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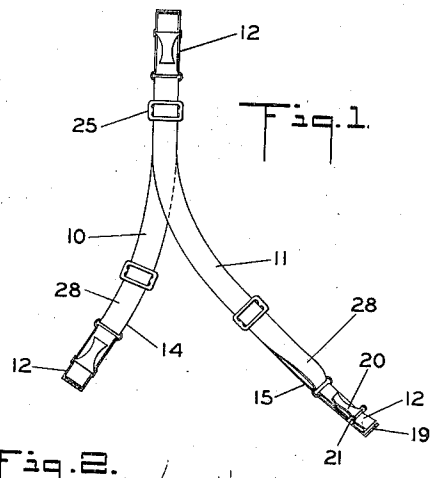


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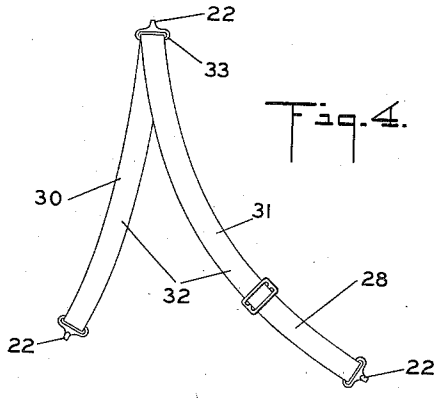
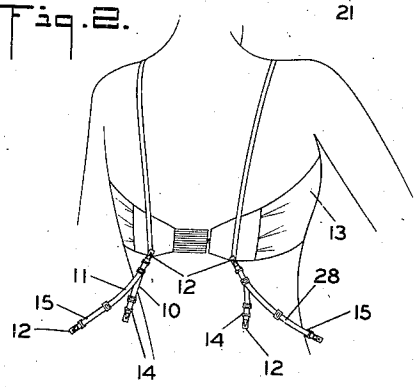


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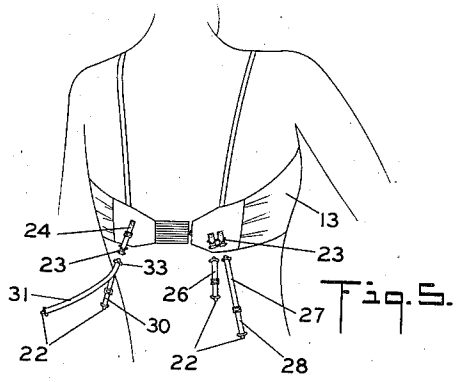


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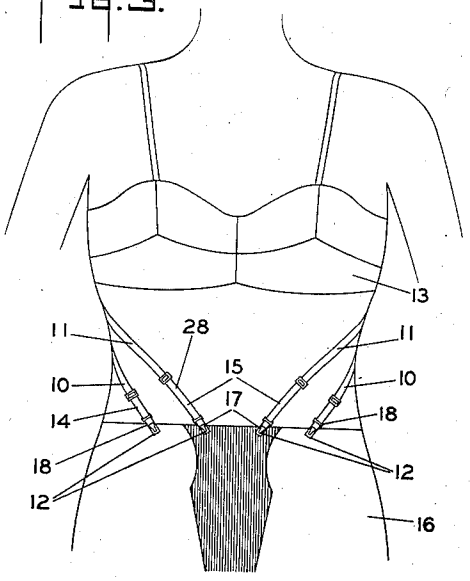
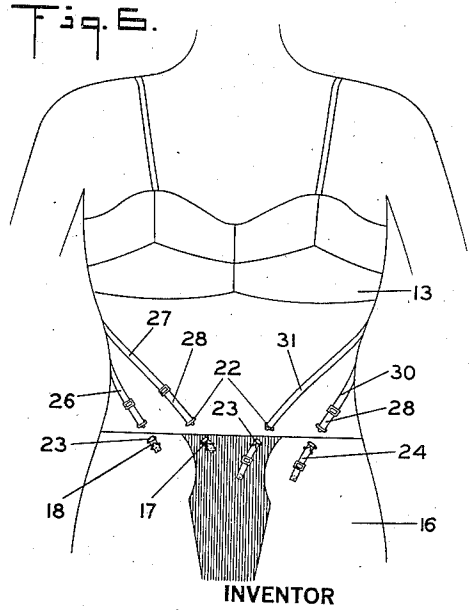


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An object of the invention is to detachably connect foundation garments, such as a brassière and a girdle, to keep them in the desired relation to each other when on the wearer.

