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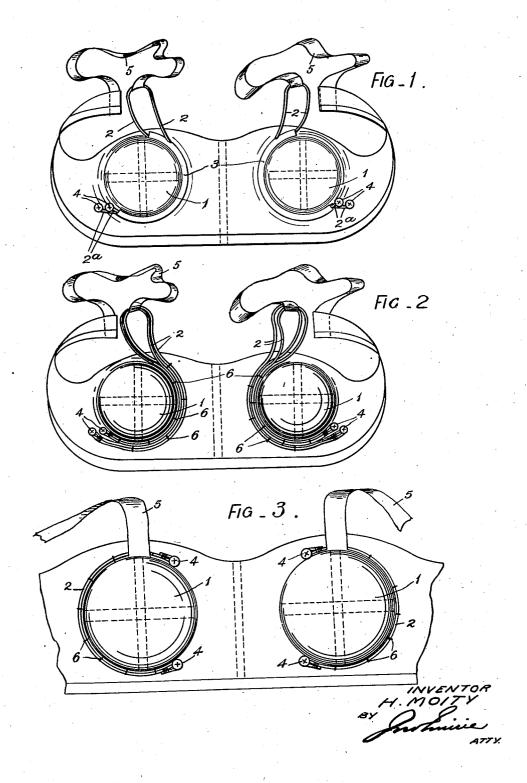
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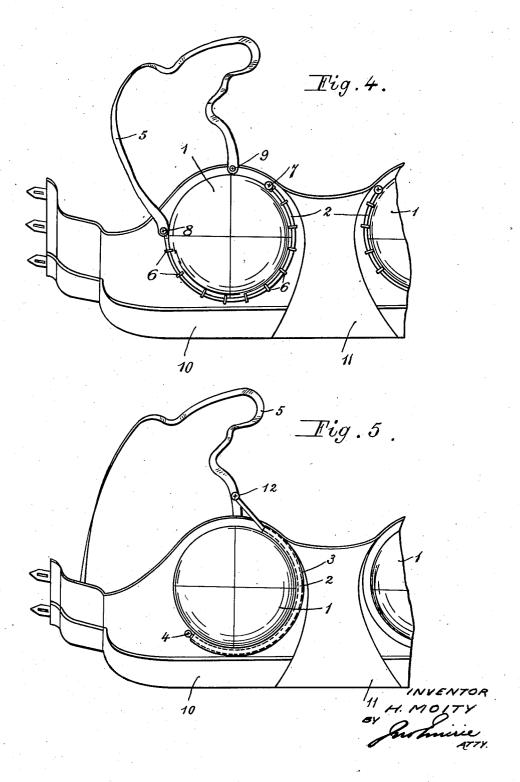
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The present invention has for its object a breast-supporter which is intended to assure the spreading of the breasts apart, or on the contrary, in certain cases, to bring them together, while maintaining them in the lifted position in a most effective manner.

For this purpose, the said breast supporter is essentially characterized by the fact that each shoulder-s'rap is attached to a cord which is slidable in a guide formed on the edge of the corresponding pocket, which cord surrounds the said pocket on one of its sides and at its lower periphery, and is attached, at least at one of its ends, to the main-piece of fabric of the breast-sup-15 porter.

The traction exercised on the one hand and the other upon the said cords causes the latter to slide in their guides, and owing to the lateral disposition of the said cords, to exercise upon the breasts a lateral constriction by which they are brought towards the sides, and according as the said cords are situated on the inner or the outer side of the supporting pockets, the breasts will be spread apart or brought together.

On the other hand, the breasts are supported by the shoulder-straps themselves, for which the cords serve, so to speak, as the extensions, and thus they are better supported than in the known breast-supporters.

The accompanying drawings show by way of example various embodiments of the invention:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a breast-supporter in conformity with the invention.

Fig. 2 is an analogous view of a modification.

Figs. 3 to 5 are partial views of other modifications.

In the device shown in Fig. 1, on the inner side of each breast-supporting pocket 1, is mounted a cord 2, preferably elastic, which is bent upon itself and is slipped under a guiding piece 3 consisting of an inserted piece of lace, or the like, which is sewn on the edge of the pocket. At the two ends 2a of the said cord are formed loops which are adapted to fit upon buttons 4 which are secured below the lower edge of the pocket 1, at a point situated beyond the vertical axis of symmetry of the said pocket. The upper part of each cord 2 forms a loop to which is attached the corresponding shoulder-strap 5 of the breast-supporter.

