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Fig. 1.

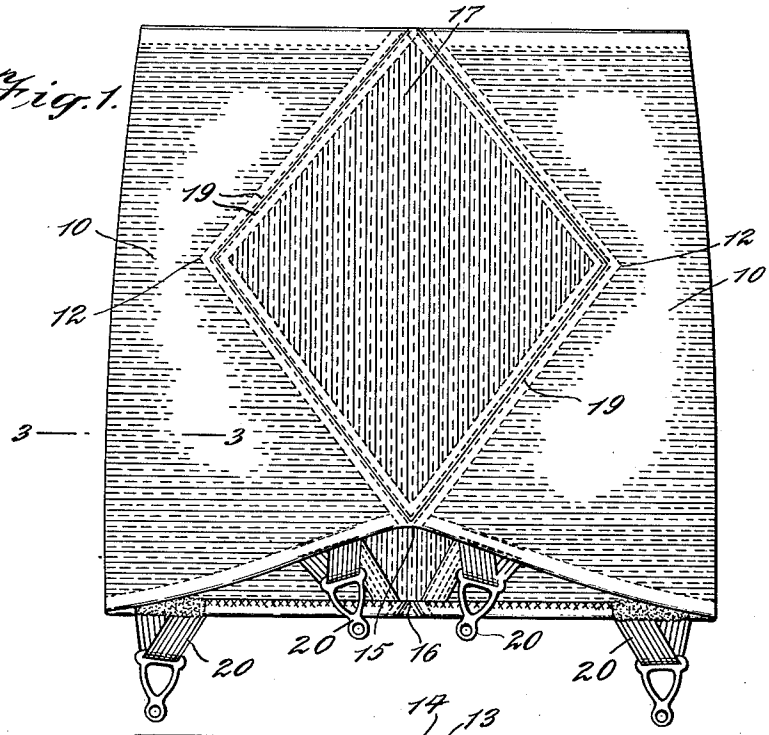


Fig. 2.

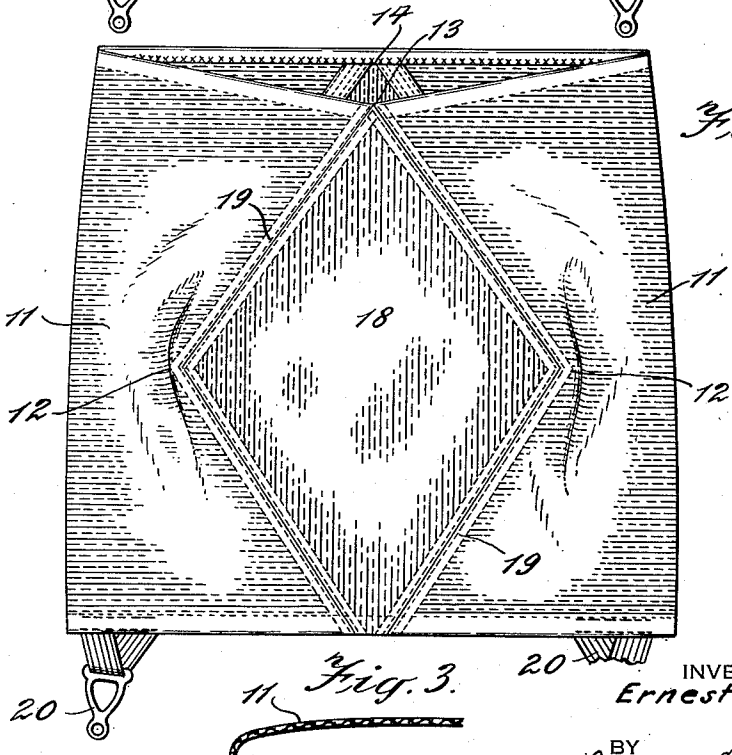


Fig. 3.

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The invention relates to articles of apparel constituting a lady's undergarment such as a girdle, foundation garment, or combination garment of which one portion is constituted of a girdle, and the other of a brassière. The invention more particularly consists in providing an undergarment of any usual type having a portion adapted to encircle the torso in the abdominal region thereof, in which such body-encircling or girdling portion has applied thereto in the portion of the garment adapted to overlie the abdomen and the portion adapted to overlie the buttocks when the garment is worn, a substantially diamond-shaped insert or panel. In accordance with a specific embodiment of my invention, such insert or panel has stretchability only in the vertical direction and is inelastic in the horizontal or transverse direction. In accordance with the invention, such diamond-shaped insert or panel is fitted into V-shaped edges of the two sections constituting the sides of the garment with the upper and lower apices of the diamond-shaped insert or panel lying in the upper and lower edges of the garment.

