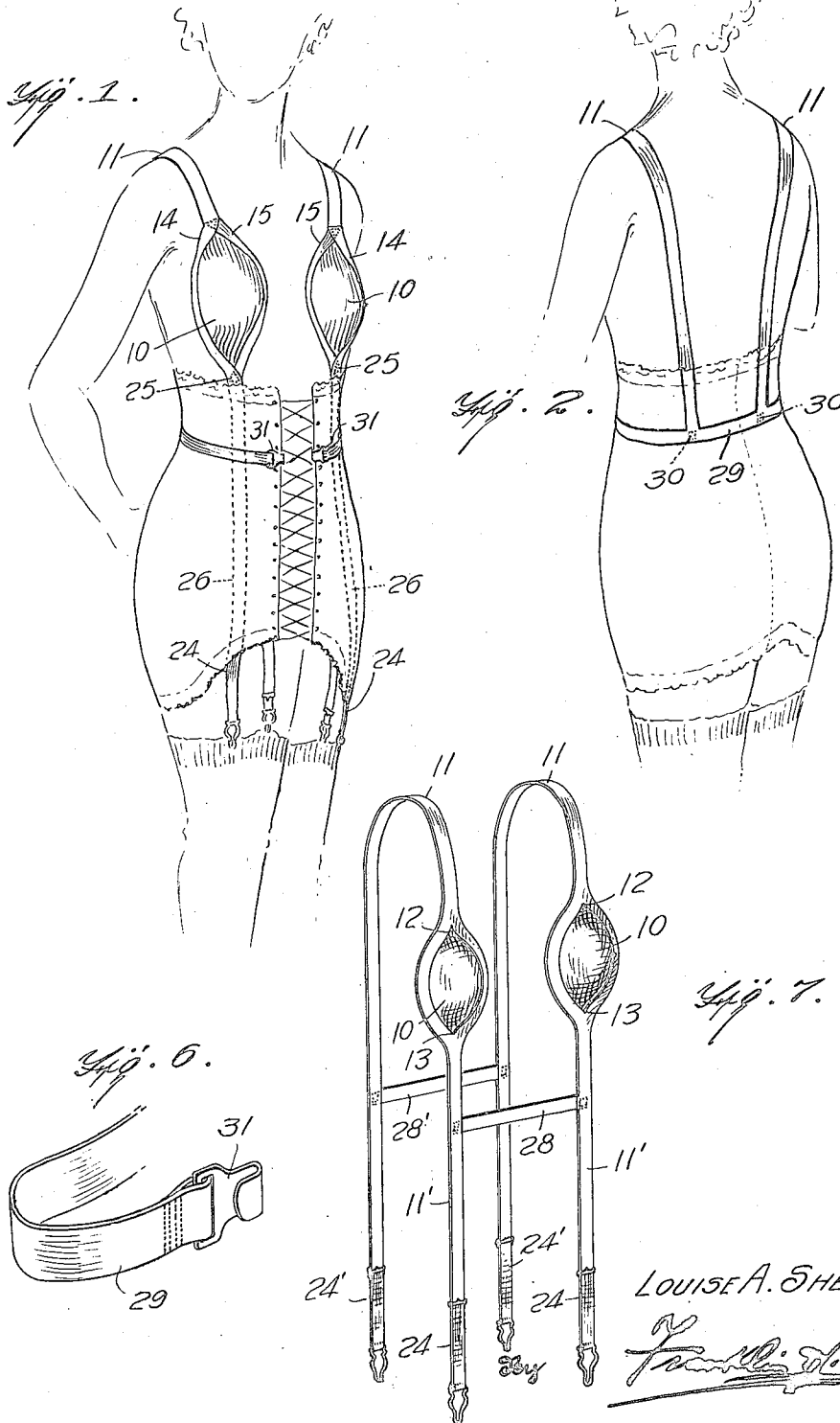


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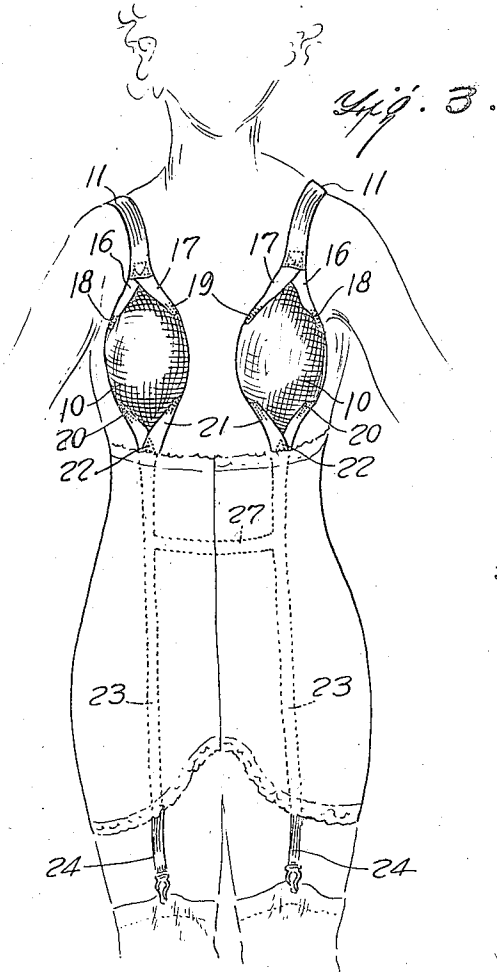
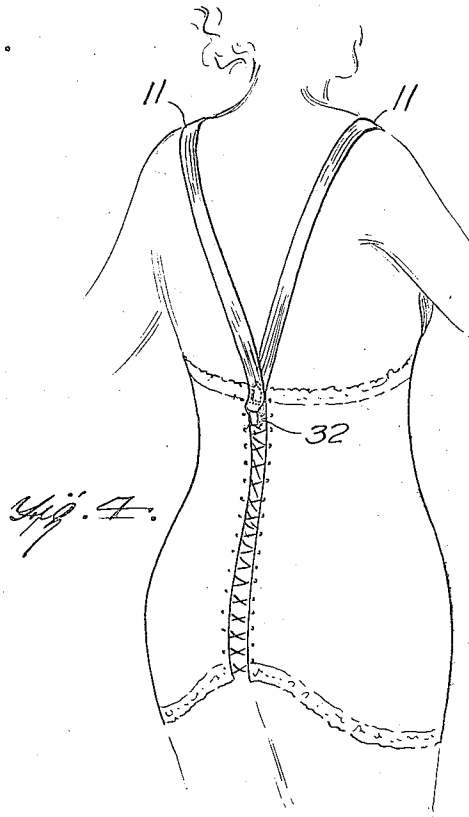
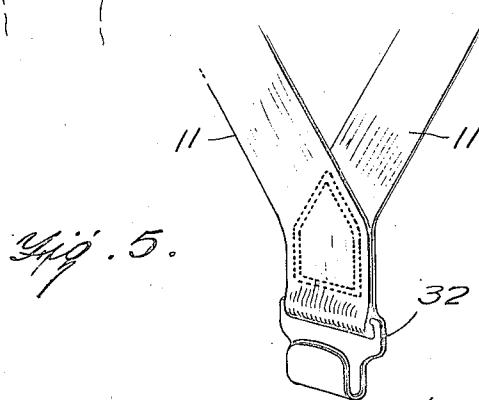
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE ANTOINETTE SHERRY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carthage, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Articles of Apparel, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to apparel and has for an object to provide an article of apparel for supporting the mammary glands of a figure in natural and desired position.

A further object of the invention is to provide an article of apparel which in its various types and modifications may be employed in conjunction with garments and other apparel of various styles and types and perform its function independently of or in conjunction with such other garments and apparel.

It is well known that the natural and supposedly artistic position for the mammary glands of the female figure is such that the glands themselves are substantially semi-spherical but with the tendency when the figure stands erect for such glands to sag or move downwardly, while at other times when the figure is resting upon its back the tendency is to recede each toward the adjacent under arm position.

An object of the invention is, therefore, to support the mammary glands in the natural position when the figure is erect but to offer substantially no obstruction to the recession as maintained.

A further object of the invention is to provide substantially semi-spherical, semi-rigid members with means for supporting the semi-spherical members in the natural position of and enclosing the glands.

