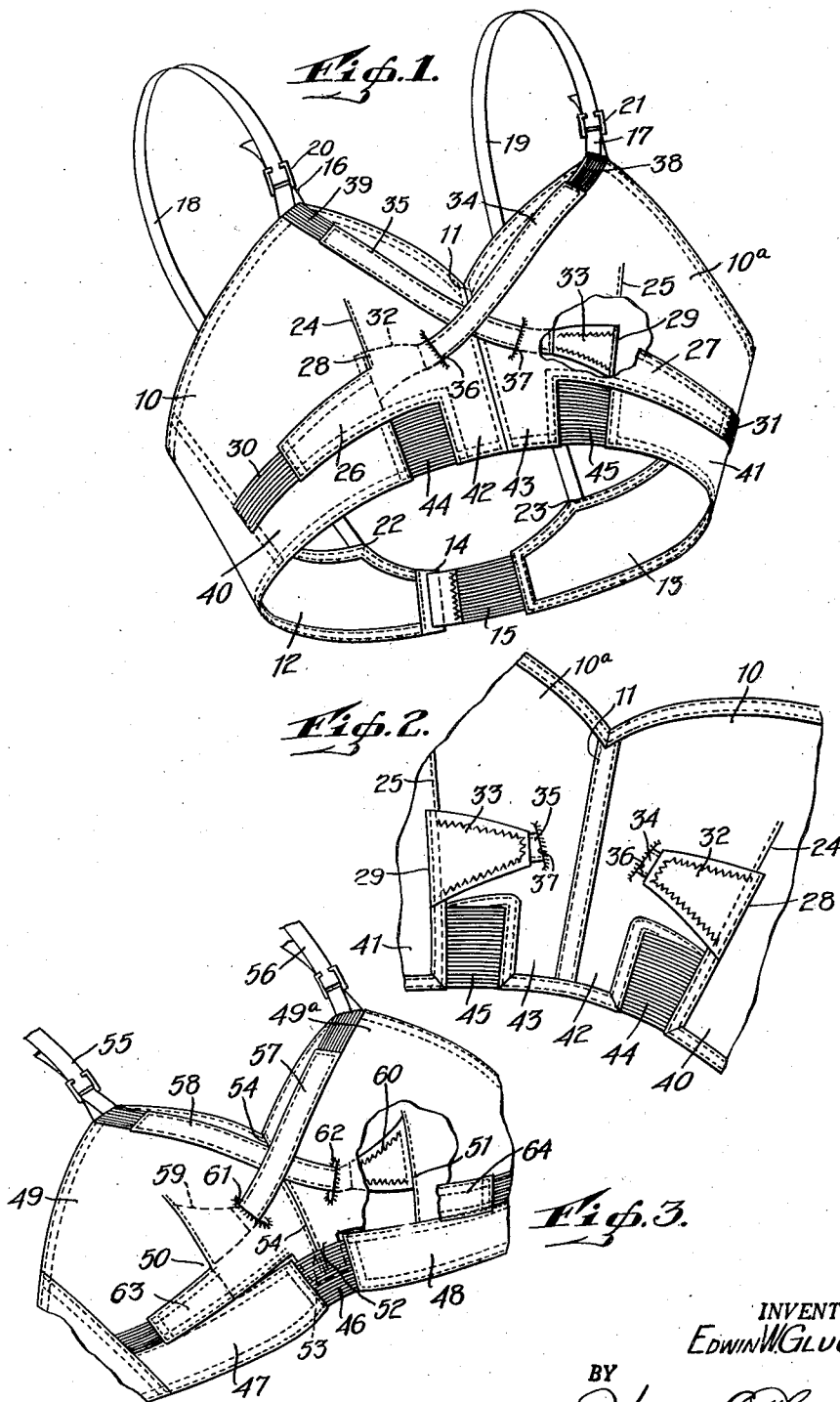


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This invention relates to garments employing breast supporting cups or pockets with means for supporting the same upon the body of a wearer. More particularly, the invention deals with garments of this type and kind having strap members independently supporting lower portions of each pocket upon the body of the wearer in supporting the breasts in raised and youthful position. Still more particularly, the invention deals with a brassière structure in which the lower portion of the pockets include extending bands adapted for engagement with the body below the breasts, forming what might be termed a body band, with one or more elastic inserts in said band in producing a better fit of the garment upon the body of a wearer. The novel features of the invention will be best understood from the following description when taken together with the accompanying drawing, in which certain embodiments of the invention are disclosed, and in which the separate parts are designated by suitable reference characters in each of the views, and in which:

Fig. 1 is the front perspective view of one form of brassière which I employ, with part of the construction broken away.

Fig. 2 is an inside view of the front portion only of the brassière shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing only a part of the construction and showing a modification.

