

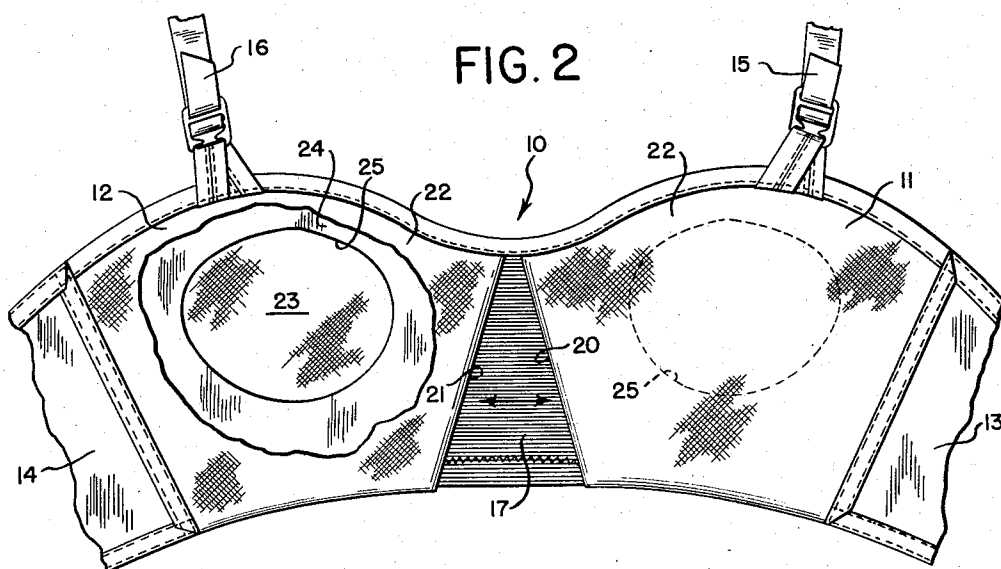
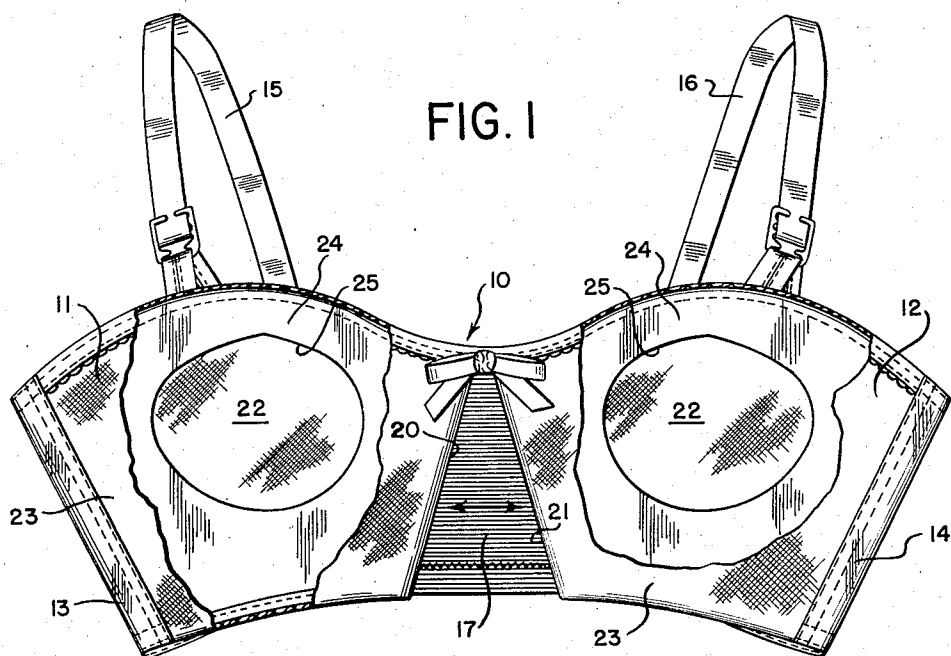
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This invention relates to ladies undergarments and more particularly to such garments, for use in the support of the bust, commonly called brassieres.

There is a plethora of brassieres on the market embodying a great variety of structural concepts for supporting and molding the bust. However, these are for the most part, conceived for use for the mature figure. Ignored entirely are the special problems which should be met when it is the young or immature figure, the girl who is purchasing her first brassiere, for whose use a brassiere is destined. A primary problem, of course, is that this is a time of development and growth, and it is obvious that this is a distinct and unique problem for this class of wearer. A brassiere, inflexible, or even relatively inflexible as to size, is undesirable for economic reasons. One does not wish to buy a replacement for a brassiere after the passage of only a short time. Furthermore, this time of growth is a time when the bust is tender, and sources of irritation must be avoided. Generally known brassieres require seams in their interior construction to carry out the scheme of molding and support contemplated by the creator thereof. Clearly, such seams are in the nature of an irregularity in the internal surface, so that here is a readily identifiable source of irritation. What is needed is a brassiere in construction conceived to avoid problems such as this.