Other objects will appear from the specification and claims.

When separate brassières and girdles are worn, they commonly fail to give the desired support and control to the figure. There is a tendency for the girdle to roll at the waist line, giving a bulky wrinkled appearance. Also, the top edge of the girdle has a tendency to be pulled down in front, allowing the diaphragm to bulge. When the top of the girdle thus dips down in front it usually rises in the back, with a resulting loss of control over the hips. Brassières tend to sag in front and to fail to give the desired support to the breast.

The present invention holds both the brassière and girdle up in front, and holds both garments down in back. This is accomplished by attaching the novel article of clothing to the rear of the brassière, and to one or more points at the front of the girdle. The article is easy to attach and adjust, comfortable to wear and economical to manufacture.

In the accompanying drawing,

Figure 1 is an elevation of the device, or article of clothing;

Figure 2 shows in perspective a pair of the devices attached to a brassière at the rear thereof;

Figure 3 is a partial front elevation of a figure wearing a pair of the devices attached to the brassière as shown in Figure 2, and also attached to a girdle.

Figures 4, 5 and 6 are similar respectively to Figures 1, 2 and 3, but show modifications.

The device comprises legs 10 and 11 of unequal length which are attached by any suitable attaching means 12 to the rear of a brassière 13 at or near the lower edge thereof as shown in Fig. 2. The free ends 14 and 15 of the legs 10 and 11 are carried around to the front of the wearer and attached, in spaced relation, to the front of the girdle 16 at or near the top thereof by any suitable means 12. The longer leg 11 is attached at a point 17 near the center front of the girdle, and the shorter leg 10 is attached at another point 18 on the front of the girdle, spaced further from the center.

The details of the attaching means 12, do not constitute part of this invention. These may be any suitable means of known kind. As illustrated in Fig. 1, they comprise the well-known toothed clip 19 which may be locked and unlocked by operating the off-center L-bar 20 pivoted thereto at 21.

In Figs. 4 to 6 the attaching means shown comprise hooks 22 on the ends of legs, and cooperating eyes 23 on the rear of the brassière and front of the girdle.

If desired, eyes 23 may be secured rigidly to the brassière 13 and girdle 16, or they may be secured thereto by adjustable straps 24, as shown at one side of Figs. 5 and 6. The straps 24 may be elastic, if desired.

Other means of attachment between the novel device and the brassière, on the one hand, and girdle, on the other, will occur to those skilled in the art. The device may be made adjustable in length in known manner, as by providing an adjustable loop 28 at one or more of the free ends 14 and 15.

Legs 10, 11 may be of any suitable material. Elastic tape is possibly to be preferred, but its use is optional. Various modifications of legs 10, 11 may also be employed. The two legs may be continuous or they may be secured together by any suitable known means. For example, the embodiment of the device illustrated in Figs. 1–3 shows the two legs 10, 11 secured together near the top by any suitable means such as a clamp or clip 25. In Fig. 5 the legs of the device are shown entirely separated from each other, at 26 and 27, and may be individually attached to the brassière at the back. As shown in Figs. 4–6, the two legs 30, 31 may comprise a continuous strip 32 suspended slidably in a ring 33. When this construction is used an adjustable loop 28 is needed on only one end of the strip 32. The relative length of the short leg 30 and the long leg 31 is maintained by the spacing of the points of attachment 17 and 18 of the legs to the front of the girdle.

Other means of embodying the invention will occur to those skilled in the art.

The device may readily be adjusted to fit the individual figure, and to cooperate with brassières and girdles of various designs to keep these foundation garments in the desired relation to each other to mold and give support to the form. By girdle is meant any type of foundation garment, or figure molding garment for the lower part of the torso, such as a girdle, corset, or the like.

