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Fig. 1.

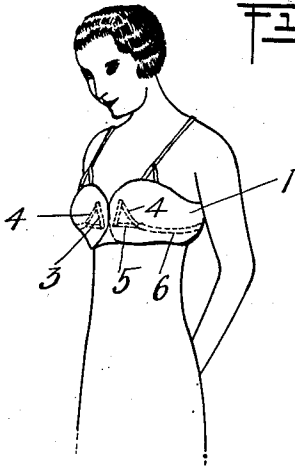


Fig. 2.

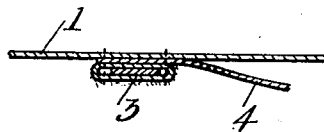
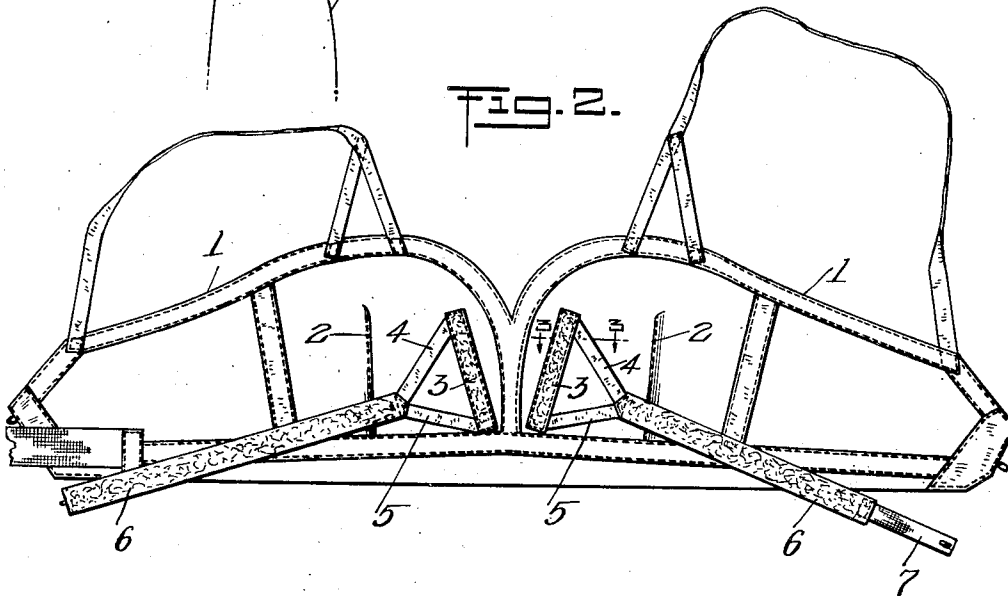


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to garments, and more particularly garments applicable to the upper part of the body, and more especially for women.

The objects of the invention are to provide a garment giving a support to the wearer's breasts such that the breasts will be both supported and held in outstanding position and enable the woman to have a natural developed appearance and graceful lines; to provide a garment which avoids the tendency of the usual brassière, corset and the like to squeeze the breasts, and particularly to avoid squeezing them toward each other; to provide a garment which positively, comfortably and unobtrusively holds the breasts apart; to strengthen the breast ligaments; to provide support under the breast and prevent it from sagging and also to provide lateral support to prevent unnatural outward spreading of the breasts; to provide a garment which tends to hug the body between the wearer's breasts and thus avoid undesired exposure thereof both with the body in normal position and in bent position; to secure simplicity of construction, application and removal; and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved garment in use.

Figure 2 is an inside view of the garment spread out; and

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawing, the reference numeral 1 indicates the body of my improved garment, this body taking the form in the present instance of a brassière as heretofore known in the art. I do not confine the invention to any particular design of this body 1, except that I deem it most desirable for accomplishing best results and fulfilling all of the objects above-given, that the said body be form fitting. That is to say, there should be a fullness of material at that part of the garment body which overlies the middle part of the wearer's breasts. Such fullness may be accomplished by pleating the material, as at 2, from one edge of the garment to the part thereof which overlies the said middle parts of the wearer's breasts. The central upper part of the garment is shown as cut V-shape which likewise assists in making the garment form fitting around the contour of the breasts. The

outer ends of the garment may have any usual or suitable fastening means whereby the garment may be secured together after being applied in proper place around the user's body.

On the inner side of the garment 1, I attach the means which, in combination with the body 1 supports, retains and separates the wearer's breasts. As here shown this means comprises a pair of stiffened members 3, 3 which are relatively close to the middle of the garment and diverge outwardly upward at an angle to each other less than ninety degrees. Preferably these stiffened members are substantially the length of and extend as high as the pleats 2, or in other words, the upper ends of the stiffened members when the garment is worn, will be as high as the middle of the wearer's breasts, but offset therefrom toward the middle of the garment.

Each member 3 has upper and lower connecting straps 4, 5 respectively connected thereto for exerting lateral pull upon the said member. These connecting straps 4, 5 converge and the outer meeting ends are attached to belt sections 6, 6, one or both of which has an elastic portion 7 and the outer ends of said sections having fastening means, such as hook and eye, by which the belt sections may be united at the back of the wearer. It may be noted, that preferably the lower connecting strap 5 of each pair of straps is shorter than the upper one, as a result of which the greatest tension is upon the lower strap when the belt girdles the wearer's body. The greater length of the upper straps accommodates the fullness of the breasts, applying some tension to the upper end of the stiffened member. It will be seen that the structure is such that the wearer's breasts are held apart largely by the stiffened members and partly by the straps 4, 5, and are held up or supported by the belt sections, which, in conjunction with the body of the garment also prevent undesired outward spreading of the breasts. In passing, it may furthermore be stated that the stiffened members are preferably covered whale-bone, strip spring steel or other suitable substance having normal rigidity for the required use, but which, if an abnormal condition arises, may bend. In conclusion, let me state that the structure very comfortably, and effectively maintains the user's breasts in a natural outstanding position, separated, and by maintaining such position of the breasts, avoiding squeezing, the ligaments become stronger and the breasts assume and maintain their natural form more readily.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. A garment as characterized, having a body girdling portion and having a pair of stiffened members at the front part of the garment which diverge outwardly upward at an angle to each other, and means other than the body attached to said members and extending outwardly therefrom for holding said members apart from each other and close against the body of the wearer with a separate tension from that afforded by the body girdling portion. 80
 2. A garment as characterized, having a body girdling portion and having a pair of stiffened members at the front part of the garment which diverge outwardly upward at an angle to each other, a pair of straps attached to each said member, at opposite ends thereof, each pair of straps being attached to a belt section whereby lateral tension may be applied to the said members for holding the same against the wearer's body. 85
 3. A garment as characterized, having a body girdling portion and having a pair of stiffened members at the front part of the garment which diverge outwardly upward at an angle to each other, a pair of straps attached to each said member, at opposite ends thereof, each pair of straps being attached to a belt section whereby lateral tension may be applied to the said members for holding the same against the wearer's body, the upper one of said straps of each pair being longer than the lower one whereby greater tension is applied to the lower ends of said members. 90
 4. A garment as characterized, comprising a body having pleats extending upwardly of the body at spaced distances from the middle of the front thereof and terminating at a distance from the upper edge thereof so as to provide a fullness coming to a peak at the upper end of the pleat, and stiffened members positioned one between each of said pleats and the middle front of the garment, said members extending upwardly to substantially the same elevation as the upper ends of the pleats, and a body encircling strap extending outwardly from the stiffened members and underlying a lower part of the pleats for applying a tension for both positioning and supporting the bust of the wearer supplemental to support afforded by the pleated body. 95
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