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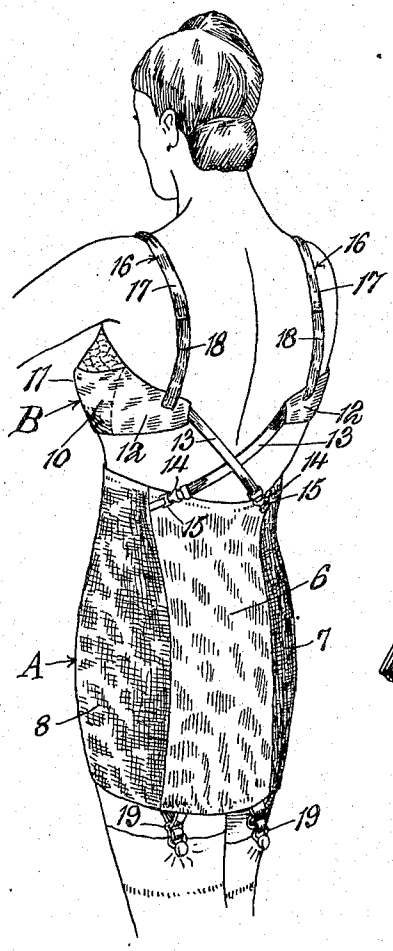


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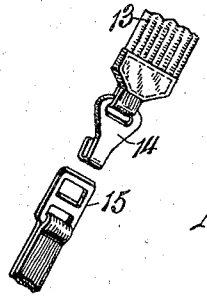
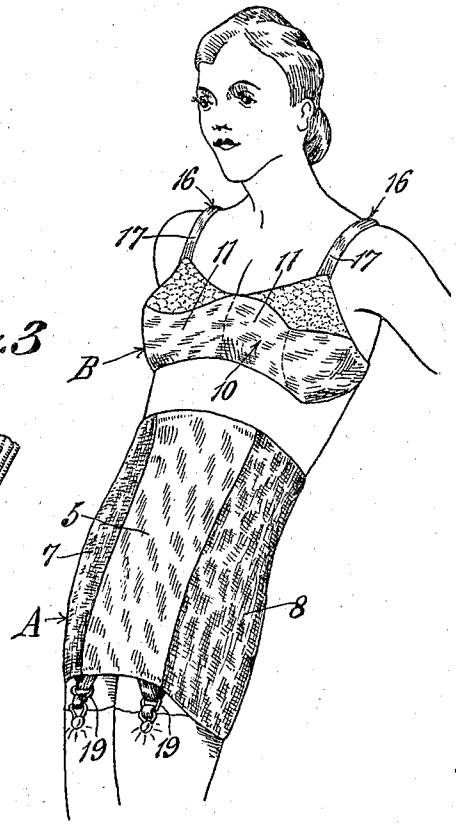


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in bust supporters.

Among the several objects of the invention are to provide a device of the character described which will elevate the busts and retain the same in projected positions; to provide such a device which will be comfortable to the wearer and permit perfect freedom of movement of the body; to provide such a device which can be worn under an evening dress, and to provide such a device which is simple in construction and cheap to manufacture.

With these and other objects in view which will more fully appear, the nature of the invention will be more clearly understood by following the description, the appended claim, and the several views illustrated in the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention in position on a person,

Figure 2 is a front elevation thereof, and

Figure 3 is a detail plan view of one of the detachable connections.

Like reference numerals designate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawing.

As shown in the drawing, the invention includes a hip-encircling garment or girdle A, and a brassière B.

The girdle A includes relatively narrow and wide front and rear sections 5, 6 and relatively narrow intermediate or side sections 7, 8. The intermediate sections are vertically and horizontally elastic, whereas the front and rear sections are elastic in a vertical direction only.

The brassière B includes a body portion 10 having bust-receiving pockets 11, 11 and rearwardly and downwardly extending ends sections 12, 12, to which are connected longitudinally elastic ends straps 13, 13. These straps 13 extend downwardly and are freely crossed at the back of the wearer. The free ends of the straps 13 are provided with hooks 14, 14 which are detachably connected to eyes 15, 15 attached to the upper portion of the rear section 6 of the girdle A at points located on opposite sides of the vertical center line of the garment. Preferably the eyes 15 are attached to the upper corners of the section 6 and consequently they are widely spaced and are held in the same spaced relation by reason of the section 6 being non-elastic in a horizontal direction. It will be observed that the end sections 11, 11 together with the end straps 13, 13 extend downwardly and rearwardly along crossed diagonal paths. Shoulder straps 16, 16 are provided for supporting the brassière B, and each strap includes an inelastic front section 17 and a connected elastic rear section 18, the front ends of the front sections 17 being stitched to the upper edge of the body portion 10 of the brassière at points centrally of the pockets 11, and the rear ends of the rear sections 18 being stitched to the rear ends of the end sections 12 of said body portions at points adjacent the elastic end straps 13.

The girdle A is provided at its lower edge with front and rear stocking-supporting fasteners 19 which also serve to retain the girdle A against upward movement.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that by reason of the end straps 13 of the brassière being crossed at the back and their ends attached to the upper portion of the back of the girdle, the shoulder straps 16 will be retained against slipping off the shoulders and the longitudinal pull on the end straps 13 will in turn effect a longitudinal pull on the shoulder straps and thereby uplift the busts and retain them in such position; that by reason of the shoulder straps 16 and the end straps 13 being connected to the girdle, the wearer will not be subject to any discomfort when bending over or sideways, or when walking or sitting, and that the garment is simple in construction.

It is of course to be understood that the details of structure and arrangement of parts may be variously changed and modified without departing from the spirit and scope of our invention.

We claim:—

The combination of a brassière having bust-supporting pockets, shoulder straps, and end straps extending downwardly and rearwardly from the ends of the bust pockets; and a hip-encircling garment separate from the brassière, the brassière pockets being spaced above said garment and unconnected thereto at the front, the end straps being crossed at the back and being free from connection to each other to permit independent movement thereof, each end strap extending diagonally in substantially a straight line across the wearer's back, the lower ends of the end straps being connected to the upper part of the rear portion of the hip-encircling garment at spaced points located on opposite sides of the vertical center line of said garment and serving to elevate the bust-supporting pockets of the brassière.

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