The present invention gives a simple versatile device which is easy to attach to and detach from separate brassières and girdles of varying designs. It is attached to the girdle at the front thereof and to the rear of the brassière.

If the shoulder straps of the brassière extend to the bottom edge thereof, the device should preferably be attached at the end of the strap, as shown in Fig. 3, so that there will be continuity between the shoulder strap and the pull of the device. If the strap does not extend to the bottom of the rear edge of the brassière, the device may be attached to the rear of the brassière at or near the bottom edge thereof, wherever a firm attachment is provided.

The invention prevents the girdle from rolling down in front and aids in keeping the girdle down in the back. Thus it lengthens the waist line, flattens the diaphragm, and controls the hips. At the same time it holds the brassière down in back and aids in holding an uplift brassière up in the front, giving support to the breast. It gives the comfort of an all-in-one foundation garment with the freedom of a girdle.

The descriptions and illustrations given herein are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of my invention.

I claim:—

1. In a combined foundation garment for women's wear, a brassière and a girdle in combination with a pair of detachable complementary right and left devices for connecting the brassière and girdle, for holding both garments up in front and down in the back, each device comprising a pair of legs of different lengths joined together at one end and free of each other at their remaining ends, the joined ends of each device being provided with means for attaching said device to a brassière at the rear thereof, the longer leg of each device being adapted to extend from the brassière attachment around the corresponding side of the body and having at its free end means for attaching said longer leg to the top of the front of a girdle at a point near the center thereof, the shorter legs being adapted to extend from the brassière attachment around the same respective sides of the body but provided with means for attaching said shorter legs to the top of the front of the girdle at points nearer the respective sides than those of said longer legs, whereby the front of the girdle may have four points of support spaced along a substantially horizontal line.

2. In a combined foundation garment for women's wear, a brassière and a girdle in combination with a pair of removable complementary right and left connecting devices each comprising a pair of legs of unequal lengths and means at the upper ends of said legs of each pair attaching said pair at the rear of the brassière, both legs of each pair extending from the brassière attachment around the corresponding side of the body, and means on the lower ends of said legs attaching said legs to the top of the front of the girdle with the longer leg nearer the center and the shorter leg nearer the side whereby the lower front edge of the brassière is left free, while the lower rear edge of the brassière is subjected to downward pull of said legs, thus resulting in an up-lift effect upon the breast and whereby there is an upward pull upon the front of the girdle, the upper rear edge of the girdle being left free, thus resulting in control of the abdomen and diaphragm and hips.

3. In a combined foundation garment for women's wear, a brassière and a girdle in combination with a pair of complementary right and left connecting devices each comprising a pair of legs of unequal lengths and means at the upper ends of said legs of each pair attaching said pair at the rear of the brassière, both legs of each pair extending from the brassière attachment around the corresponding side of the body, and means on the lower ends of said longer legs attaching said longer legs to the top of the front of the girdle near the center line thereof, and means on the lower ends of said short legs attaching them to the top of the front of the girdle, but further from the center line thereof, whereby the lower front edge of the brassière is left free, while the lower rear edge of the brassière is subjected to downward pull of said legs, thus resulting in an uplift effect upon the breast, and whereby there is an upward pull upon the front of the girdle, thus resulting in control of the abdomen and diaphragm.

4. In combination with a brassière and a girdle, a pair of complementary right and left devices for connecting the brassière and girdle, each device comprising a longer leg and a shorter leg and provided with means for attaching the upper portions of said legs to said brassière at the back thereof, the longer leg of each device extending from the brassière downwardly and forwardly around the corresponding side of the torso, the shorter leg extending in the same general direction but at a lesser inclination from the vertical, means for respectively attaching the lower portions of said longer legs to the upper front portion of said girdle near the center thereof and the lower portions of said shorter legs thereto nearer the respective sides thereof, to support the same at four horizontally spaced points substantially at the waist line.

5. In combination with a brassière and a girdle, means connecting the back of the brassière to four spaced points at the front of the girdle, said means comprising a pair of complementary right and left devices each comprising a longer leg and a shorter leg both extending from the back of the brassière downwardly and forwardly in diverging relation around the corresponding side of the torso to the front of the girdle.

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