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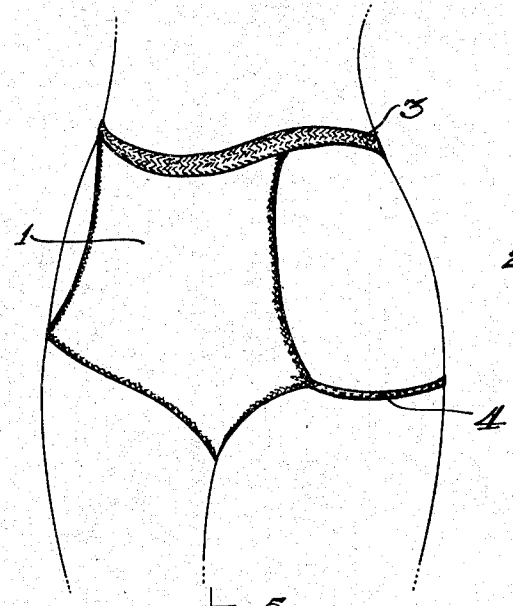


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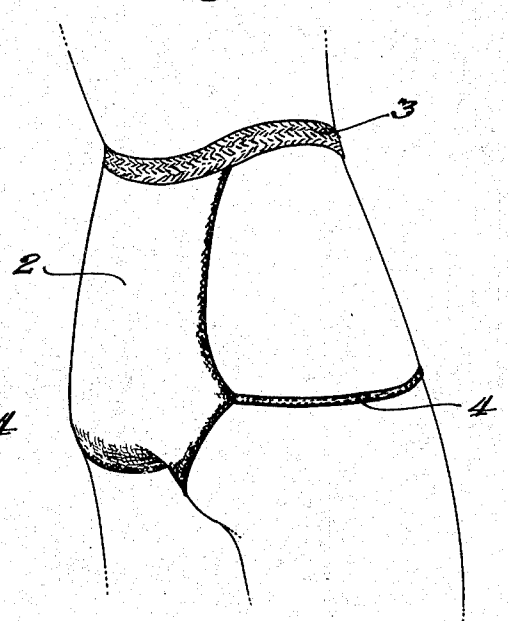


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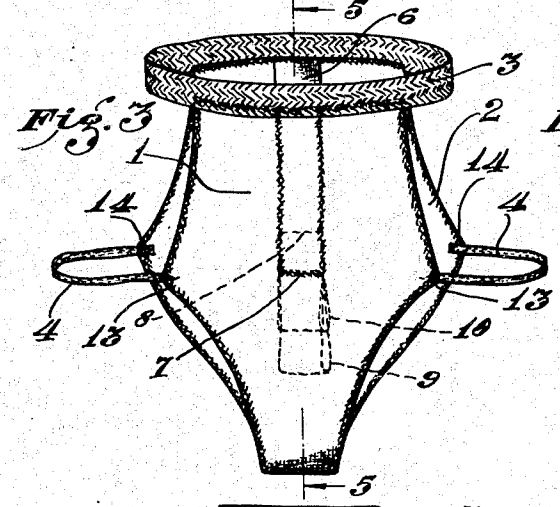


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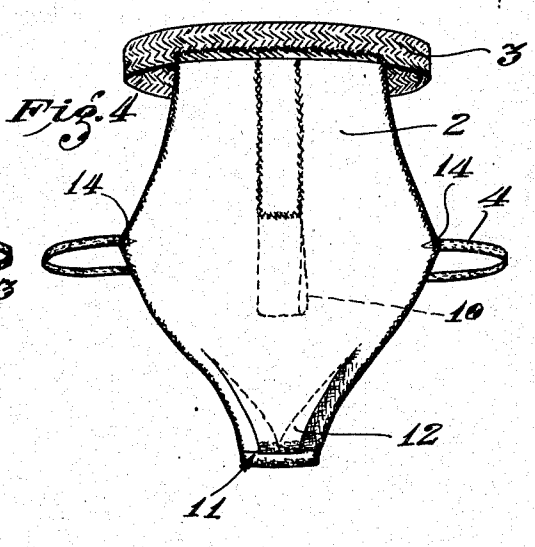
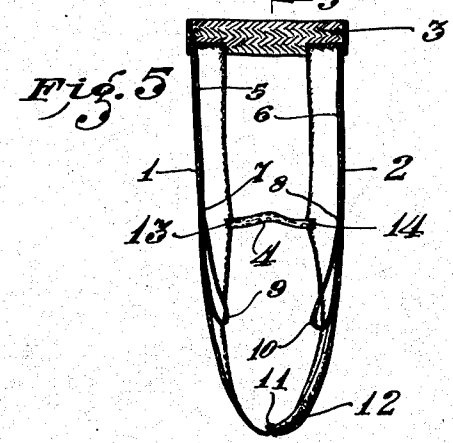


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to undergarments.

The object of this invention is to provide an undergarment adapted particularly for use under evening gowns.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an undergarment combining certain features, which has its parts so constructed and arranged as to not, in any manner, be apparent to the eye of an observer when viewing the evening gown. The undergarment conforms to the figure and does not provide portions adapted to cause any wrinkles in an outer garment or gown, even if a gown is worn without the usual slip.

