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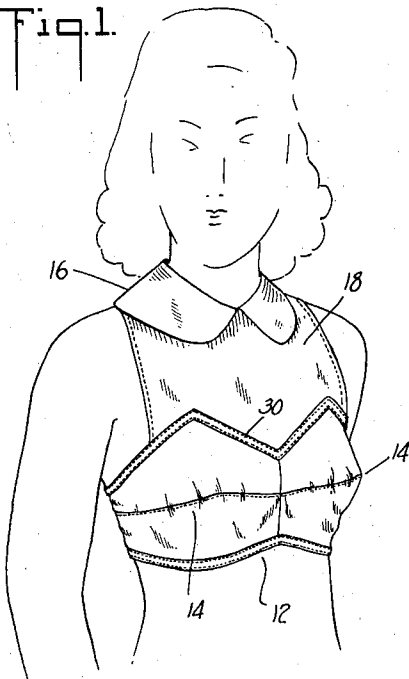


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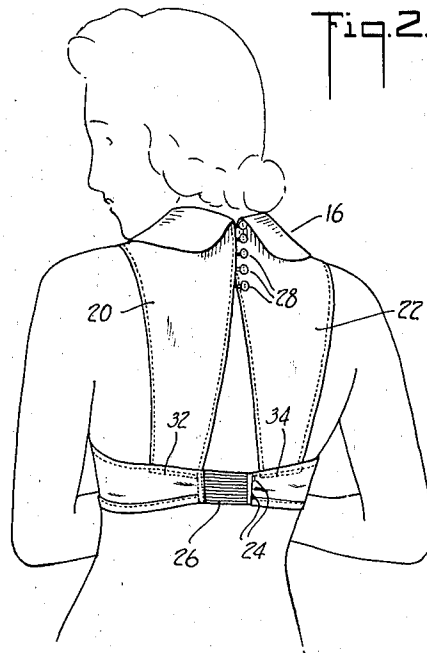


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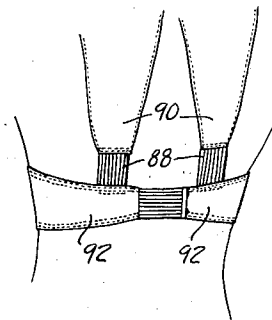
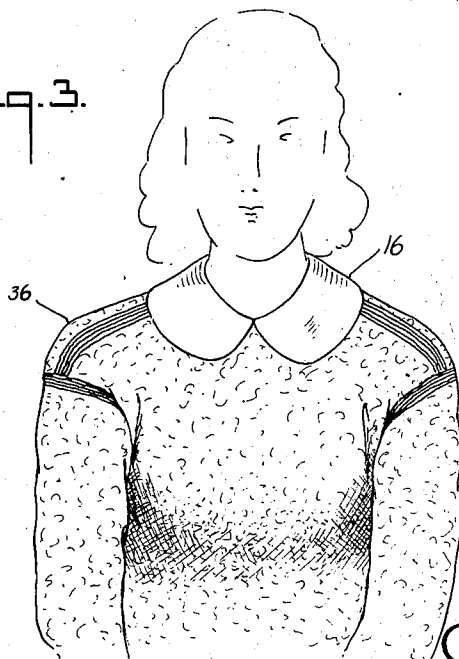


Fig. 2a.

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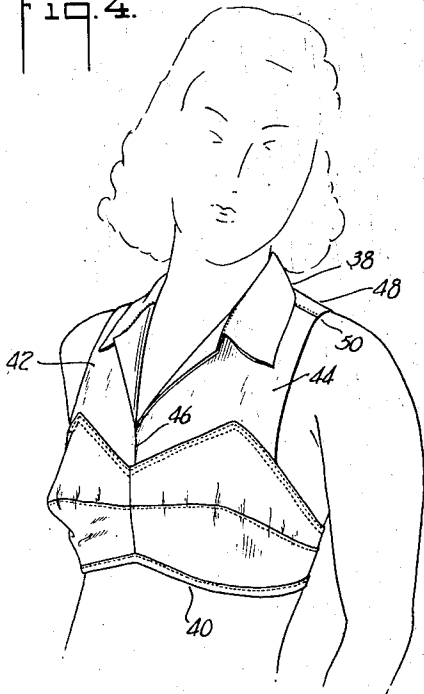