The present invention constitutes a continuation-in-part of the structure disclosed in my prior application Serial Number 556,604, filed September 30, 1944, having since matured in Patent 2,374,093, issued April 17, 1945.

In Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing is shown front and rear views of at least the front portion of the garment or brassière. In these figures, 10 and 10a represent two substantially similar pockets joined centrally of the garment, as indicated at 11. Attached to outer side portions of the pockets are side and back bands 12 and 13 detachably coupled, as seen at 14 in any desired manner, as is customary in garments of this type and kind. One of the bands, for example, the band 13 may include an elastic insert 15 to provide yieldable mounting of the garment upon the body of the wearer. At the upper central portion of each pocket is secured a strap or loop 16 and 17 with which is adjustably coupled shoulder straps 18 and 19 through the medium of buckles 20 and 21, the straps 18 and 19 being attached to the bands 12 and 13 at the rear portions thereof, as indicated at 22 and 23.

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Each pocket at the lower central portion thereof has a dart 24 and 25 to give bust conforming contour to the pockets, and lower portions of the pockets below the darts have free relatively movable ends, the ends 26 and 27 being continuous with inner portions of the pockets and overlying outer side portions thereof, whereas the ends 28 and 29 terminate substantially in alignment with the darts 24 and 25. The ends 26 and 27 join the outer side edge portions of the pockets 10 and 10a in elastic straps 30 and 31. Attached to the ends 28 and 29 are elastic or Lastex straps or bands 32 and 33 with which are coupled strap members 34 and 35, which extend to and are coupled with the upper central portions of the pockets 10 and 10a where the straps 16 and 17 are coupled therewith, the strap 34 extending to the upper end of the pocket 10a, and the strap 35 crosses the strap 34 and extends to the upper end of the pocket 10.

Inner side portions of the pockets 10 and 10a have buttonhole or other openings 36 and 37 through which the straps 34 and 35 pass after crossing centrally of the brassière. The ends of the straps 34 and 35 join the upper portions of the brassière in elastic straps 38 and 39 respectively, although the latter straps are not absolutely essential if the pads or straps 32 and 33 are composed of elastic material.

Outer side portions of each of the pockets 10 and 10a have extending band portions 40 and 41 at lower edge portions thereof. Inner adjacent sides of the pockets have similar extensions 42 and 43, the latter being joined by the same center stitchings 44 employed to secure adjacent edges of the pockets together. The band extensions 42 and 43 are located centrally of the garment and are joined to the extensions 40 and 41 by elastic straps 44 and 45. It will also be noted that the side and back bands 12 and 13 are of sufficient width to extend onto the outer ends of the bands 40 and 41 for attachment of these parts. It will thus be seen, that while the pockets 10 and 10a are actually separated in the relatively movable ends 26—27 and 28—29, the band portions through the elastic couplings 44 and 45 form a continuous body band below the pockets which operates independently of the supporting straps in supporting the lower band extension upon the body of the wearer. This serves to maintain the lower portions of the pockets snugly upon the body as well as to maintain the central portion of the brassière firmly on the body intermediate the breasts. On the other hand, the lower band portion does not interfere with the drawing together of the inner and outer side

portions of the pocket by the strap ends 26—27 and the supporting straps 34—35. It will be understood that the lower edge portions of the straps 26 and 27 are unattached to the band portions 40—41 and the elastic couplings 44—45. In other words, the inner end portions of the bands 40—41 are continuous with the edges 28 and 29, whereas the parts 26 and 27 extend from the inner sides of the pockets above the extensions 42 and 43.

In Fig. 3 of the drawing is shown a modification of the structure illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, which deals primarily with the formation of the body band at the lower portion of the brassière. In other words, instead of having two elastic inserts similar to the inserts 44 and 45, a single insert 46 is disposed centrally of the brassière and couples two longer band portions 47 and 48 which would otherwise be equivalent to the bands 40 and 41. In this construction, 49 and 49a represent the pockets which are substantially the same as the pockets 10 and 10a, one difference being, however, that the bands 47 and 48 are made as separate parts which are attached at the lower outer sides of the pockets along the upper edges of the bands to the ends 50 and 51, similar to the ends 28 and 29, and then are free. The bands are held in position upon the central portion of the brassière by tongue-like extensions 52 on the inner portions of the brassière arranged inwardly of the elastic 46 and stitched or otherwise secured to the elastic as at 53, in alignment with the attachment 54. This construction serves to maintain the central portion of the brassière upon the body of the wearer.

