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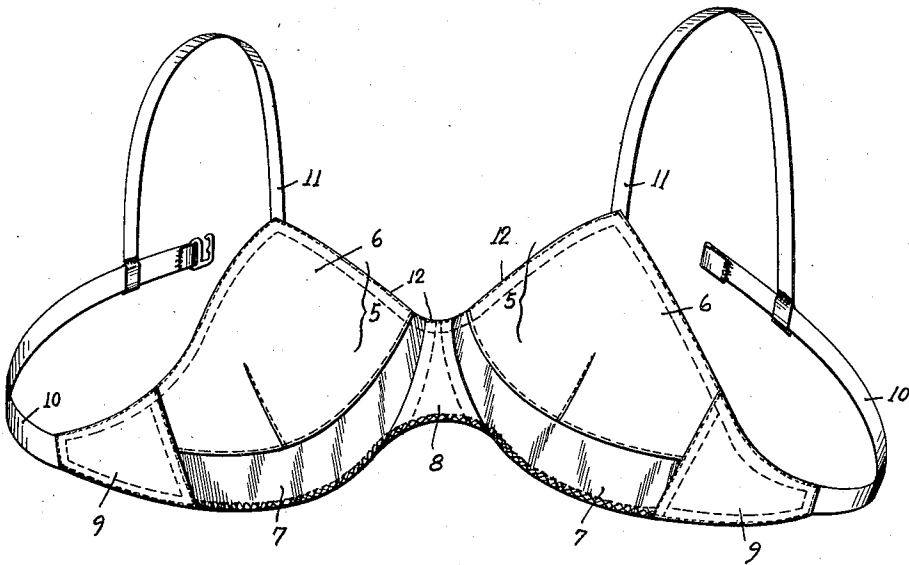
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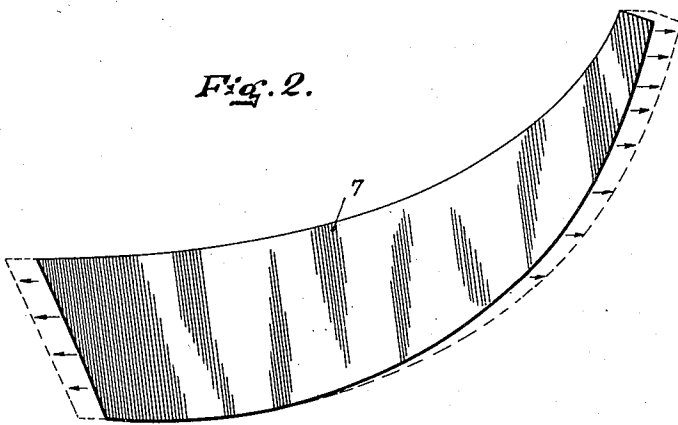
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## BRASSIÈRE

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This invention relates to brassières.

The general object of the invention is to provide a brassière affording improved breast support, which is comparatively simple and adapted to be economically produced.

It the past, a great variety of brassières has been offered to the public. Many of these were designed to flatten the wearers' breasts to produce the boyish figure effect so coveted for many years. Of recent years, however, the tendency has been to depart from the straight lines of the boyish figure and to emphasize the soft curves which characterize the female form. Accordingly, numerous brassières have been developed with a view to moulding the figure as naturally and with as little restraint as possible, while creating youthful lines. Many of these brassières have provided the uplift necessary to prevent sagging of the breasts but have proven unsatisfactory in other ways. Some have been expensive and difficult to manufacture by reason of complicated construction. Some have been inconvenient to use because of the necessity for manual adjustment and because of the difficulties attendant upon putting on garments having a multiplicity of parts. Others have firmly sustained the breasts, but have bound or otherwise caused discomfort.

It is well known that different women who take the same standard brassière size have different body developments, so that their diaphragm measurements, etc., are not the same. In brassières heretofore available, attempts have been made to provide constructions automatically compensating for these differences in body formation, but these constructions have not proven to be acceptable.

Also attempts have been made to provide brassières compensating for differences in the size and position of individual breasts but, prior to applicant's invention, no simple, inexpensive and effective brassière capable of accomplishing these results has been produced.

Applicant's brassière was conceived to overcome these and other shortcomings of brassières heretofore known, and to provide an improved construction affording comfortable yet highly effective breast support.

In applicant's brassière, each breast supporting pocket comprises two parts. The upper portion of each pocket is made of cloth, net or any other desired soft and flexible material. The lower portion of each pocket is made of elastic material, cut to conform to the contour of the breast it is to support. Thus, while the upper portion

of each breast is fully covered by the brassière, and the breasts are supported to some extent by the upper portion of each breast pocket, the main breast support comes from the lower elastic portions of the breast pockets. These elastic portions of the pockets firmly confine the lower portions of the breasts and urge the breasts upwardly, so that a youthful contour is assured. Since the lower portions of the breast pockets are elastic, there is no binding and no uncomfortable restraint.

The elastic material is preferably of the type which stretches in a lateral direction only. This overcomes the tendency of the breasts to sag, and yet insures against discomfort resulting from non-elastic restraint.

The elastic portions of the breast pockets are joined by a non-elastic center piece. The upper and the lower portions of each breast pocket are joined to a non-elastic end piece. Thus, between a firm center piece and a firm end piece which act as stays, each pocket is freely expandible in a lateral direction. Each breast pocket therefore may readily accommodate itself to variations in breast and body sizes. Thus, applicant's brassière, in addition to fitting equally well persons of different builds, provides effective support of individual breasts in the particular manner required by each breast.