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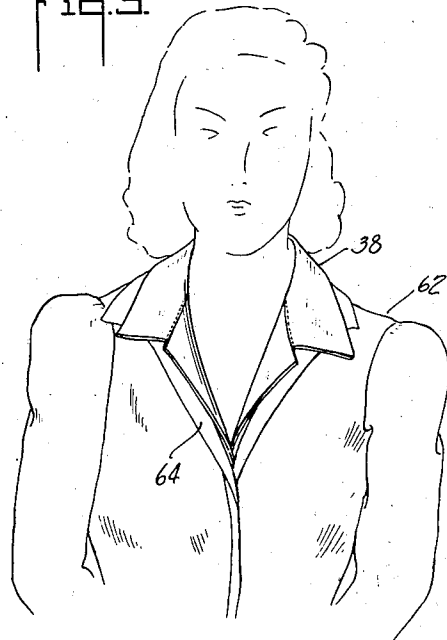


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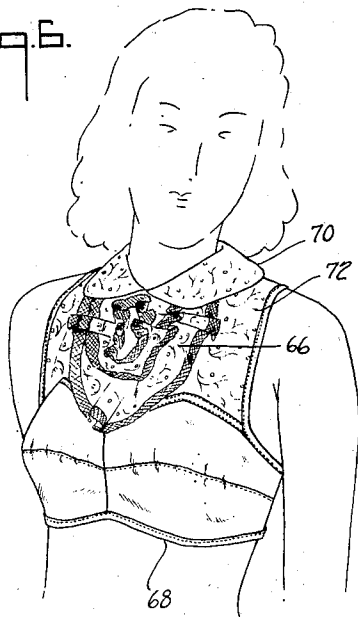
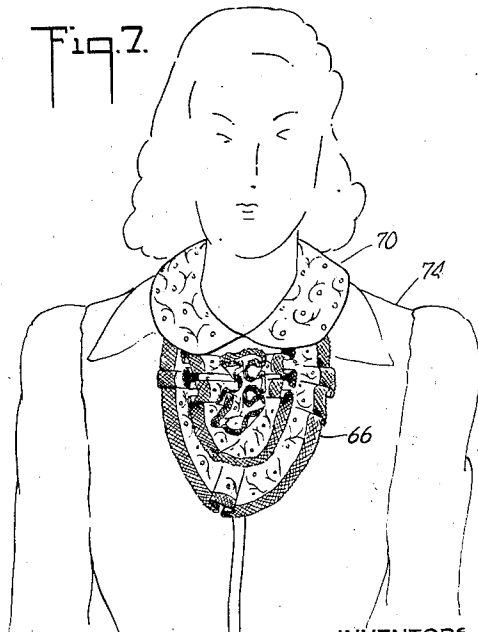


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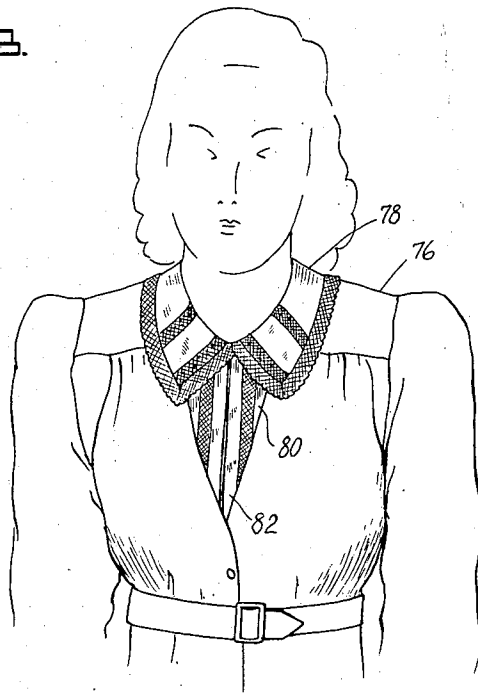


