the upper and lower edges of the garment together and provide adjustable pockets for receiving the breasts. This latter construction, however, merely varies the size of the pockets without adjusting them at all points to fit and mold the form of the wearer. The inability of such garments to fit the form snugly causes the material between the pockets to project from the body over the breast bone and makes it impossible to obtain a correct uplift form.

The present invention provides an improved brassière especially adapted to confine and uplift the busts, and which may be worn as a flat brassière or adjusted to obtain any desired uplift or corrective effect. Adjustment is obtained by means of drawstrings disposed diagonally on opposite sides of the center-line between the breast portions of the garment. The drawstrings thus act in straight lines which taper outwardly from the top toward the lower edge of the garment and may be drawn up as desired to form snug pouches which receive the busts. The diagonal drawstrings cause the pouches to fit in around the lower parts of the busts and hold the central portion of the brassière snugly over the breast bone without slipping.

The invention will be described in connection with a short brassière, but it is equally applicable to combinations, long brassières, and other similar garments.

In the accompanying drawing:

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

Fig. 2 is a front view of a torso showing the brassière applied thereto with the drawstrings adjusted; and

Fig. 3 is a side view thereof.

Referring to the drawing, the brassière includes a continuous front section 1 of relatively soft material which is cut according to any desired style or pattern and, in the construction illustrated, tapers down to relatively narrow end sections 2 and 3. A tab 4 of elastic fabric is stitched to the end section 3 and provided with hooks which cooperate with eyes on the tab 5 stitched to end section 2, by which the garment may be fastened about the body of the wearer. The garment may be held from the shoulders of the wearer by means of shoulder straps 6 which may be provided with elastic sections 7.

Drawstrings 8 are run through diagonal passages or channels 9 formed by narrow tapes stitched on opposite sides of a vertical center-line in the front section 1. The passages 9 are preferably substantially straight, as shown in Fig. 1, and converge upwardly to the upper edge of the garment. The drawstrings preferably have their lower ends stitched to the lower edge of the garment. By drawing up the strings 8 the material of the front section 1 is gathered in to form pouches 10 which receive, mold and support the busts, as shown in Fig. 2.

The brassière may be adjusted to confine the busts in any desired manner or worn as a flat bandeau brassière. The drawstrings 8 may also be drawn up and tied in a bow, as shown, to confine and draw up the busts to give any desired degree of uplift or corrective effect. The diagonal drawstrings, when tightened, cause a rounding at the lower edge of the pouches 10 and to cause the pouches to fit in underneath the lower parts of the busts as shown in Fig. 3, to mold the busts and secure a correct uplift form. The close fitting of the pouches beneath the lower parts of the busts causes the central portion of the garment between the pouches to fit snugly against the figure over the breast bone and prevents slipping. The same beneficial results are obtained when the invention is embodied in combination or one-piece garments.

The invention claimed is:

1. An uplift brassière having a continuous front portion adapted to cover the body across the busts, a back portion, and a pair of spaced drawstrings located between the busts and attached to the front portion at the bottom and slidably connected to the

front portion at the top, and converging upwardly toward each other to gather the material when pulled up whereby to mold the busts and effect uplift when the strings are drawn and fastened.

2. An uplift brassière having a continuous front portion adapted to cover the body across the busts, a back portion, a pair of passages near the center of said front portion converging upwardly from the bottom to the top thereof, and drawstrings located between the busts and engaging the bottom of said front portion and threaded through said passages for adjustably gathering in said front portion to mold and uplift the busts.

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