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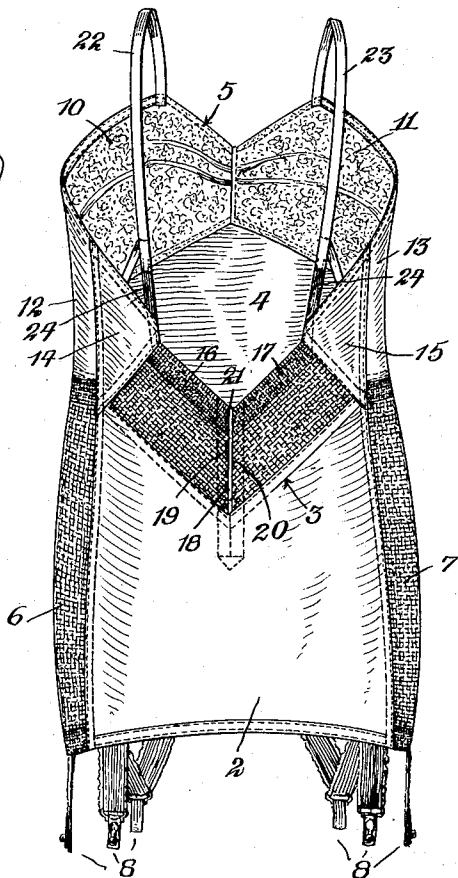
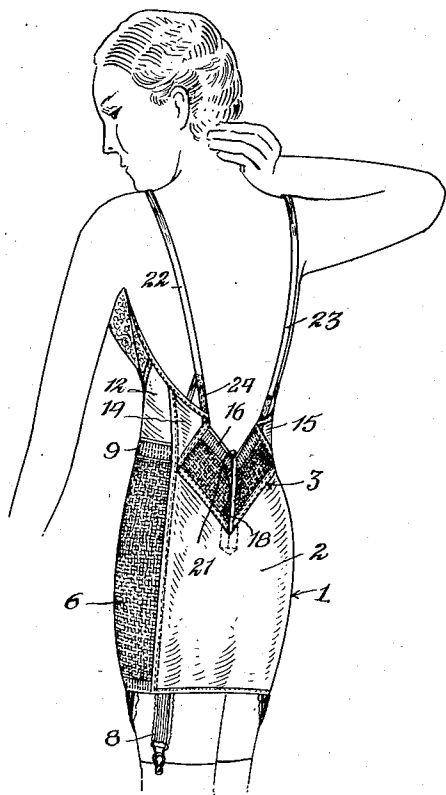
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to wearing apparel and particularly to what may be termed a combined corset and brassière, the object being to provide an efficient and pleasing construction which when in use will present an open back and at the same time means for properly supporting a brassière at the front.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a combined corset and brassière wherein elastic members are arranged at the back at or below the waistline and positioned to give the desired pull on the brassière to secure the desired fit, and at the same time to secure more or less constriction on the diaphragm while the shoulder straps give an uplift to the breasts.

An additional object, more specifically, is to provide a combined corset and brassière wherein an open back is provided, the structure including a V-shaped elastic arrangement principally below the waistline and confined to the back panel structure, but acting on the sides of the brassière and on the shoulder straps to secure a snug fitting action to the brassière as well as an uplifting action to the breasts.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a combined corset and brassière wherein elastic members are provided at the sides of the corset to secure a desired constriction of the hip portion of the wearer, and a V-shaped elastic structure at the rear acting on the brassière to produce an efficient action thereon without covering any part of the back above the waistline.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 illustrates a rear view of a figure with a garment embodying the invention applied thereto;

Figure 2 is a rear view of the garment shown in Figure 1, the same being on an enlarged scale and illustrated slightly in perspective.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a rear panel which consists of a lower inelastic section 2, and an upper elastic section 3. The front is formed preferably with an inner panel 4 of inelastic or substantially inelastic material extending from the brassière 5 down to the bottom of the garment. Side panels 6 and 7 are provided, said side panels being elastic preferably stretchable circumferentially. Suitable hose supporters 8 are connected to the front and rear panels so as to function in the usual manner of hose supporters whereby the hose may be supported and also the lower part of the garment held in proper position, though ordinarily the give of the panels 6

and 7 not only constricts the flesh along the hip line but yields sufficiently to give a certain roundness, as shown in Figure 1, whereby the garment will not move upwardly or downwardly but will remain in a given position with the circumferential elastic band 9 arranged at the waistline.

The brassière 5 is formed with breast pockets 10 and 11, said breast pockets merging into the side panels 12 and 13, which in turn merge into the rear triangular shaped panels 14 and 15. The panels 12 to 15 are preferably of inelastic material and are stitched together so as to provide side and rear panel sections functioning to transmit strain to the rear part of the breast pockets. This strain is produced by the elastic members 16 and 17 which form part of the upper elastic section 3. The elastic members 16 and 17 extend diagonally as clearly shown in Figure 2, and really present extensions in actual alignment with the center of the respective panels 12, 14, 13 and 15. These elastic members are arranged when in use substantially at right angles to each other and the stretch is also at right angles, though suitable disengageable fasteners 18 connect the respective ends 19 and 20 together.

