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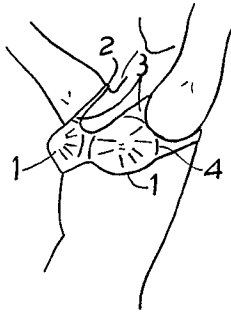


FIG. 2.

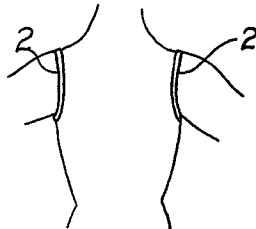
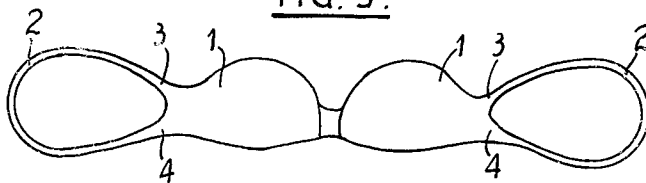


FIG. 3.



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The present invention relates to brassieres.

Brassieres usually have cups for the breast, supporting straps and a horizontal holding belt around the back.

Such an arrangement is not aesthetic when worn with a dress cut low in the back or on the beach with a bikini or when covered by knitted clothes in which the underlying belt impresses visible marks and gives birth to a protruding swelling.

The object of the invention is to create a brassiere in which such drawbacks are no more existing.

When considering a brassiere of the conventional type, supposing the belt provided on the back is not fastened, the brassiere will not be held in place. It was consequently not easy to forecast it could be possible to create a brassiere keeping its place and acting as a breast-cover and as a breast holder whilst being without back holding belt. This is due to the shape of the conventional brassieres in which the straps extend downwards on the back vertically and at right angles with respect to the belt to which they are connected whereby the straps form with the latters and under each shoulder, a sort of right-angled triangle, which in case the belt being unfastened or canceled, loses its shape and is not in state to prevent the brassiere to fall forwardly.

Now, the applicant has discovered that it is possible to suppress the back belt without altering the holding strength of the brassiere when the straps are in the shape of loops that firmly tighten the shoulders. The latter form a supporting point that prevents the brassiere from falling forwardly while according to the tension of the loops, enable to apply the brassiere in its place.

According to the invention the support means of the brassiere are two straps, each of which passes over one shoulder and under one armpit and is attached at one end to the upper part of a cup and at the other to the outer edge of the same cup, forming loops. To put the brassiere on, the arms are passed through the loops.

The invention will now be described with reference, by way of example only, to an embodiment shown in the accompanying drawings. In these:

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FIGURE 1 shows the brassiere from the front while in use;

FIGURE 2 is a rear view of it in use, and

FIGURE 3 shows it laid out flat before use.

The brassiere has cups 1 and is supported solely by shoulder straps 2 which form shoulder-engaging loops which pass over the shoulders and under the armpits and are fixed at 3 to one side of a respective cup 1 adjacent the top and at 4 to the same side adjacent outer or bottom edge of the same cup.

An advantage is that the wearer's back can be entirely exposed during sunbathing, so that afterwards the back is tanned all over, without any horizontal untanned strip. Moreover, the brassiere is not visible when worn with an evening dress with a low back.

A conventional horizontal support strap may of course be provided, this being detachable and easily fastened or removed as required.

What I claim is:

1. A brassiere comprising two fabric cups having inner and outer sides, means extending between the inner sides of said cups intermediate the height thereof and connecting said cups together centrally, and a shoulder strap forming a shoulder-engaging loop connected to each cup, each said shoulder strap including an end connected adjacent the bottom of an outer side of said cup and an end connected adjacent the top of an outer side of its associated cup.

2. A brassiere comprising two fabric cups having inner and outer sides, means extending between the inner sides of said cups intermediate the height thereof and connecting said cups together centrally, and a shoulder strap forming a shoulder-engaging loop connected to each cup, each said shoulder strap including an end connected adjacent the bottom of an outer side of said cup and an end connected adjacent the top of an outer side of its associated cup, said means interconnecting said cups together including a fabric strip extending from adjacent the bottom of said cups and between said cups upwardly for at least a quarter of the height of said cups.

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