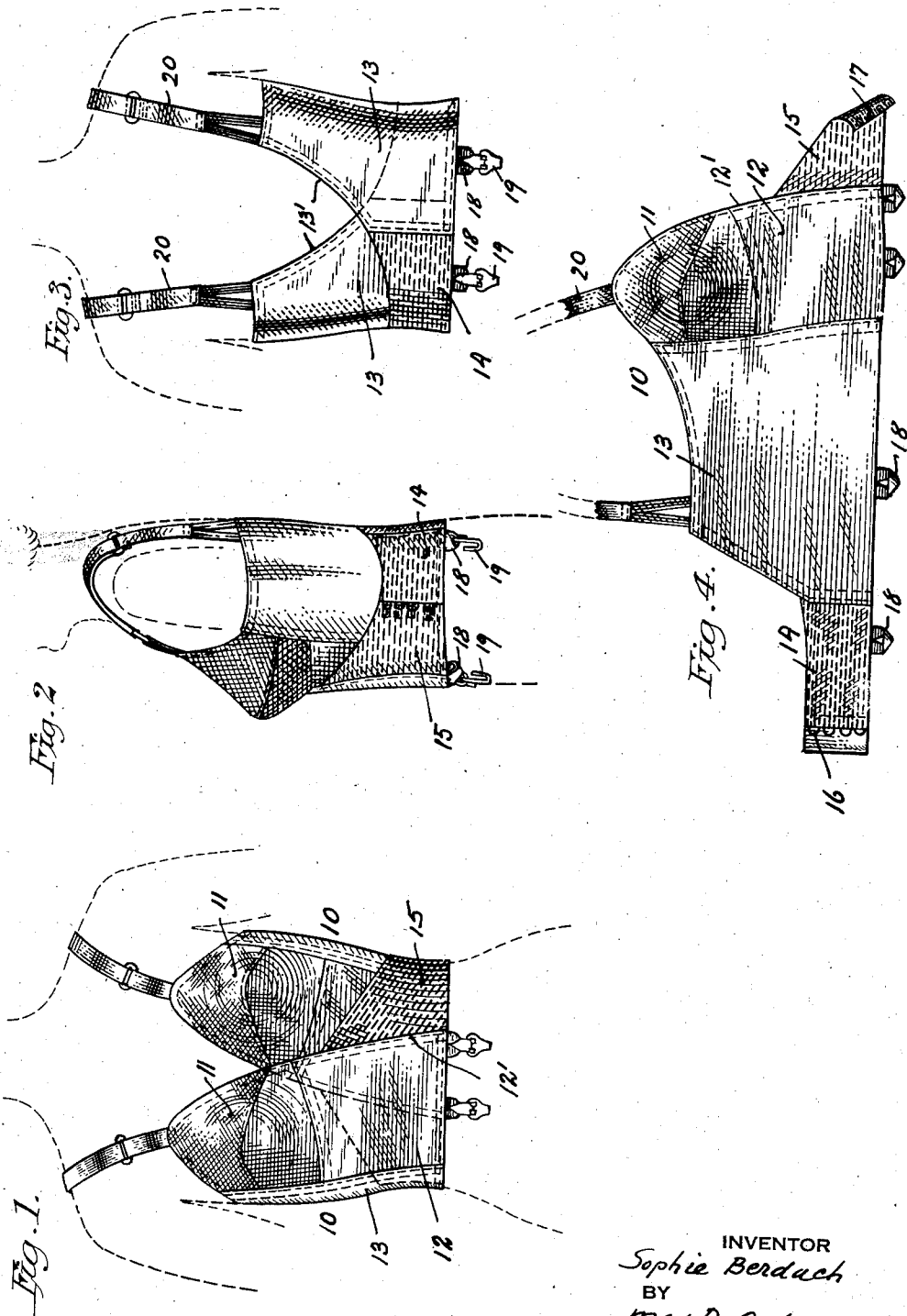


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### 1 Claim. (Cl. 2—42)

This invention pertains to brassières or bust supports of the kind known as long line brassières. Hitherto brassières of this kind have been made as one piece i. e. of two halves permanently joined together. Because of the fact that the breasts and the fatty portions around the diaphragm and waist line are rarely perfectly uniform in size and shape, such structure does not always afford a perfect fit.

