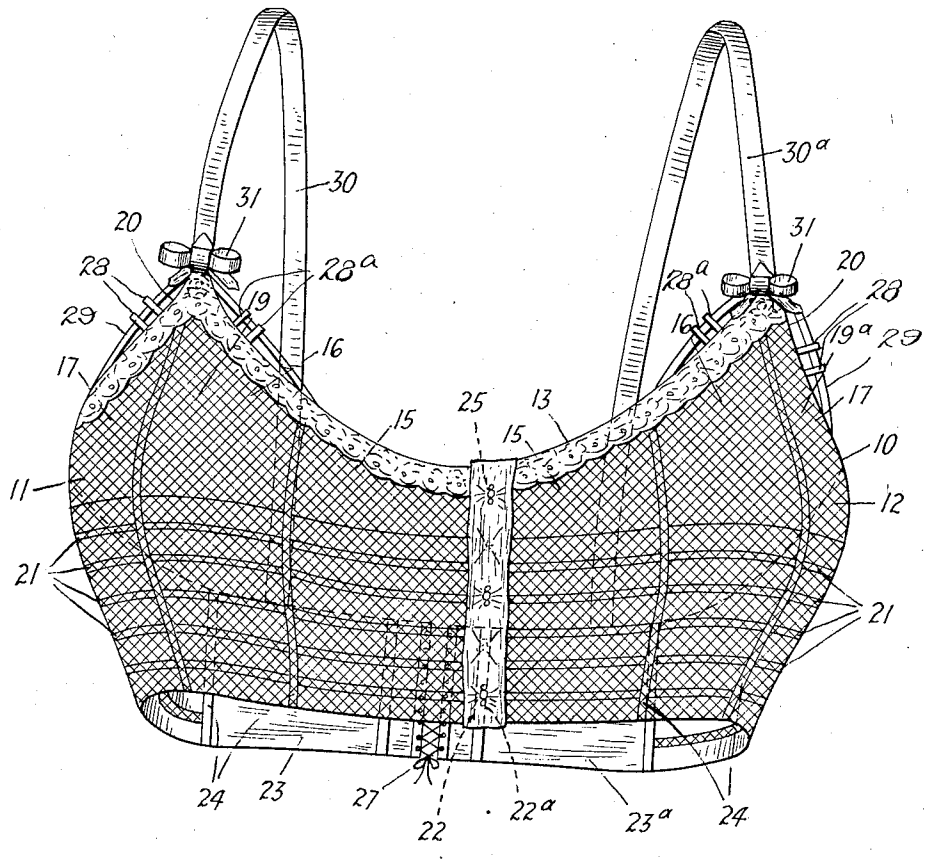
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Fig. 1