It is to be noted that most of the elastic structure 3 is below the waistline, as the waistline is preferably approximately at the top of the band 9 and also at a point slightly above the point 21. While the waistline is preferably at the point 21 under some circumstances it might be arranged at the waistline or even slightly above the same, but it must be arranged appreciably low on the garment in order to permit the elastic members 16 and 17 to give their respective pulls to cause the side panels 12 to 15 to snugly fit the body of the wearer and also to present a proper anchor for the shoulder straps 22 and 23. These shoulder straps are each provided with an elastic portion 24 so that a yielding or continuous tension is provided on the straps whereby they will remain on the shoulders and also have a continuous tendency to produce an uplift on the breast pockets 10 and 11. In this way the brassière functions to more or less draw in the parts of the body at or adjacent the diaphragm and to give a desired uplift through the tension of the panels 12 to 15, as well as through the shoulder straps 22 and 23.

When wearing an evening gown the structure 3 is completely out of sight and yet the back from the head down to the waistline may be freely exposed. It will also be noted that the

disengageable fasteners at the center of the elastic structure constitute means for making it possible for the wearer to put on and take off the garment with greater ease, the same being used as a step-in. When the fasteners are disengaged there is ample room for the wearer to step into the garment and pull the same upwardly into the correct position. Afterwards these fasteners are caused to function and when engaged will maintain the elastic structure under tension for causing the desired molding and restricting of the body at and adjacent the diaphragm, while the shoulder straps produce the proper support and uplifting action on the busts.

I claim:

1. A step-in foundation garment formed with a brassière and corset body formed so that the rear and sides extend from the waist-line to a point below the hip-line of the person wearing the garment, said brassière having breast pockets merging at the sides into side panels, and rearwardly-extending flaps secured to said side panels, said flaps being positioned rearwardly of a line drawn down the center of the side of the garment, said corset body having substantially inelastic front and rear panels and a pair of elastic side panels, said front panel extending from the bottom of the garment to a point above the waist-line, while the side panels extend from the waist-line to the bottom of the garment, with the rear panel extending from the bottom of the garment to near the waist-line, said rear panel at the top having a V-shaped notch therein and an elastic section fitting into the said V-shaped notch, said elastic section being formed of a pair of elastic members extending substantially at right angles to each other and stretchable at substantially right angles to each other, said elastic members at the upper end being connected to said rearwardly-extending flaps and at the lower end being disengageably secured together, whereby when the disengageably secured means have been released the garment may be readily pulled over the legs and hips to a wearing position.

2. A garment of the character described including a corset body and a brassière, said corset body having a front panel extending from above the waist-line to a point below the hip-line of the person wearing the garment, elastic side members extending from the waist-line to the bottom of the garment with an inelastic rear panel extending from the bottom of the garment to approximately the waist-line and provided with a notch at the top, said notch extending downwardly with the lower end slightly above the hip-line and an elastic structure arranged in said notch, said elastic structure at the center of the rear of the garment being provided with

disengageable fastening means for securing the respective parts of the elastic structure together, and a brassière secured to the upper edge of said corset body, said brassière having flaps at the rear secured to the respective upper ends of said elastic structure whereby when the elastic structure is functioning, a strain will be brought upon the lower part of the brassière to constrict the front of the body of the person wearing the garment and when the elastic structure is open the device may be readily drawn over the legs and hips to functioning position.

3. A step-in garment of the character described including a brassière and a corset body having elastic side members extending from the brassière to the bottom of the garment, with an inelastic rear panel extending from the bottom of the garment to approximately the waist-line and provided with a V-shaped notch at the top, the point of the notch extending downwardly, said notch being positioned between and extending from near the waist-line to near the hip-line, and a V-shaped elastic structure formed in two parts arranged in said notch, with one end of each part extending above said notch, said V-shaped elastic structure at the center of the rear of the garment being provided with disengageable fastening means for securing the parts of the elastic structure together, and a brassière secured to the upper edge of said corset body, said brassière having flaps at the rear secured to the respective upper ends of the V-shaped elastic structure whereby when the V-shaped elastic structure is functioning a resilient action will be exerted upon the lower part of the brassière and when the V-shaped elastic structure is open the garment may be readily drawn over the legs and hips to functioning position.

4. A step-in foundation garment of the character described including a brassière and a corset body having a pair of side elastic panels yielding to permit the garment to be pulled upwardly over the hips to operative position and also to cause a constriction of the hips; a rear inelastic panel extending from a point below the hip-line of the person wearing the garment to a point adjacent the waist-line, said rear panel having a notch in the upper part extending from the upper edge downwardly, said brassière having rearwardly projecting extensions positioned substantially at the waist-line, and elastic members secured to said rear panel at the side edges of said notch, said elastic members being secured to said extensions and presenting elongations thereof whereby the elastic members will permit a diagonal yielding action in respect to the brassière.

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