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MATERNITY GIRDLE

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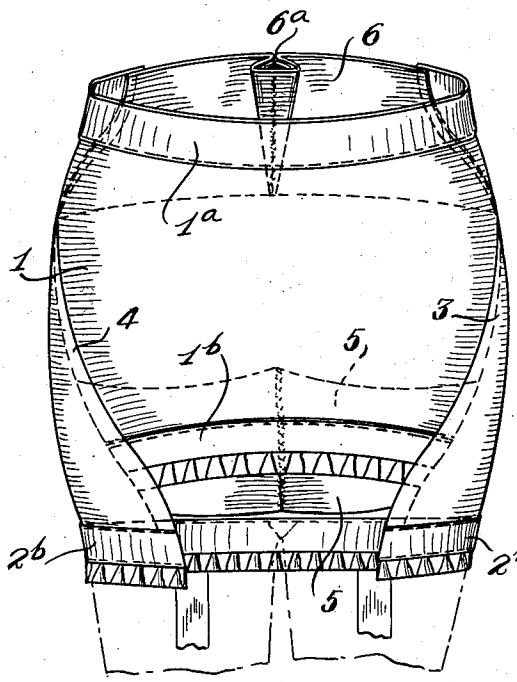


FIG. 1

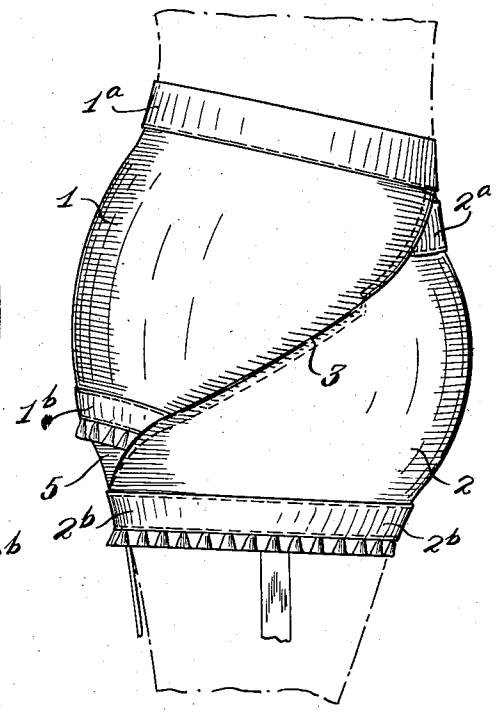


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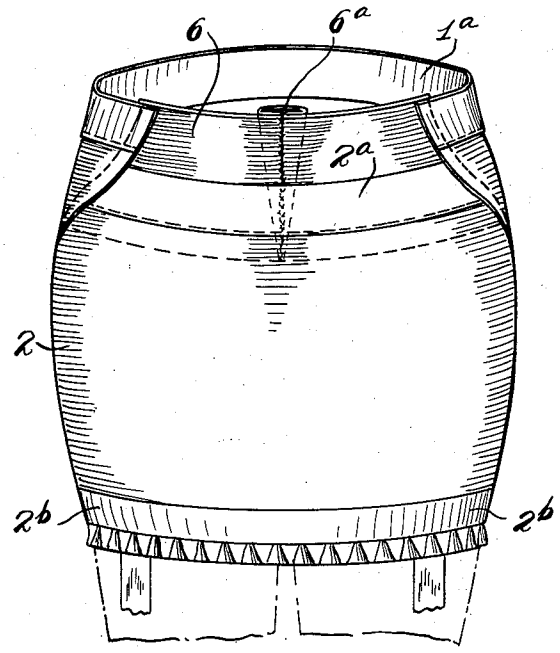
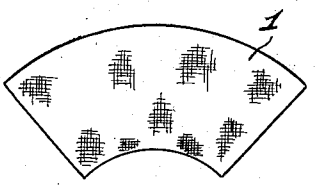


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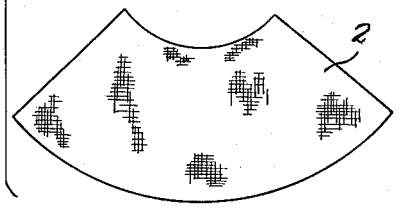


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This invention relates to the art of maternity girdles.

The purpose of this invention is to devise such a girdle in which there may be permitted freedom of movement in the front and rear parts thereof without disturbing the abdomen-supporting means or that part which has engagement with the sacroiliac region of the wearer's body.

More specifically, my present invention contemplates the provision of a front part to cover the abdomen and a rear part to cover the buttock of the wearer, and also an abdomen-supporting means underlying the front part in a free manner and a supporting means for engagement with the sacroiliac region of the body of the wearer and underlying the rear part in a free manner; whereby the wearer may have freedom of movement without disturbing the firm engagement of the garment in the regions of her abdomen and sacroiliac region.

Other objects will appear from the following description and claims when considered together with the accompanying drawing.

Fig. 1 is a front view illustrating my present form of girdle upon the body of the wearer;

Fig. 2 is a rear view thereof;

Fig. 3 is a side view thereof;

Fig. 4 is a combined view of the front and rear parts in blank form.

