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Fig. 1.

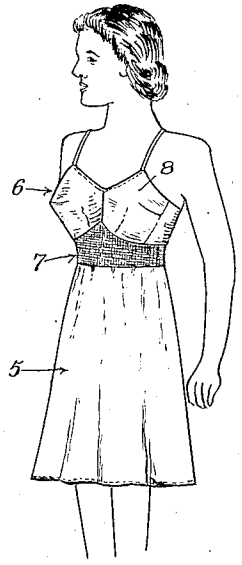


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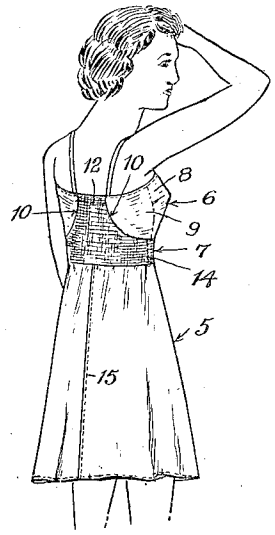


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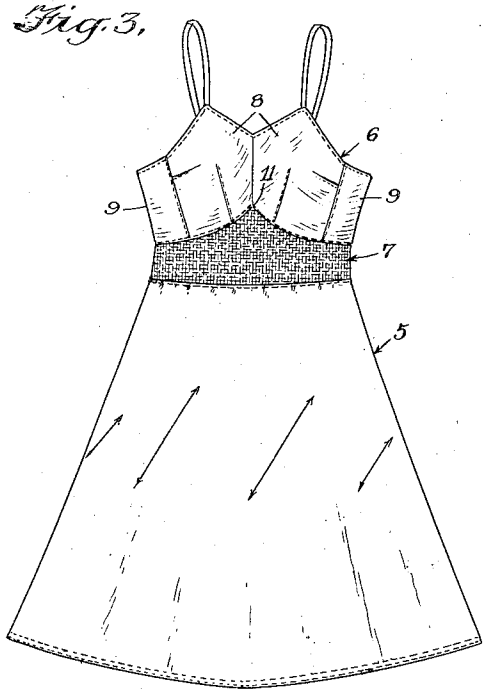
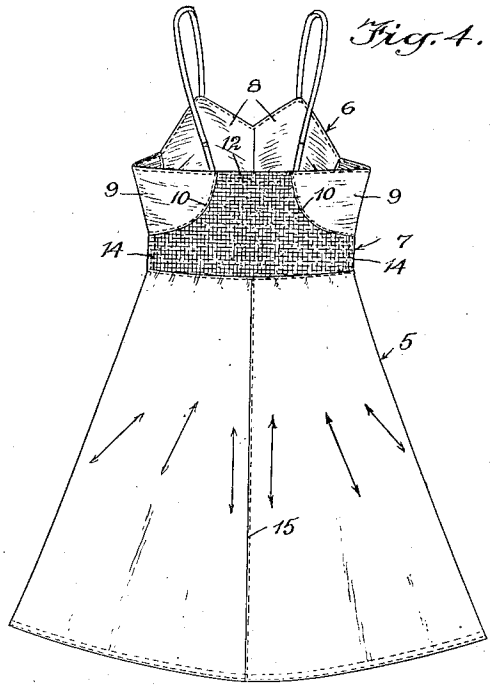


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to an improved garment, particularly a woman's garment.

It is an object of the invention to provide an improved garment such as a slip, bathing suit, combination garment or the like, which is provided with a body portion and a brassière connected thereto by an elastic midriff so formed that the brassière will support the busts and hold them firmly in position.

A further object is the provision of an improved garment of the above character which is inherently adjustable to various sizes and which supports the diaphragm of the wearer as well as the busts.

Another object is the provision of an improved garment having a skirt portion which will not "hike" or creep upwardly, which will not burst at the sides of the hip portion, and which will cling to the body without getting out of shape.

In the accompanying drawing—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view from the front of a garment embodying my invention showing it applied to a wearer;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view from the rear of the garment, also showing it applied to a wearer; and

Figs. 3 and 4 are front and rear views respectively of the garment.