An object of the present invention is to produce such a body-encircling undergament, whether a girdle, pantie-girdle, or combination garment, with a vertically stretchable diamond-shaped insert, which will permit stretching of the material of the garment vertically over the abdomen and over the rear of the wearer without any appreciable stretch across the abdomen or across the rear of the garment, so that a definite confining effect of the abdomen and buttocks is secured by the overlying diamond-shaped inserts or panels. By the construction of my novel undergarment, in having the upper and lower apices of the diamond-shaped inserts lie in the upper and lower edges of the garment, there is produced an angular pull upon the side sections of the garment which is complete across the top and bottom of the garment but permits no stretching of the garment proper in a transverse direction in those portions thereof which necessarily overlie the parts of the torso which are to be confined.

The objects attained by the particular provision and disposition of the diamond-shaped inserts or panels are to secure, when the garment is worn, a flattening or smoothing of the figure at the portions of the body underlying the garment at those localities and to effect an even distribution of the flesh in the confined regions of the body, so that a uniform and proper distribution and flattening of a comparatively large area of the hypogastric region and of the region directly below the small of the back is effected. An effective control, more in accordance with the ideal anatomical contour of these regions of the body, is thus obtained without interference with the necessary flexibility of the garment, both for comfort during wear and for ease and facility in donning or removing the same.

A particular embodiment of my invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein I illustrate a construction of girdle made in accordance with my invention.

In such drawing,

Fig. 1 is a front view of a girdle constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear view of such girdle; and

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, in which similar reference characters identify similar parts in the several views, the construction of girdle in which my invention has been utilized preferably consists of front sections 10 and rear sections 11 formed of single pieces of woven material, so that no seam line occurs at the side edges of the garment. Each strip of material constituting one such front section 10 and the corresponding and underlying rear section 11 has its ends cut in the form of an obtuse angle with the apex of the angle at substantially the longitudinal center 12 of each of said sections and terminating in the upper edge of each of the sections at 13 and 14, respectively, and in the lower edges at 15 and 16, respectively.

When the girdle is formed, there is provided an insert 17 of substantially diamond-shape in the front of the garment and a correspondingly configured insert 18 in the back of the garment. Such diamond-shaped inserts 17 and 18 fit exactly into the V-shaped edges of the sections 10 and 11 having their upper and lower apices lying in the upper and lower edges of the garment. The inserts 17 and 18 are stitched to the V-shaped edges of sections 10 and 11 by stitching 19.

The girdle is supplied with the conventional hose supporters 20—20.

It will be recognized by those skilled in the art that by reason of my novel construction of girdle, as hereinabove described and illustrated in the drawing, no appreciable stretch across the abdomen or the buttocks, to destroy the confining effect of the girdle, is possible with my garment. On the other hand, the donning and the removal of the garment from the body is facilitated by the angular pull which is capable of being applied to the garment in the direction of the lateral edges of the inserts, such angular pull being applied from the center of the garment both at

the top and at the bottom at which the apices of the diamond-shaped inserts lie. While the garment is being worn, such angular pull is permitted to be exerted by the bodily movements of the wearer and gives the freedom of movement and yet confining action in addition to the complete pull necessarily provided across the top and bottom edges of the garment.

While I have described my novel garment as constituted with a central front and rear diamond-shaped panel, formed of a material which is stretchable in the vertical direction, it is within the ambit of my invention to make such central inserts of entirely non-stretchable material. The confining effect of the front and rear panels would in that case be more pronounced, but in certain instances, such greater degree of confinement may have its advantages.

I claim:

1. An undergarment of woven material including a tight-fitting body encircling structure comprising a front section adapted to overlie and confine the abdomen, a rear section, and two side sections each constituted of a seamless and integral panel of woven material delineated at their meeting edges with the front and rear sections of the garment by edges in the V-form of an obtuse angle the arms of which extend vertically of the garment, whereby said side sections are capable of stretching laterally for producing the confining effect of the garment throughout the hypogastric region of the wearer, the capacity for stretching of the side sections being greatest at the top and bottom of their edges defined by the obtuse angle and considerably less at the median point of said edges and side sections.

2. An undergarment as claimed in claim 1 in which the side sections are constituted of an elastic material.

3. An undergarment as claimed in claim 1 in which the V-shaped edges of the side sections terminate in the upper and lower horizontal edges of the garment and the vertex of the obtuse angle formed by such edges is substantially at the midpoint of the side sections of the garment.

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