As above stated, the traction exercised on each side upon the cords 2 by the shoulder straps 5 causes the said cords to slide in their guides, thus causing a lateral constriction by which the breasts will be displaced to the sides.

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In the modification shown in Fig. 2, the cords

2 are double, and are bent upon themselves as in the preceding case, so that each pocket is surrounded by four cords. Herein, the cords are guided in loops 6 which are spaced at intervals on the edge of the pockets 1, and their ends are secured in pairs to buttons 4.

In the modification shown in Fig. 3, the cords 2 are mounted on the outer side of the pockets, in such way as to make practically half-a-turn around the pockets, without leaving the main 10 piece of fabric of the breast-supporter, and the shoulder-straps 5 are attached to their upper part. In this arrangement, the cords tend to bring the breasts together.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4, each breastsupporting pocket is surrounded on its lower and
inner side by a flat cord 2, which is optionally
elastic. The said cord is guided in loops 6 which
are spaced at intervals on the edge of the pocket
1, and the cord is secured at its inner end, by 20
means of a loop with which it is provided, to a
button 7 attached to the breast-supporter. Its
other end is attached, by a button 8 or by any
other suitable attaching means, to the end of
the corresponding shoulder strap. This latter, 25
after it has been brought under the arm, and
has been brought up the back and over the shoulders, is attached to a button 9 provided at the top
and upon the front part of the breast-supporter.

In order to provide for the play which is neces-30 sary in order to bring the breasts together and to raise them, the breast-supporter is preferably provided with a piece of elastic fabric 10 forming a border along the lower part, accompanied by a gusset 11 situated between the breasts. The said 35 fabric may be employed in a single piece or in several pieces suitably assembled together. The border piece 10 may be eliminated at will, leaving only the elastic gusset 11:

In the modification shown in Fig. 5, each pocket 40 1 of the breast-supporter, as in the preceding cases, is surrounded on its lower and its inner side by a flat cord 2 which is optionally elastic, but this latter is guided in a sheath 3 which is formed on the edge of the pocket. The cord is attached 45 at its lower end to a button 4 secured below the pocket 1, and its upper end is secured to a button 12 provided upon the corresponding shoulder strap 5 which is attached at both ends to the main body of the breast-supporter, by sewing or other-50 wise.

It should be noted that in most cases, without departing from the spirit of the invention, the slidable elements surrounding the breasts need not consist of separately secured cords, but may 55

consist of an extended part of the shoulder straps themselves, which latter will thus be given the proper length.

I claim:

1. A breast-supporter comprising a main piece of fabric, two pockets adapted to contain the breasts, guides mounted on the edges of the said pockets along one side of the latter and on their lower periphery, two cords contained in the said 10 guides in such manner as to slide therein, said cords being attached to the main piece of fabric, and two shoulder straps attached to the said piece of fabric, each of the said shoulder-straps being attached to the corresponding sliding cord.

2. A breast-supporter comprising a main piece of fabric, two pockets adapted to contain the breasts, guides mounted on the edges of the said pockets along one side of the latter and on their lower periphery, two elastic cords contained in the said guides in such manner as to slide therein, said cords being attached to the said piece of fabric, and two shoulder-straps attached to the said piece of fabric, each of the said shoulderstraps being attached to the corresponding slid-

ing cord. 25

3. A breast-supporter comprising a main piece of fabric, two pockets adapted to contain the breasts, guides mounted on the edges of the said pockets along one side of the latter and on their 30 lower periphery, two cords contained in the said guides in such manner as to slide therein, means

for removably attaching the said cords to the piece of fabric, and two shoulder-straps attached to the said piece of fabric, each of the said shoulder-straps being attached to the corresponding sliding cord.

4. A breast-supporter comprising a main piece of fabric, two pockets adapted to contain the breasts, guides mounted on the edges of the said pockets along one side of the latter and on their lower periphery, two cords contained in the said 10 guides in such manner as to slide therein, and two shoulder-straps forming extensions of the said slidable cords, said shoulder straps being attached to the piece of fabric at their ends opposite the said cords.

5. A brassiére comprising a pair of bust pockets, an elastic draw string associated with and incorporated in the lower part of each bust pocket and a shoulder strap connected to and capable of coacting with each of said draw strings to adjust 20

the bust pocket to any desired position.

6. In a brassière having a waist band, a pair of bust pockets located in the front and having a curved bottom, and shoulder straps extending from the top of said bust pockets, the improve- 25 ment which comprises a draw string extending around the lower portion of each bust pocket, fastening means at the free ends of said draw strings adapted to coact with said shoulder straps to adjust the bust pockets. 30

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