My invention is applicable to various types of garments such as slips, bathing suits, combination garments and the like. In the accompanying drawing it is illustrated as applied to a slip comprising a skirt portion 5, a brassière portion 6, and a midriff portion 7 disposed between the brassière and skirt portion.

The brassière portion is formed of a pair of breast pockets 8 made of inelastic material and formed in the usual manner to accommodate the busts of the wearer. The breast pockets may be integral, or are suitably attached together at their adjoining edges, while the outer edges are attached to extensions or panels 9, also made of inelastic material and extending around the sides of the garment to the rear thereof. The ends of the panels 9 are spaced apart at the rear of the garment and are preferably curved as shown at 10.

The lower edges of the panels 9 and the breast pockets 8 are preferably formed in a continuous line in the manner shown, which extends upwardly in a peak or point between the two breast pockets as illustrated at 11.

The midriff portion 7 is made of one-way stretch elastic material such as Lastex, which is arranged to stretch in a horizontal or lateral direction, but not in a vertical direction. At the front of the garment the midriff portion is secured to the lower edges of the breast pockets by stitching, and also to the lower edges of the panels 9. In this connection the upper edge of the midriff portion should conform in shape to the lower edge of the breast pockets and panels, extending upwardly in a peak or point at the center of the front of the garment.

At the rear of the garment the midriff portion is secured to the lower edges of the panels 9 conforming to the shape thereof, and extends upwardly between the two ends of the panels as indicated at 12. Accordingly, at the center of the rear of the garment the elastic material 12 extends to the top of the garment and forms the upper edge thereof, permitting the circumference of the garment at this point to expand whereby the garment is inherently adjustable to various sizes.

The midriff portion may be formed of one or more separate pieces secured together by stitching. In the accompanying drawing it is illustrated as being comprised of front and rear panels secured together at the side edges as by means of stitching 14.

Due to the fact that the entire midriff portion stretches laterally, it clings to the wearer and provides support for the brassière portion of the garment and helps in holding the busts firmly in position. It will also be appreciated that the midriff portion serves to support the diaphragm of the wearer. Because the midriff portion will not stretch in a vertical direction, the garment will hang properly on all sides thereof.

The lower edge of the midriff portion is attached to the upper edge of the skirt portion 5. As shown, the skirt portion preferably flares outwardly and is cut from a single piece of material having the seam 15 disposed at the center of the back thereof.

The skirt is so cut that at the seam at the center of the rear of the garment, the weave is parallel to the vertical and transverse axes of the garment. At the front of the garment, however, the weave is disposed on the bias. From the center of the rear of the garment to the center of the front of the garment, the amount of bias progressively increases as indicated by the arrows, until the bias assumes an angle of approximately 45° near the center of the front. When the skirt is cut in this fashion, it will not creep or hike upwardly and it clings to the body without becoming permanently distorted. Due to the

fact that the seam is disposed at the center of the rear of the skirt rather than at the side edges thereof, the skirt will not burst at the sides of the hip portion.

It will thus be seen that I have provided an improved garment which is inherently adjustable to various sizes, and which is provided with an integral brassière portion which is so formed and is so connected to the body portion of the garment as to support the busts of the wearer and hold them firmly in position. I have also provided an improved garment such as a slip having a skirt portion which will not hike or creep upwardly, which will cling to the wearer without becoming permanently distorted, and which will not burst at the sides of the hip portion.

It should be understood that modifications may be made in the illustrated and described embodiment of my invention and that the invention is applicable to bathing suits, combination garments and the like, as well as to slips.

I claim:

1. A garment comprising a body portion made of inelastic material, a brassière portion comprising breast pockets made of inelastic material, and having extensions made of inelastic material attached to the side edges thereof and extending to the rear of the garment, the ends of the extensions being spaced apart at the rear of the garment, and a midriff portion connected between the upper edge of the skirt and the lower edge of the brassière portion and extending upwardly to the top of the garment adjacent the center of the rear thereof, the said midriff portion being made of elastic material.

2. A garment as set forth in claim 1 in which the elastic material stretches in a lateral direction only.

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