

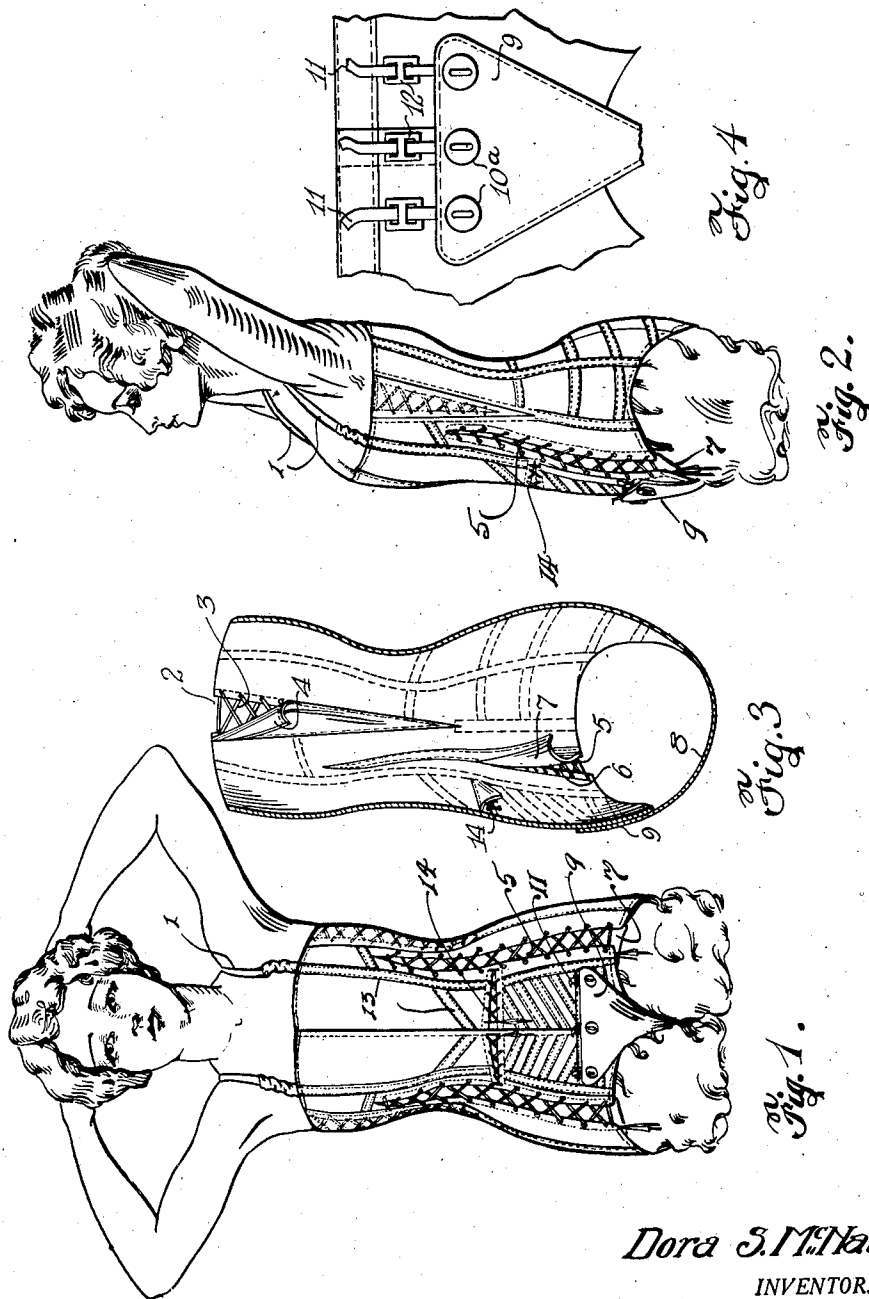
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UNDERGARMENT

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UNDERGARMENT.

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This invention relates to undergarments and relates more particularly to a garment for women, to be worn on the upper part of the body.

5 An object of the invention is to provide an undergarment to closely fit the body and constitute a supporting and strengthening means and which garment is constructed and arranged in such a manner that the waist
10 line, curves over the hips and other parts of the female form may be accentuated and made to present a neat, dressy and harmonious appearance. Also to cover the defects and faulty lines where present.

15 Another particular advantage of the garment is that it provides for adjustment of the body parts and is capable of sufficient latitude in this direction to enable the garment to be worn effectively for all styles of
20 figures of the female form.

A still further and very important object and feature of the undergarment is its adaptability as a maternity garment and its great advantage as a supporting and
25 strengthening means to women previous to childbirth.

In addition to the above features, the invention provides for an undergarment which, while well made and durable, is economical,
30 and may be manufactured at a nominal cost.

Reference is made to the drawings annexed hereto and made a part hereof for a more complete description of the undergarment, and wherein;

35 Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the invention in position on a wearer,

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of Fig. 1,

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the invention removed from the wearer, and

40 Fig. 4 is a detail view of the sanitary flap.

The invention embodies a combined corset and brassière which has a body formed to fit over the hips, breast and waist and is supported by means of the usual straps 1
45 that engage over the shoulders of the wearer. A pair of V-shaped adjusting slits 2 extend downwardly from the top of the body and terminate substantially at the waistline in direct alinement with the arm pits and at
50 points considerably above the bottom of the body. The slits are provided with the usual covers 4 and are adjusted by means of the usual lacing 3 thereby to adjust the fit of the garment about the breast.

For the purpose of adjusting the hip portions of the body, a pair of inverted V-shaped slits 5 are employed disposed in front of and between the slits 2 and which extend upwardly from the bottom of the body and terminate at points above the waistline and in lapping spaced relation to the slits 2. Laces 6 and the usual lace-protecting flaps 7 are employed to adjust the slits 5.

Adjustment of the abdominal region of the garment is effected by means of a horizontal slit 14 which is provided with lacing and which is disposed between the slits 5, terminating in spaced relation to the latter.

It is to be particularly noted that by terminating the ends of the horizontal slit 14 short of the vertically extending slits 5, a reinforcement is provided which materially strengthens the body of the garment adjacent the waistline, exclusive of the lacings.

A sanitary strap 8 is secured to the body at the back of the latter and has a triangular tongue 9 provided with buttonholes to receive buttons 10^a. The buttons are carried by elastic straps 11 which latter are adjustably secured to buckles 12 carried by
80 the garment body.

Reinforcing ribs or stays 13 may be employed if desired.

I claim:

In a combined corset and brassière, a body having V-shaped adjusting slits extending downwardly from the top of the body and terminating substantially at the waistline in direct alinement with the arm-pits and at points above the bottom of the body, means for adjusting the hip portions of the body consisting of V-shaped adjusting slits disposed in front of and between the first named slits and extending upwardly from the bottom of the body and terminating at a point above the waistline and in lapping spaced relation to the first mentioned slits, means for adjusting the abdominal portion of the body consisting of a horizontally disposed slit having its ends terminating spaced from and intermediate the ends of the second mentioned slits and means whereby to retain the corset and brassière in adjusted positions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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