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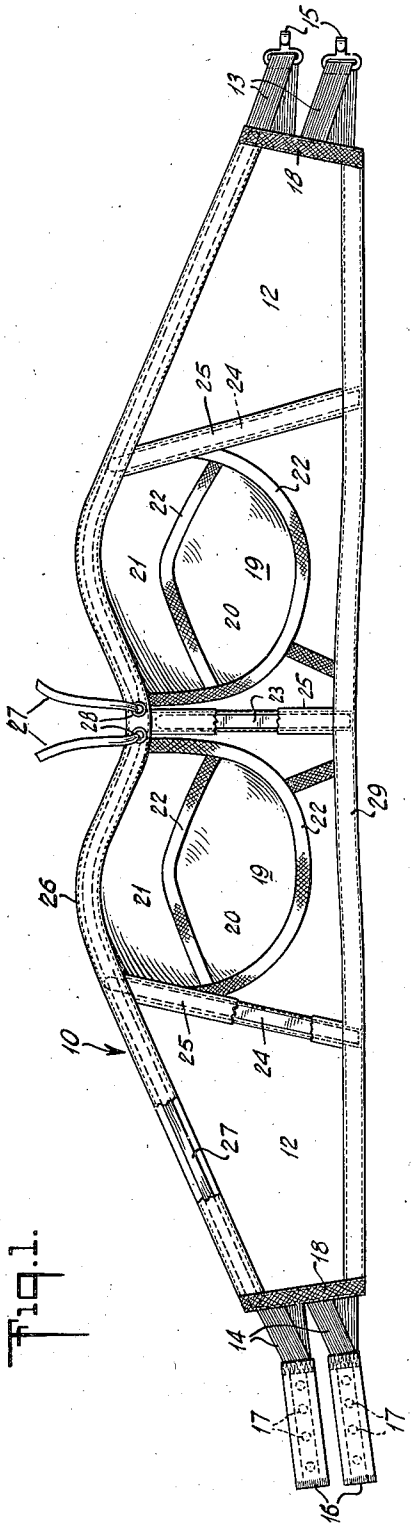


Fig. 1.

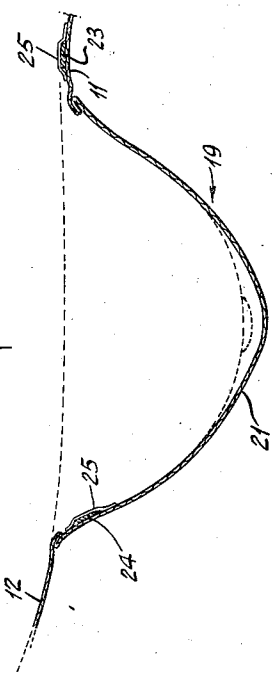


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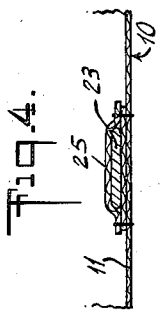


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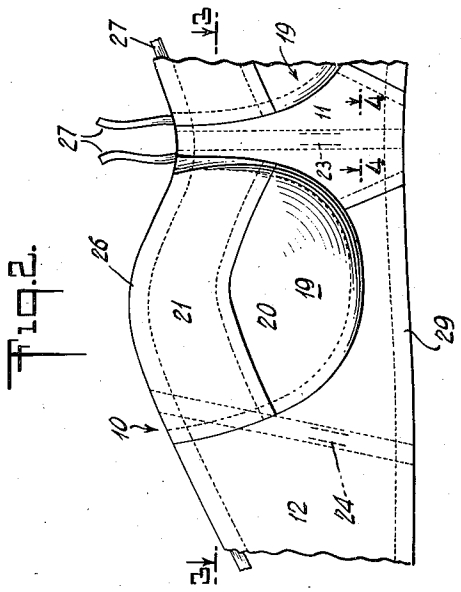


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in brassières, and more particularly to brassières of the so-called strapless type.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a brassière with stays that serve to effect a suspension support for the breast cups or pockets of the article.

Another object is to provide a brassière so constructed that the breast cups or pockets may be easily adjusted to comfortably accommodate the wearer's breasts.

