

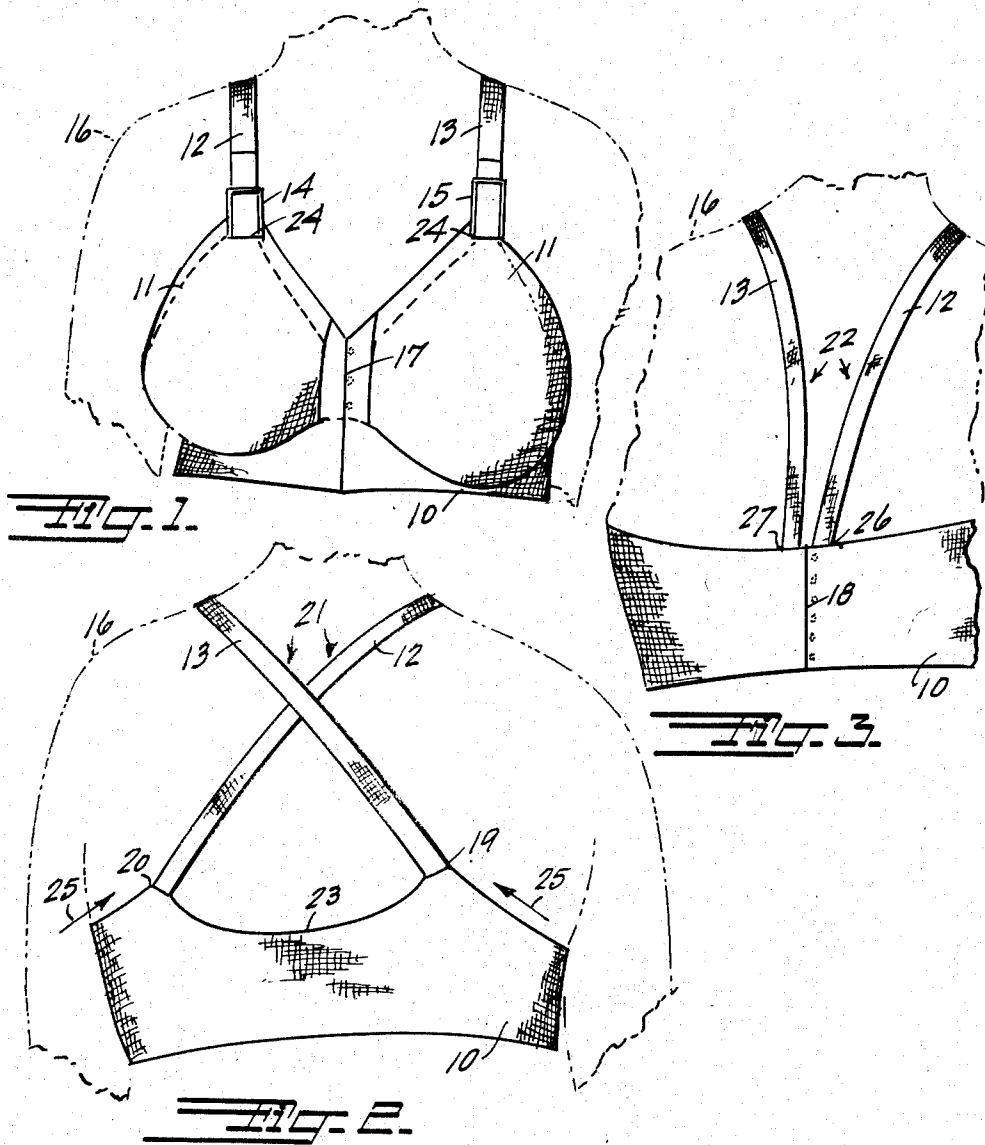
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This invention relates to improvements in women's garments, and is specifically applicable to brassieres though the invention can also be applied to slips and the like, and provides shoulder strap supported garment in which the shoulder straps will remain on the shoulders, eliminating the provocative slipping of the shoulder straps off the shoulders, while coincidentally, in the case of a brassiere, providing better support for the breasts, thus contributing to comfort, confidence, and convenience.