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Fig. 2

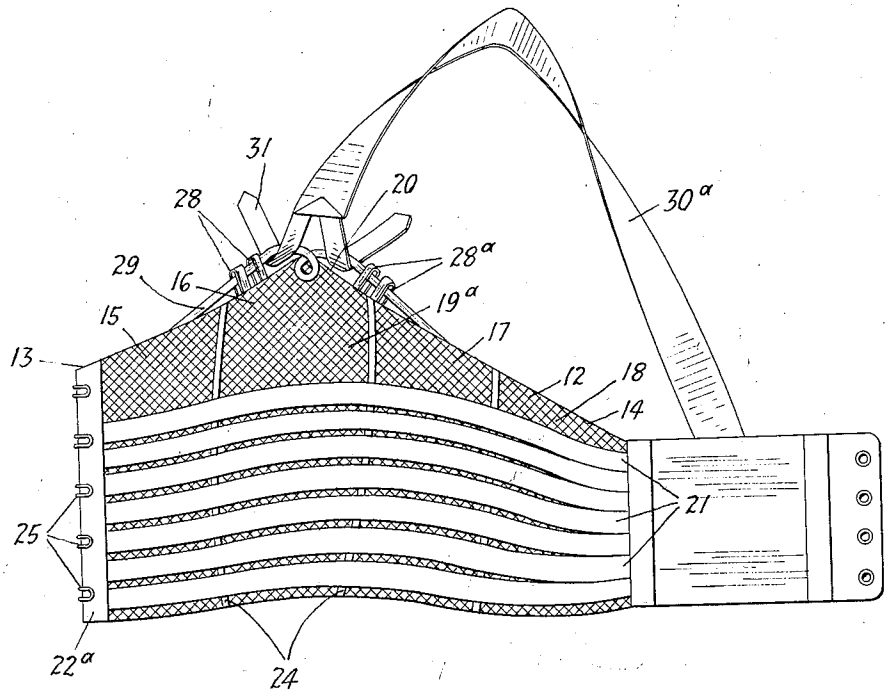
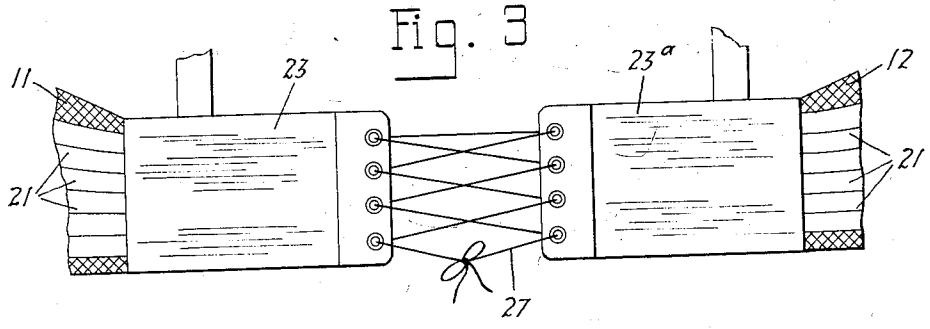


Fig. 3



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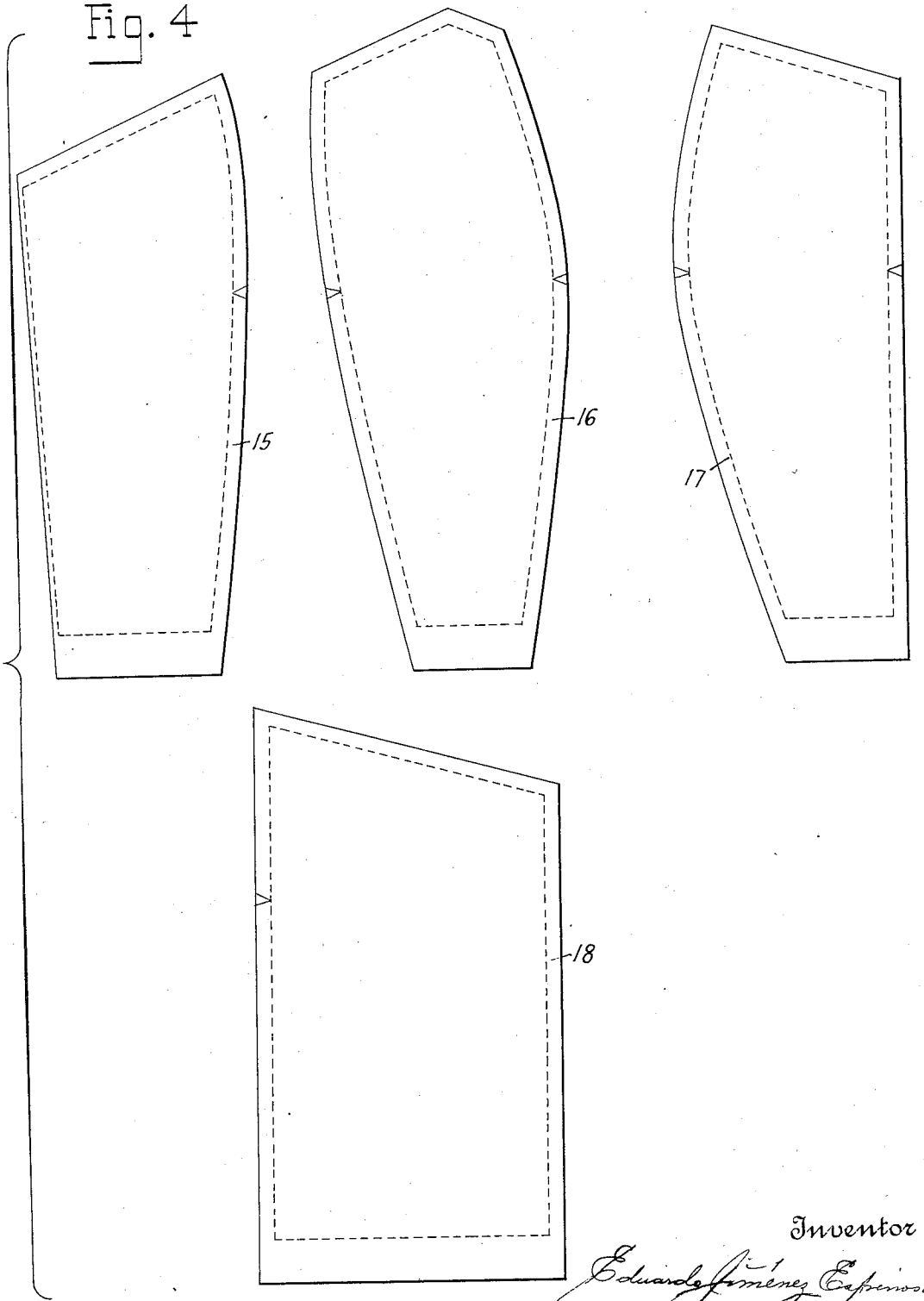
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This invention relates to a class of women's wearing apparel.