No detailed description of the pockets 49 and 49a will be given, except in generally identifying the several parts equivalent to the parts illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The shoulder straps equivalent to the straps 18 and 19 are generally identified by the reference characters 55 and 56. At 57 and 58 are shown straps equivalent to the straps 34 and 35, the only difference here being that the elastic or Lastex straps or pads 59 and 60 are attached to the free ends 50 and 51 of the pockets somewhat higher than in the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The straps 57 and 58 pass through openings 61 and 62, similar to the openings 36 and 37. At 63 and 64 are shown the strap extensions from the inner portions of the pockets similar to the extensions 26 and 27.

With the structure shown in Fig. 3, lower portions of the pockets are relatively movable, as in the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and in addition, the body bands 47 and 48 are relatively movable through the elastic support or coupling 46. It will be apparent that the bands 47 and 48 serve to aid in supporting the lower outer side portions of the pockets in position upon the breasts of the wearer, and this is also true of the bands 40 and 41 of the structure shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A brassière of the class described comprising a pair of similar breast pockets, means joining adjacent edge portions of the pockets, means attached to outer side edges and upper portions of the pockets for adjustably supporting the same upon the body of the wearer, each pocket having centrally of the lower portion thereof free relatively movable parts, straps coupled with said free parts, said parts being continuous with inner and outer side portions of each pocket, the strap

of the inner part extending to and being secured to the outer side edge of the pocket, the strap of the outer part extending to and being secured to the upper central portion of an opposed pocket, said outer side portions of the breast pockets having body band portions extending below the straps of said inner parts, and other body band forming means including resilient means joined with inner edges of the body band portions and with a central downwardly extending portion of the brassière for providing added resilient support of the outer side portions of said pockets.

2. A brassière of the class described comprising a pair of similar breast pockets, means joining adjacent edge portions of the pockets, means attached to outer side edges and upper portions of the pockets for adjustably supporting the same upon the body of the wearer, each pocket having centrally of the lower portion thereof free relatively movable parts, straps coupled with said free parts, said parts being continuous with inner and outer side portions of each pocket, the strap of the inner part extending to and being secured to the outer side edge of the pocket, the strap of the outer part extending to and being secured to the upper central portion of an opposed pocket, the outer side portions of the pockets having downwardly extending body band portions, the inner side portions of the pockets having downward extensions forming a central body band portion on said brassière, and elastic inserts coupling each of said first named body band portions with said last named body band portion.

3. A brassière of the class described comprising a pair of similar breast pockets, means joining adjacent edge portions of the pockets, means attached to outer side edges and upper portions of the pockets for adjustably supporting the same upon the body of the wearer, each pocket having centrally of the lower portion thereof free relatively movable parts, straps coupled with said free parts, said parts being continuous with inner and outer side portions of each pocket, the strap of the inner part extending to and being secured to the outer side edge of the pocket, the strap of the outer part extending to and being secured to the upper central portion of an opposed pocket, each pocket having at the lower edge of the outer side portion thereof a body band part adapted to fit the body beneath the breasts, elastic means joining adjacent edge portions of said body band parts, and the inner side portions of the pockets having downward extensions attached to said last named elastic means centrally thereof.

4. A brassière of the class described comprising breast pockets, means for supporting the pockets on the body of a wearer, each pocket comprising relatively movable inner and outer sides at lower portions thereof, the inner sides having wide extensions overlying and movable relatively to the outer sides, elastic straps joining said wide extensions to outer edges of the pockets, the outer sides having Lastex pad portions arranged upon inner surfaces of the inner sides of the pockets, said pad portions having straps extending to and coupled with upper central portions of opposed pockets, said straps being crossed intermediate said pockets, inner and outer sides of each pocket having band portions at lower edges thereof, and said band portions of each pocket being yieldably joined by an elastic insert.

5. A brassière of the class described comprising breast pockets, means for supporting the pockets on the body of a wearer, each pocket comprising relatively movable inner and outer sides at lower

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portions thereof, the inner sides having wide extensions overlying and movable relatively to the outer sides, elastic straps joining said wide extensions to outer edges of the pockets, the outer sides having Lastex pad portions arranged upon inner surfaces of the inner sides of the pockets, said pad portions having straps extending to and coupled with upper central portions of opposed pockets, said straps being crossed intermediate said pockets, inner sides of the pockets having downwardly directed band extensions at adjacent edges thereof, other band extensions at lower edges of outer sides of said pockets, and elastic means joining the last named band extension of each pocket with the first named band extension of said pocket.

6. A brassière of the class described comprising breast pockets, means for supporting the pockets on the body of the wearer, each pocket comprising relatively movable inner and outer sides at lower portions thereof, inner sides of the pockets

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having downwardly directed band extensions at adjacent portions thereof, other band extensions at lower portions of the outer sides of said pockets, and elastic means joining the last named band extensions of said pockets with the first named band extensions of said pockets thereof providing for relative movement of the inner and outer lower portions of said pockets.

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