With these and other objects in view the invention comprises certain novel parts, elements, units, combinations and functions, as disclosed in the drawing, together with equivalents thereof, as will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view from the front of a figure wearing an article of apparel in accordance with the present invention and co-acting and associated with a corset of the front-lace type;

Figure 2 is a perspective view from the rear of a figure equipped as at Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a front view of a figure wearing the present invention associated with an enclosing corset;

Figure 4 is a perspective view from the rear of the type of apparel shown at Figure 3 showing the manner of associating with a corset of the back-lace type;

Figure 5 is a detail perspective view of the means for attaching the device to a back-lace corset;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of one of the ends of the belt used with the type of device associated with the front-lace corset shown at Figures 1 and 2, and

Figure 7 is a perspective view of the article of apparel which is or may be employed with or without a corset or with or without any other particular or specific article of apparel.

Like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Essentially the present invention comprises a pair of semi-spherical, semi-rigid members 10 composed of any approved material and constructed in any approved manner with means for maintaining such semi-spherical members in position over and enclosing the mammary glands, as suggested by Figures 1 and 3. The means of supporting and maintaining these members 10 in position may be varied slightly but will comprise straps 11 passing over the shoulders of the wearer, as shown at Figures 1 to 4 inclusive and suggested in Figure 7, with means for attaching the straps for maintaining the straps in position and attaching the straps to the members 10. The manner of attachment to the members 10 may vary also slightly.