The end pieces are connected by a back band which is preferably elastic, and the brassière is provided with suitable shoulder straps of any desired construction.

Other objects, features and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description to be read in connection with the accompanying drawing in which:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a preferred form of applicant's brassière, and

Fig. 2 is a detailed view of one of the elastic inserts of Fig. 1, illustrating the lateral expandibility of the inserts.

Referring now to the drawing, the brassière comprises a pair of breast supporting pockets generally designated 5. The upper portion 6 of each pocket 5 is composed of cloth, net, lace or the like, suitably shaped. The lower portion 7 of each pocket 5 is composed of elastic material. Preferably the elastic material of portion 7 is heavier or firmer than the material comprising portion 6. In the preferred form of the invention, the elastic material is adapted to stretch laterally only, as indicated by the arrows in Fig. 2. The elastic portions are preferably tapered, narrowing toward the center of the garment. Pref-

erably, the elastic portions extend to the non-elastic binding 12 along the edge of the garment. It is to be understood, of course, that the elastic inserts 7 may terminate otherwise than as shown; that is they may extend only partly around the under portions of the breasts instead of completely therearound.

A center piece 8, preferably of non-elastic material, joins the pockets 5. This center piece tapers from bottom to top, and has curved sides to conform to the shape of the elastic portions 7. In effect, the center piece provides a firm center stay, on each side of which lateral stretch to different degrees may take place. It will be understood that if the elastic breast pocket portions or inserts 7 extend only partly around the lower portions of the breast, the center piece 8 might connect with both the non-elastic portion 6 and the elastic portion 7 of each breast pocket.

In a preferred construction, the upper non-elastic portion 6 and the lower elastic portion 7 of each pocket 5 are secured to an end piece 9. The end pieces are made of non-elastic material and are connected by the back band 10, preferably of elastic material. Shoulder straps 11 extend from the top of each pocket 5 and join the band 10 at the rear of the garment.

Applicant's brassière is elastic and stretchable through almost its entire length. Each breast pocket is expandible laterally between a firm non-elastic end piece and a firm non-elastic center piece. The brassière as a whole automatically adjusts itself to conform to the builds or body formations of different wearers; and each breast pocket automatically adjusts itself effectively to uplift and firmly to sustain the individual breast it is called upon to support, in exactly the manner required. Regardless of expansion in a lateral direction, the breast pockets are not adapted to stretch vertically, so that sagging of the breasts is effectively prevented. The garment, while fitting snugly, does not bind, but gives freely with movements of the body. It is highly effective, exceedingly simple, and entirely comfortable.

Although applicant's improved construction has been described with particular reference to a brassière, it is to be understood that this construction may be incorporated in brassière and bandeaux combinations, or in any garments having a brassière attachment.

Since many modifications of the invention may be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that the above description and the accompanying drawing shall be regarded as illustrative only, applicant limiting himself only as indicated in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-sustaining pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said sections of each pocket being securely attached together substantially throughout a line of jointure therebetween extending across each pocket to provide a continuous dished surface at the inside of the pocket, said second section of each pocket being generally in the shape of a crescent, and extending generally downwardly and outwardly from the central portion of the brassière, so that each second section extends proximate the inside of a breast received within a pocket and around a lower portion thereof in supporting relationship therewith, said

second sections being formed of material characterized by relatively high elasticity adapted to stretch laterally around the body of the wearer, whereby said second sections serve to support the breast in relatively firm manner and yieldably to mold the breasts in such manner that desired uplift and separation of the breasts is effected, said breast pockets being secured together by an insert connecting said second elastic sections of said pockets.

2. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-supporting pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said sections being securely attached together to provide a continuous dished pocket, said second section of each pocket being generally in the shape of a crescent and extending downwardly and outwardly from the upper center portion of the brassière throughout the width of each pocket, said second sections being formed of material adapted to stretch in a lateral or circumferential direction only around the body of the wearer, said breast pockets being secured together by an insert connecting said second elastic sections of said pockets.

3. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-supporting pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said sections being securely attached together to provide a continuous dished pocket, said second section of each pocket being generally in the form of a crescent and extending downwardly and outwardly from the upper center portion of the brassière throughout the width of each pocket, said second sections being formed of material adapted to stretch in a lateral or circumferential direction only around the body of the wearer, said breast pockets being secured together by an insert connecting said second elastic sections of said pockets, said insert being generally triangular in shape and being formed of relatively non-elastic material.

4. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-supporting pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said sections being securely attached together to provide a continuous dished pocket, said second section of each pocket being generally in the shape of a crescent and extending downwardly and outwardly from the upper center portion of the brassière throughout the width of each pocket, said second sections being formed of relatively elastic material, said breast pockets being secured together by an insert connecting said second elastic sections of said pockets.

5. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-supporting pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said first and second sections being securely attached together to provide a continuous dished pocket, said second section of each pocket being generally elongated in configuration and extending downwardly and outwardly from the center portion of the brassière substantially throughout the width of the pocket, so that each second section extends proximate the inside of a breast received within a pocket and around a lower portion thereof in supporting relationship therewith, said second sections being formed of material adapted to stretch in a lateral or circumferential direction only around the body of

the wearer, said second sections being secured together by an insert connected therebetween.

5 6. A brassière including a pair of dished or cup-shaped breast-receiving and breast-supporting pockets, each of said pockets being formed of a first or upper section and a second or lower section, said sections of each pocket being securely attached together substantially throughout a line of jointure therebetween extending  
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