Accordingly, it is the primary object of this invention to provide a brassiere especially suited to the young girl who is just beginning to feel a need for such a garment. Within this object it is contemplated that this novel brassiere structure will be susceptible of use over a long period of time despite development of the bust. This is accomplished by providing a brassiere, the fabric of which accommodates itself to variations in size. Though the brassiere has this characteristic, a novel brassiere built according to the present invention will be capable of giving support and a molding effect, as adequately as is provided by conventional brassieres for mature figures. This is achieved by providing a layered structure in which a ply interiorly located effects the desired support. Thus is avoided any necessity for the employment of seams within the garment, while yet support is effectively provided.

The manner of implementation of this broadly stated object, as well as the manner of implementation of many other objects, will become clear through a consideration of the accompanying drawings wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a novel brassiere embodying my invention with portions of the cups broken away to show the interior construction; and

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same garment.

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A brassiere embodying my inventive conception is shown in the drawings, generally being designated by the numeral 10. The brassiere 10 has bust portions 11 and 12 and body encircling portions 13 and 14 on either side thereof. Since body encircling portions 13 and 14 are structurally conventional they are not shown in their entirety. Shoulder straps 15 and 16 interconnect bust portion 11 and body encircling portion 13, and bust portion 12 and body encircling portion 14, respectively.

Disposed between bust portions 11 and 12 is a primarily horizontally stretchable insert 17, which insert tapers upwardly and inwardly from the bottom of the brassiere 10 along edges 20 and 21. It will be seen that such insert provides a ready means for automatic adjustment to size for different figures, or in the same figure with changes and development of the bust.

Each of the bust portions 11 and 12 consists of an inner ply 22 and an outer ply 23 which provide the exterior surfaces of the bust portions. These plies, particularly inner ply 22, have no seams therein whereby the possibility of irritation of the bust due to the presence of seams is avoided. Further, such plies 22 and 23 are made of stretchable fabric which preferably yields in all directions. I have found that fabric made from Helanca yarn is admirably suited for use in the present structure since, not only does it permit multi-directional stretch, but is very soft as well.

Interiorly located relative to inner ply 22 and outer ply 23 in the bust portions 11 and 12, is interior ply 24. Plies 22, 23, and 24 are independent in the embodiment shown, being joined only about their peripheral edges. The interior ply 24 is of non-stretchable fabric and has an opening 25 therethrough into which opening 25 all or a portion of the bust may extend. That is, the non-stretchable interior ply 24 gives uplift to the bust, and the bust so uplifted is directed into opening 25, wherein it is yieldably confined by the stretchable plies 22 and 23. Thus, interior ply 24 renders comfortable support to the bust of the wearer, particularly on the under side of the bust, and molds the bust, while inner and outer plies 22 and 23, respectively, can accommodate the bust during a period of growth and development.

While I have described a specific embodiment of my invention it is apparent that changes and modifications may be made therein, and as so changed or modified an altered structure will still fall within the ambit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A brassiere having a pair of bust portions, said bust portions having inner and outer plies of stretchable fabric coextensive with said bust portions, and interior plies of non-stretchable fabric, said interior plies having a portion thereof in the lower sections of said bust portions for supporting the bust and having an open portion above said bust supporting portion whereby said inner and outer plies may yieldably support the bust.

2. A brassiere as claimed in claim 1 wherein said inner and outer plies are seamless.

3. A brassiere as claimed in claim 1 wherein said plies are joined at the peripheral edges of said bust portions, being otherwise independent.

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4. A brassiere as claimed in claim 1 wherein said interior plies are coextensive with said inner and outer plies, and have openings therein into which openings portions of the bust may be directed for yieldable confinement by said inner and outer plies.

5. A brassiere having a pair of bust portions, said bust portions having inner and outer plies of seamless stretchable fabric coextensive with said bust portions, and interior plies of non-stretchable fabric, said interior plies having openings therein and portions disposed in the lower sections of said bust portions, said plies being joined at the peripheral edges of said bust portions, and being otherwise independent, whereby said portions of said interior plies disposed in the lower sections of said

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bust portions may support the underside of the bust, directing portions of the bust into said openings, and said inner and outer plies may yieldably confine the portions of the bust directed into said openings.

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