As shown at Figure 7 the straps are indicated as being woven with a slit extending from the points 12 to the points 13, the members being separated and enclosing the members 10 to which they are secured in any approved manner, as by sewing. As shown at Figure 1 separate straps 14 and 15 are secured to the straps 10 in any approved manner and passing about the members 10 are secured to their margins as by sewing or otherwise. As shown at Figure 3, short straps 16 and 17 are secured to the straps 11 as by sewing or otherwise and to the members 10 at the points 18 and 19. Other short straps 20 and 21 are secured to the lower margins

of the members 10 all such securing being by means of sewing or in any approved manner, and are then secured at 22 to the straps 23 which preferably terminate in hose supporters 24. In the type shown at Figure 7 the straps 11, after being separated and passing about the members 10, are continued as the straps 11', terminating also in hose supporters 24, similar hose supporters 24 being also employed in the type shown at Figure 1, the straps 14 and 15 being again united at 25 with a strap 26 connecting with such hose supporters 24.

As shown at Figures 1 and 3 the straps 23 and 26 are extended downwardly under the corset, but it is to be understood that this is only a suggestion of a manner of use and is no limitation in any way upon the invention and that such straps may, if found desirable, be worn on the outside of the corset instead of underneath. In the type shown at Figure 3 also a cross-strap 27 is employed to prevent undesirable recession, but such strap is not essential. A similar strap 28, employed for a similar purpose, is shown in the type disclosed at Figure 7. In the latter type the straps 11 continue downwardly and are connected with hose supporters 24', with a cross-strap 28' connecting the straps 11, straps 28 and 28' being connected to occupy a position approximately at the waist line of the wearer.

It will be especially noted that the bust supporting and enclosing members 10 are independent and free from each other, in order to allow one to be adjusted to the wearer's body and move independently of the other one. The members 10 are free of horizontal pressure and tension and only receive a substantially vertical upward and downward pressure or tension by reason of the straps 11, 11', 23 and 26 in conjunction with the garment connecting means 24, 24', 29, 31 and 32.

At the back of the wearer the device shown at Figures 1 and 3 eliminate the straps 11 connected with the hose supporters 24', as shown at Figure 7. At Figure 1 a belt 29 is employed embracing the waist of the wearer to which the straps 11 are secured, as at the points 30. Also preferably the ends of the belt 29 are provided with hooks 31 which hook over and engage the margins of the corset of the front-lace type, as indicated more particularly at Figure 1. In the type shown at Figures 3 and 4 the straps 11 converge to a hook 32 which, as shown at Figure 4, engages the lacing of the corset. It is to be understood, however, that these various means of attaching the posterior elements of the device may be and will be varied as occasion may require and as choice of apparel and fashion may make necessary, and that the showing is, therefore, largely conventional and intended only to show

that it is necessary to maintain the straps 11 in proper position upon the shoulder by applying tension both anteriorly and posteriorly to prevent the vertical movement of the members 10, whose position in the final analysis is the desideratum of the invention.

What I claim to be new is:

1. An article of apparel comprising a plurality of independent bust supporting members, the upper margins of said members being provided with means for supporting and tensioning the same, and straps extending from the lower margins of said members and provided with means for connecting said last mentioned straps to a garment of the wearer and placing said last mentioned straps under a substantially vertical tension.

2. An article of apparel comprising a plurality of independent bust supporting members, straps extending upward from the upper margin of said members and provided with means for connecting said straps to a garment of the wearer, and straps extending from the lower margins of said members and provided with means for connecting said last mentioned straps to a garment of the wearer and placing said last mentioned straps under a substantially vertical tension.

3. An article of apparel comprising a plurality of independent bust supporting members, the upper margins of said members being provided with means for supporting and tensioning the same, and straps extending from the lower margins of said members and provided with hose supporters adapted to be connected to a wearer's hose and placing said last mentioned straps under a substantially vertical tension.

4. An article of apparel comprising a plurality of bust supporting members, straps extending from the upper margins of said members and adapted to extend over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer and provided with hose supporters, and straps extending downward from the lower margins of said members and provided with hose supporters.

5. An article of apparel comprising a bust supporting member, a strap extending from the upper margin of said member and adapted to extend over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer and provided with a hose supporter and a strap extending downward from the lower margin of said member and provided with a hose supporter.

6. An article of manufacture comprising a plurality of bust supporting members, straps extending from the upper margins of said members and adapted to extend over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer and provided with hose connecting means, straps extending downward from the lower margins of said members and provided with hose supporters, and a spacer

strap connecting the last mentioned straps across the body of the wearer.

7. An article of manufacture comprising a plurality of bust supporting members, 5 straps extending from the upper margins of said members and adapted to extend over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer and provided with hose supporters, straps extending downward from the lower 10 margins of said members and provided with

hose supporters and spacer straps adapted to connect the first and second mentioned straps across the wearer's body at substantially the waist line.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my 15 signature in presence of two witnesses.

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