Another object is the provision of an undergarment constructed and arranged to perform a sanitary service and which effectively hides or encloses a napkin in such a manner as to render said napkin invisible so far as enlargement is concerned, exterior an evening gown or a gown of any character which may be tight fitting. It is possible with this garment to use a form-fitting evening gown and when form-fitting evening gowns are worn, it is customary practice to utilize some type of form-fitting corset. A form-fitting corset is quite unnecessary with the present under-garment.

In its simplest embodiment, the garment incorporates front and rear panels or members which are interconnected at the crotch, with a body encircling elastic belt, to which are attached the front and rear members at the upper edges thereof, and a pair of spaced elastic or other resilient members between the front and rear members along the sides thereof and substantially midway between the body encircling belt and the crotch. The construction is such that the body encircling band normally encircles the waist of the wearer whereas the other elastic members engage the sides of the thighs substantially in alignment with the crotch or slightly thereabove. In this manner, the garment is caused to closely conform to the body and, in fact, molds itself to the body. The construction is such that all protuberances and the like, which might ordinarily appear in undergarments, have been eliminated so that a smooth appearance results. The undergarment is so constructed with its parts so arranged that the garment may be comfortably worn.

The parts of the garment are so constructed as to lie flat against the body of the wearer and maintain a selected position upon the wearer.

It will be noted from the brief description just given that there is no garment material included between the elastic members engaging the thighs of the wearer and the waist encircling band, this portion being open. It has been found in actual practice that the garment is cool, may be easily laundered, retains its shape, and is superior to the ordinary so-called teddies, step-ins, and like garments. The garment gives one the sense of freedom.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel and useful provision, formation, construction, association, and relative arrangement of parts, members and features, all as shown in a certain embodiment in the accompanying drawing, described generally, and more particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of my invention shown applied to a female figure,

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of my invention shown applied to a female figure,

Figure 3 is a front perspective view of my invention,

Figure 4 is a rear perspective view of my invention, and

Figure 5 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view of my invention, taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

My undergarment comprises generally a front panel 1, a rear panel 2, an elastic waist belt 3, elastic thigh straps 4, and napkin supporting straps 5 and 6 which extend vertically and are secured to the front panel 1 and rear panel 2, respectively, from the upper ends of said panels down to a point opposite the hip line, as at 7 and 8, and are formed with loops 9 and 10 below said points 7 and 8, and to the extremities of which loops the ends of a sanitary napkin (not shown) are respectively secured. The lower ends of the front panel 1 and the rear panel 2 are secured together in a seam 11, and the lower end of the rear panel is formed with a pleat 12 extending upwardly from said seam to provide for fullness at the lower end of said rear panel and enable the same to fit the body perfectly rearwardly from the crotch. The waist belt 3 is secured to the upper end of the front panel 1 and rear panel 2, and extends beyond the side edges of said panels for extending around the waist of the wearer.

The side edges of the front panel diverge slightly downwardly to the points 13 where one end of the thigh straps 4 are secured to said panel and from said points 13 the side edges of the panel 1 curve inwardly and converge downwardly to a narrower dimension at the lower end thereof which extends into the crotch to the

seam 11. The side edges of the rear panel 2 diverge downwardly from the waist belt 3 to points 14 to where the other ends of the thigh straps 4 are secured to said panel and the side edges of said panel 2 from said points 14 curve outwardly and converge downwardly to a width corresponding to the width of the lower end of the front panel and to where said rear panel is secured at its lower end by the seam 11 to the lower end of the front panel 1. The pleat 12 allows for sufficient fullness of the rear panel to fit the back of the body.

The operation, uses and advantages of the invention are as follows:

The garment is placed on the wearer by inserting the legs through the belt and thigh straps and drawing the garment upwardly until the lower end of the same engages the crotch and the belt 3 adjusted to the waist of the wearer.

The front and rear panels 1 and 2 are of such width as to cover only the front and rear portions of the body, leaving the hips and thighs uncovered by the garment, which eliminates any bulkiness or enlargement at the hips of the wearer and retains the natural and symmetrical form of the wearer with respect to the lateral dimension of the hips.

My garment may be worn with or without a sanitary napkin and when worn without a napkin, the strap loops 9 and 10 fit closely between the body and the panels 1 and 2. When worn with a sanitary napkin, the napkin is ordinarily secured at its ends respectively to the lower ends of the strap loops 9 and 10 before the garment is put on the wearer. In the use of my garment, a napkin smaller in size than that of the ordinary napkin may be worn or employed to the best advantage and with less bulkiness than with an ordinary size napkin.

My garment is adaptable for use particularly with close-fitting gowns, dancing costumes, and the like, as was more fully enumerated in the statement of objects. My garment enables free movement of the limbs.

I claim:

A panty type garment comprising front and rear portions connected together and extending from the waistline in front to the crotch and up to the waistline in the back, the adjacent side edges of the front and rear portions being spaced from one another, the spacing being such that the edges of the portions are disposed inwardly of the hips of the wearer, the side edges at the lower ends of the rear and front portions converging inwardly towards each other to form a narrow crotch portion, elastic means at the waistline uniting the rear and front portions across the spaces at the upper ends thereof, and hip straps connecting the front and rear portions at points where the side edges converge inwardly, so that when the garment is worn, said straps will be in alignment with the converging portions of the edges and form leg openings, the respective side edges of the front portion at points thereon where the hip straps connect with said portions, converging inwardly to the waistline.

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