My invention has for its object primarily to provide a supporter or brassière designed to be worn by women for holding the breasts in comfortable and healthful positions as well as serving to retain their natural shapes by preventing the breasts from sagging which with some women cause a strain upon the respiratory organs and at times also causes deformities of these parts, the supporter being of an adjustable form so that the wearer may raise or lower the breasts at suitable positions, in order to avoid the danger of injury from wearing types of low cut corsets which are not provided with bust supporting parts. The invention consists essentially of a body of somewhat the shape of a band divided into two corresponding halves, each composed of attached flexible sections of shapes whereby an approximately cup-shaped concavity having a tapered free upper edge is formed in the central part of each section for receiving the breasts of the wearer. Extending lengthwise of each half of the body crosswise of the lower portion of its concavity are spaced parallel strips or flexible members for supporting the busts, and on the opposed ends of the halves of the body are provided means to allow the halves to be laced or otherwise fastened together so that the circumference of the body may be varied. A movable reducer is arranged on the upper edge of the concavity of each half of the body for serving to form the breasts of the wearer by contracting the circumferences of the concavities, and to the rear end parts of the halves of the body are held one of the ends of shoulder straps having their other ends detachably fastened to the reducers of the concavities at their apices so that with the movements of the wearer the concavities will yieldingly expand and contract according to the pressure on the breasts of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide a bust former and supporter of a simple, efficient and durable construction which may be made in various sizes of any appropriate material.

With these and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and will then be pointed out in the claims at the end of the description.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of one form of bust former and supporter embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of one of the halves of the garment.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view showing an elevation of the rear parts of the garment, and

Fig. 4 is an enlarged view showing plans of the sections of one of the halves of the body of the garment.

The bust former and supporter or brassière has a band like body 10 which is divided into two corresponding halves 11 and 12 which may be made of lace, silk, cotton cloth or other appropriate flexible material. Each of the halves 11 and 12 is preferably formed with a tapered front end 13 which terminates with a straight edge and with a tapered rear end 14 which may be of less width than the front end portion. Each of the halves may be composed of a suitable number of sections, as 15, 16, 17, 18, of shapes that when stitched together provide in the front portion of each half a concavity or pocket, as 19, 19^a, having an approximately cone-shaped upper free edge 20. The concavities 19 and 19^a are relatively arranged as well as being of sizes adapted to receive the breasts of a woman when the garment is worn, and extending from the front end to the rear end lengthwise of each half of the body crosswise of the concavities 19 and 19^a especially their lower portions are spaced parallel strips or members 21. These strips are of relative lengths so that they conform to the exterior curvature of the concavities for serving to effectually support especially the lower parts of the breasts of the wearer of the garment. On the opposed front ends 13 of the halves of the body may be binding strips 22 and 22^a, and extending