The main object of this invention is to provide a construction which will obviate this drawback, and also facilitate its manufacture.

With these and other objects in view, my invention will be readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing which constitutes part of this specification and in which similar reference characters denote corresponding parts.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my novel brassière shown in position of use;

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof;

Figure 3 is a rear elevation thereof and

Figure 4 is an enlarged front elevation of one of the units of the brassière in unfolded or flattened condition.

My novel brassière is composed of two separate symmetrical unattached units 10, which are adapted to be separately tightened around the body of the wearer. Each unit comprises a substantially cone-shaped forwardly bulging breast receiving pocket 11, a bodice 12, attached to the lower edge of the pocket and serving to extend over a part of the diaphragm, and a waist line piece of material 13 attached to the outer lateral edges of the pocket and bodice and adapted to be folded around one side and cover a part of the back of the wearer, as best seen in Figs. 2 and 3. The bodice 12 of each unit has its inner lateral edge 12' cut on a bias so that when the units are tightened around the body of the wearer they will somewhat overlap one another from a point just below the center of the chest, as is best seen in Fig. 1. The waist line piece 13 has its outer lateral edge 13' cut at an angle or curve sloping downwardly so as to overlap a corresponding part of the waist line piece 13 of the other unit, when the brassière is in use. Attached to the rear or outer edge 13' of the waist line piece 13 of each unit 10 is an elastic or semi-elastic strap 14 having at its free end a plurality of fastening members such as eyes 16 adapted to engage hooks 17 provided on another elastic strap 15 attached to the inner edge 12' of the bodice of each unit. Attached with one end to the upper edge or apex of each cone-shaped pocket 11 and with its other

end to the upper edge of the waist line piece 13 of each unit is the usual shoulder strap 20.

When applied to the body the waist line piece 13 of each unit will extend around one side and somewhat beyond the middle of the back, while its elastic strap 14 will fold around the opposite side of the wearer and be fastened to the strap 15 of the same unit.

The two units, as with the ordinary long line brassières, are each provided with means for their attachment to the corset (not shown). In order to facilitate such attachment one of the units may be provided with a plurality of depending looped flaps 18 while the other may have depending hooks carrying flaps 19 which after the units are tightened around the body can be passed through the loops 18 to engage eyelets or the like that may be provided on the corset (not shown).

My new two piece brassière can be manufactured and kept in stock in two separate sets, each set of different sizes, so that the customer can pick out from the two sets the particular size that will best suit her.

It will be seen that when each unit is separately tightened around the body of the wearer, each of the breasts will be effectively held in its pocket without the exertion thereon of any strain from the other unit, and the fatty portions appearing on each side of the waist line and back of the wearer will be separately compressed, thus affording a perfect fit and improving the figure.

Various changes may be made in the construction without departing from the principle of my invention. I, therefore do not wish to restrict myself to the details described and shown.

What I claim is:

A brassière composed of two separate and symmetrical units, each unit comprising a forwardly bulging breast-receiving pocket; a bodice-piece attached to and along the lower edge of said pocket and extending downwardly sufficient to overlie and constrain the fatty portion of the diaphragm of a wearer below a breast, said pocket and bodice-piece having an inner lateral edge cut on a bias so that the bodice-piece of one unit will overlap the bodice-piece of the other unit below the center of the chest of the wearer and provide overlapping portions of the bodice-piece of each unit over the mid-portion of the diaphragm when the brassière is in use; a waist-line-piece attached along the outer lateral edges of said pocket and bodice and adapted to fold around one side and cover the fatty portions at the waist and at one side of the back of the wearer, the waist-

line piece of each unit being sufficiently extensive in length to overlap the other at the back of the wearer; a pair of elastic waist-pieces adapted to lie against the side of the wearer's waist opposite from their associated breast-receiving pocket, one of said elastic waist-pieces extending from the inner lateral edge of said bodice-piece and the other extending from the outer lateral edge of said waist-line-piece at the back of the wearer; disengageable elements for joining the free ends

of said elastic waist-pieces; said breast-receiving pocket, bodice-piece, waist-line-piece and elastic waist-pieces being fitted to constrain the covered fleshy portions of the wearer and to hold the breast in the pocket when tightened around the body of the wearer by said elastic waist-pieces; and a shoulder strap attached to said pocket and said waist-line piece.

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