It is to be understood that the present form of disclosure is for the purpose of illustration and that there might be devised various modifications thereof without departing from the spirit of my invention as herein set forth and claimed.

Referring now to the accompanying drawing in detail, the front **1** and the rear **2** may be formed from blanks of substantially the same form and size, that is of an approximately trapezoidal form with their upper and lower edges of concentric curvature. The rear part **2** is here shown as of slightly larger size than the front part **1** although this may be but a matter of design. Both of these two blanks may have only one-way stretch, that is horizontally when embodied in the garment, or both vertically and horizontally. For instance, these parts may be made of power net or the like. These two parts are arranged in inverted manner with respect to each other and have their side edges sewed together in overlapping manner so as to provide reinforcing ribs **3** and **4** extending forwardly and downwardly from the rear thereof towards the front.

The front part **1** is adapted to extend over the abdomen of the wearer's body while the rear part **2** is adapted to extend over her buttock; and there is afforded sufficient elasticity in each instance to permit all necessary motion of parts of her body with complete comfort when in normal use upon her body.

The lower end of the front part **1** stops short of the lower front ends of the rear part **2**; and the substantially wide longitudinally elastic strip or band **5** is connected at its ends to the joints **3** and **4** and is adapted to extend beneath the abdomen of the wearer for supporting engagement therewith in a free manner with respect to the

front part **1** so as to permit any and all movement of the front part **1** without disturbing the position of the abdomen-supporting member **5**. The band **5** may be formed from two parts which are cut on the bias and have their biased ends sewed together so as to form an upwardly peaked portion for more effective supporting engagement with the abdominal region of the wearer. The outer ends of the part **5** may be cut angularly according to the inclination of the joints **3** and **4** for connection thereto.

At the rear the substantially wide longitudinally elastic strip or band **6** is connected at its ends to the joints **3** and **4** and is adapted to extend across the region of the sacroiliac joint so as to afford effective supporting engagement therewith and in a free manner with respect to the rear part **2** so as to permit any and all movement of the rear part **2** without disturbing the position of the part **6**. The strip or band **6** may be folded upon itself at the middle thereof and such folded portion may be secured in flat condition by sewing at **6***a* so as to thereby form a vertically disposed rib for increased supporting engagement with the sacroiliac joint of the wearer. Also, by removing the stitching at this point at any time desired, there may be obtained an increase in the waist measurement so as to still further accommodate the increase in the size of this region of the body of the wearer during the advancing stages of pregnancy.

The upper and lower edges of the part **1** may each be provided with a longitudinally elastic strip, as at **1***a* and **1***b*, respectively, and the upper and lower edges of the part **2** may each be provided with a longitudinally elastic strip, as at **2***a* and **2***b*, respectively, as indicated in the present drawing.

With this form of girdle, there may be permitted stretching of the front part according to the enlargement of the abdominal region of the wearer during the progressive stages of pregnancy and without disturbing the abdomen-supporting engagement of the band **5**. Likewise, there may also be permitted any and all movement of the rear part **2** and expansion thereof, as may be necessitated by natural bending of the body of the wearer, but without disturbing the position of the part **6** which has firm supporting engagement with the sacroiliac region of the body.

What I claim is:

1. A maternity girdle comprising a front body of elastic material adapted to cover substantially the abdominal region of the body of the wearer, a rear body of elastic material adapted to cover substantially the buttock of her body, said front and rear bodies being connected together along angularly and downwardly extending joints from points at the rear to points at the front of the wearer's body when the garment is in position thereupon, an abdomen-supporting strip of material of less vertical extent than said front body of material and having horizontal stretch and connected at its ends to the joints between said front and rear bodies of material, said abdomen-supporting strip being located upon the inside of the lower marginal portion of said front body of material in a free manner with respect thereto so as to permit vertical adjustment of said front body of material independently of said abdomen-supporting means.

2. A maternity girdle comprising a front body of elastic material adapted to cover substantially the abdominal region of the body of the wearer, a rear body of elastic material adapted to cover substantially the buttock of her body, said front and rear bodies being connected together along angularly and downwardly extending joints from points at the rear to points at the front of the wearer's body when the garment is in position thereupon, a longitudinally elastic strip of material of less vertical extent than said rear body of material extending laterally at the rear of the garment and having its ends connected to said joints between said front and rear

bodies of material, said rear strip of material being located upon the inside of the top marginal portion of said rear body of material in a free manner with respect thereto so as to permit vertical adjustment of said rear body of material independently of said additional strip of material.

3. A maternity girdle comprising a closed body of elastic material adapted to extend about and to cover the abdomen and the buttock of the body of the wearer, a band of elastic material located at the rear of said closed body of material in the region of the sacroiliac joint and having only its ends connected to said closed body of material and underlying the top marginal portion of said closed body of material so as to permit relative movement of said buttock-covering portion of said closed body of material with respect to said band, and a band of elastic material located at the front of said closed body of material in the region of the abdomen of the wearer and having only its ends connected to said closed body of material and underlying the lower marginal portion of said closed body of material so as to permit relative movement of said abdomen-covering part thereof with respect to said band at the front of said closed body of material.

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