A further object is to provide a brassière that is readily adjustable to the girth of the wearer's body in the region of the bosom so that it may be worn without discomfort.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a rear view of the brassière laid out flat with parts broken away;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary front view;

Fig. 3 is a view in section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a view in section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

While I have illustrated, and shall describe, the brassière as one of the strapless type, it is to be understood that it may be converted into the strap type by providing it with the usual shoulder straps, either fixed or detachable.

Having reference now to the drawings, 10 indicates the brassière which may be made of any suitable material. In the preferred embodiment of the invention as shown, the brassière comprises a central section or gore 11 and two tapering end sections 12—12, the several sections being suitably stitched together. At each end there are one or more elastic straps 13 and 14 which may be conveniently made of pieces of covered elastic tape folded in substantially V-shape as shown in Fig. 1. The straps 13 each carry a hook 15, while the straps 14 each carry an extension tape 16 provided with a series of eyes 17 for selective engagement with the companion hook. The edges of the brassière are preferably reenforced on the inside with bindings or facings 18.

19 are breast cups or pockets of sufficient fullness to cover and comfortably support the breasts. The cups may each be made of two sections of material, namely, a lower part 20 and an upper part 21 stitched together, the whole being stitched to the body portion of the brassière. If desired the several seams may be

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reenforced on the inside with suitable bindings 22.

A stay 23 extends upward vertically between the two breast cups 19—19 at the middle of the brassière, and two additional stays 24—24 extend upward obliquely toward each other adjacent the outer edges of the cups and with their upper ends coming within the outer ends of the upper parts 20 of the cups, as shown in Fig. 1. The stays may be made of any suitable material, preferably resilient, and they are covered on the outside by the material of the brassière and on the inside by binding tapes 25.

The upper edge 26 of the brassière is doubled and hemmed to provide a passageway for the draw-strings 27—27. The remote ends of the draw-strings are fastened to the end sections of the brassière, and their proximate or free ends emerge through eyelets 28—28 at substantially the middle of the inner face of the upper edge.

The construction described provides what may be termed a "suspension support" for the breast cups, whereby the breasts are firmly supported from below but are kept free from any objectionable downward pressure that might occasion discomfort to the wearer. It will be apparent that when the brassière is applied and adjusted to the girth of the wearer's body, the lower marginal edge portion 29 thereof, that is the portion extending around the body directly below the breast cups, will fit snugly against the body. The lower sections 20 of the cups will accordingly fit snugly against the lower portion of the breasts and thus prevent them from sagging. However, since the stays in effect form a cradle by and between which the cups are suspended, the upper sections 21 thereof will be held against pressing down unduly on the upper parts of the breasts. The draw strings 27, however, permit of making such adjustment as may be desirable of the upper part of the cups.

While I have described and shown a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that various modifications may be made therein within the scope of the claims.

What I claim is:

1. A brassière comprising a band for encirclement of the bust, said band including a pair of breast pockets, and at least three flexible stays providing suspension supports for said pockets, the stays being secured to the band and extending substantially from its lower marginal edge to its upper marginal edge, one of the stays being disposed vertically midway between and adjacent to the near edges of the two pockets, the other

stays extending upward obliquely toward the central stay with the upper end of each oblique stay coming within the upper portion of the far edge of one of the pockets respectively, and with the lower end thereof spaced outwardly from the breast pocket.

2. A brassière comprising a band for encirclement of the bust, said band including a pair of breast pockets and having a passageway for drawstrings along its upper edge, at least three flexible stays providing suspension supports for said pockets, the stays being secured to the band and extending substantially from its lower marginal edge to its upper marginal edge, one of the stays being disposed vertically midway between and adjacent to the near edges of the two pockets, the other stays extending upward obliquely toward the central stay with the upper end of each oblique stay coming within the upper portion of the far edge of one of the pockets respectively, and with the lower end thereof spaced outwardly from the breast pocket, and a pair of drawstrings each having its outer end fixed to

an outer end of the band and its inner end passing through an opening in the center of the band, whereby on tightening the drawstrings the upper edge of the band is shortened and the upper ends of the two flexible oblique stays are drawn in towards the center stay.

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