toward each other from the rear ends 14 of the halves are tabs, as 23 and 23ª, preferably of suitable web woven cloth, while crosswise of the stitched edges of the sections 15, 16, 17, 18 as well as across the strips or supporting members 21 may be reinforcing ribs, as 24, of cloth or narrow webbing. The front ends of the halves 11 and 12 of the band like body 10 may be detachably attached together by providing on the binding strips 22 and 22ª hooks and eyes or any other well known fastening devices, as 25, and in the ends of the tabs 23 and 23ª are eyes for passage of lacers, as 27, whereby the tabs may be adjustably laced together so that the circumference of the body may be reduced or enlarged, in order to permit the garment to comfortably fit the wearer.

Protruding from the diverging upper edge 20 of the concavity of each half of the body 10 of the garment in spaced proximity to the apex of the concavity are sets of spaced loops 28 and 28ª, and to the central parts of the diverging edges of the concavity of each half are held the ends of a movable reducer preferably in the form of a draw string, as 29, which passes through the sets of loops 28 and 28ª of the respective half so as to embrace the apex of the concavity. By then moving the parts of the reducers or draw strings 29 upwardly or downwardly the circumferences of the concavities will be contracted or enlarged accordingly so that these parts of the garment will snugly fit yieldingly the breasts of the wearer.

To the upper edges of the tabs 23 and 23ª of the halves of the body are held one of the ends of two shoulder straps 30 and 30ª both of which are of lengths so that their other ends terminate in proximity to the apices of the cone-shaped edges of the concavities 19 and 19ª of the halves. On the second ends of the straps 30 and 30ª are provided strings or ribbons 31, and these strings are releasably tied to the reducers or draw strings 29 at the apices of the concavities of the halves of the body. The straps 30 and 30ª are of lengths so that they may be disposed over the shoulders of the wearer of the garment, and when the garment is applied to a woman the front ends of the halves of the body may be attached together by releasably fastening the devices 25, after which the body is arranged on the wearer so that the breasts will be seated in the concavities 19 and 19ª. The body 10 is then contracted or expanded in circumference to comfortably fit the wearer by accordingly lacing the rear ends of the halves of the body, and the straps 30 and 30ª are arranged over the shoulders of the wearer. The strings 31 of the straps are subsequently tied to the draw strings 29, and with the movements of the wearer of the garment the breasts will be comfortably supported as well as their shapes being properly retained, in order to obviate tendency to become deformed and avoid tending to strain the respiratory organs of the wearer by sagging of the breasts. Moreover, the breasts will also be prevented from liability to injury by being held against undue pressure in event of the woman wearing low cut corsets which are not provided with bust supporting parts.

In the foregoing description, I have embodied the preferred form of my invention, but I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, therefore, I reserve to myself the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A bust former and supporter, comprising a band like body divided into two corresponding halves each having a substantially cup-shaped concavity intermediate its ends, spaced strips extending across the concaved portion of each half of the body crosswise of its concavity, fastening devices on the front opposed ends of the halves of the body for detachably connecting the halves, spaced loops extending from the central part of each side of the concavity of each half of the body, a draw string member movable on each half of the body and embracing the upper edge of the concavity of each half as well as being movably disposed through the loops of the half, and an arm strap having one of its ends held to the rear part of each half of the body and having its other end detachably fastened to the draw string at the central part of the concavity of each half of the body.

2. A bust former and supporter, comprising a band like body divided into two corresponding detachably connected halves, each having in its front portion a substantially cup-shaped concavity with an approximately cone-shaped upper edge, a draw string member movable on the cone-shaped edge of the concavity of each half of the body, and an arm strap having one of its ends held to the rear part of each half of the body and having its other end detachably fastened to the draw string at the central part of the concavity of each half of the body.

3. A bust former and supporter, comprising a band like body divided into two corresponding detachably connected halves, each having in its front portion a substantially cup-shaped concavity with an ap-

proximately cone-shaped upper edge, spaced strips extending across the front portion and across the concavity of each half of the body, a draw string member movable on the cone-shaped edge of the concavity of each half of the body, and an arm strap having one of its ends held to the rear part of each half of the body and having its other end detachably fastened to the drawstring at the central part of the concavity of each half of the body.

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