The conventional shoulder strap supported brassiere has the shoulder straps passing parallel over the shoulders and down and back and front, in other words, the attachment of the shoulder straps at the front are the same distance apart as those at the back, and since a person's shoulders slope outwardly and downwardly, the strap readily slips downwardly and off the shoulder, so that it is quite common to see women reaching for and bringing the shoulder strap back on their shoulders.

It is because of those mentioned discomforts and inconveniences, as also some embarrassment, that this invention was evolved, and provides the utmost in confidence and comfort.

The objects and advantages of the invention are as follows:

First, to provide a shoulder-strap supported garment with shoulder straps which will not slip off the shoulders.

Second, to provide a garment as outlined which requires no additional parts or labor in their production.

Third, to provide a garment as outlined in the form of a brassiere, in which the shoulder straps are retained against slipping off the shoulders while simultaneously providing better and more comfortable support for the breasts of the wearer.

Fourth, to provide a brassiere with shoulder straps, the front ends of which are secured over the breast cups, while the back ends of which are downwardly convergent for diagonal reaction to the shoulder in a direction to urge the shoulder strap toward the neck of the wearer.

In describing the invention reference will be had to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a brassiere showing the front ends of the shoulder straps attached in the conventional way to the tops of the cups and provided with adjustment for the length of the strap.

Fig. 2 is a back view of the brassiere showing the extreme arrangement of the shoulder straps, being convergent downwardly from the shoulders and crossing, and best suited to front closing brassieres.

Fig. 3 is the preferred form for back closing brassieres, the figure being fragmentary.

The invention includes the conventional brassiere having a belt or band portion 10, the cups 11, straps 12

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and 13 each of which is provided with adjusting means 14 and 15 for adjusting the length of the straps to suit the shoulders of the wearer 16.

The brassiere may be of either, the front closing type as indicated at 17, or back closing type as indicated at 18, the portions so far described being of conventional manufacture.

The invention resides in the back portions of the shoulder straps, which, instead of running substantially parallel, for example, with the strap 12 connected at 19, and the strap 13 connected at 20, these straps are downwardly converged at the back as indicated at 21 in Fig. 2, and at 22 in Fig. 3.

In Fig. 2, the crossing is illustrated at a maximum, and these straps may be attached at any points up to the center at 23 and is best suited for front closing brassieres illustrated in Fig. 1 at 37, their application to the back closing brassiere shown in Fig. 3 requiring the straps to be slipped over the head unless they are made detachable at 24 on the front, however, this crossed type of shoulder straps provides the most comfortable and best support for the breasts because of the diagonal pull indicated at 25 and which extends directly to and over the shoulders to increase the lift on the cups and tension the band about the lower portions of the cups.

The type illustrated in Fig. 3 is best suited to the back closing type of brassiere, the shoulder straps being preferably attached adjacent to the closure 18 as indicated at 26 and 27, thus being downwardly convergent on the back. This type is as conveniently and easily applied to the person as are conventional brassieres, the convergence of the shoulder straps being ample to retain the shoulder straps on the shoulders.

I claim:

1. A brassiere having a band having a front portion, under-arm portions, and a back portion including shoulder strap connecting portions, and having cups formed in the front portion, with the back portion having the top edge formed diagonally inwardly and upwardly from the underarm portions to provide shoulder strap connections, with the intervening back portion between the shoulder strap connections curvedly reduced in width to substantially that of the underarm portions for greater resiliency, and a pair of shoulder straps respectively attached at one end to the tops of the respective cups with the other ends crossed over the back and connected to opposite shoulder strap connections, with the crossed shoulder straps substantially forming a continuation of the diagonally inwardly and upwardly formed top edges, whereby the shoulder straps are maintained on the shoulders of the wearer and provide tension from the shoulders through the underarm portions to the undersides of the cups for more exacting and comfortable support of the breasts and simultaneously reducing tension across the back between the connections.

2. A structure as defined in claim 1, in which the increase in width of the shoulder strap connection portion is substantially 50 percent for more comfortable application to the shoulder blade area of the wearer.

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