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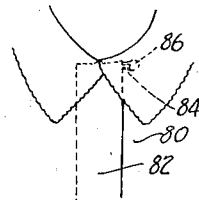


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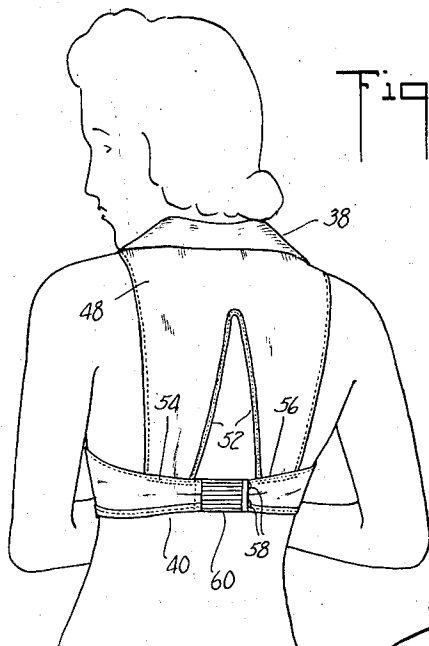
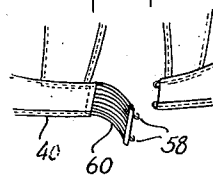


Fig. 9a.



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This invention relates to clothing for ladies, and particularly a single-piece garment which is worn about the breast and the neck, with a close supporting fit for the breast.

The primary object of our invention is to generally improve ladies' clothing.

A more particular object is to provide a garment having a brassiere portion with shaped or cupped breast pockets and having a collar portion and means so connecting the collar portion to the brassiere portion as to provide a desired uplift at the latter.

A still more particular object is to improve neckwear for use with an outer garment such as a dress, suit or sweater. Heretofore, a piece of neckwear or collar had to be sewed or pinned to the outer garment. It was necessary to open the stitching or to remove the pins when washing the collar or when changing to a different collar for the same dress, or when changing the same collar to a different dress. It was also difficult to obtain a good fit, between the collar and dress when buying a separate collar to refurbish a dress, this being so because the collar and dress would ordinarily have differently shaped necklines, or would be of different size. A difference in size would often arise because of shrinkage after washing the collar or cleaning the dress.

One object of our invention is to avoid the need for attaching the neckwear or collar to the outer garment, and to instead provide a collar which is wholly separate from the outer garment, and which is supported independently of the same. We have found that the collar may be comfortably and accurately held in proper position by using a brassiere as a means to hold the collar. From a different viewpoint, it may be said that the collar helps to properly locate the brassiere, and more especially to provide the desired uplift for the breasts. Still another object is to avoid cutting or bruising of the shoulders as sometimes occurs with the thin shoulder straps of ordinary brassieres.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing general and such other more specific objects as will hereinafter appear, our invention consists in the garment elements and their relation one to the other, as hereinafter are more particularly described in the specification and sought to be defined in the claims. The specification is accompanied by drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the forward portion of our improved garment as worn before adding an outer garment;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view thereof;

Fig. 2a is a fragmentary similar view of a modification having additional elastic inserts;

Fig. 3 is a front view after adding an outer garment, in this case a sweater;

Fig. 4 is a front perspective view of a modified form of the invention having a V-neck collar;

Fig. 5 is a front view of the same after adding an outer garment;

Fig. 6 is a front perspective view of another form of the invention including a jabot;

Fig. 7 is a front view of the same after adding an outer garment such as that shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 8 is a front view of another modification of our improved garment with a V-neck outer garment thereover;

Fig. 8a is explanatory of a detail;

Fig. 9 is a rear perspective view of a form of our invention having a modified back, preferably used with a V-neck or front opening collar; and

Fig. 9a is explanatory of the opening of the brassiere.

Referring to the drawings, and more particularly to Figs. 1 and 2, the invention comprises a garment which when worn with or after applying an outer garment thereover, is partially underwear and partially outer wear. More specifically, the garment comprises a brassiere 12 appropriately tailored and patterned to provide conventional cuffed breast pockets 14. The garment further includes a collar 16. The collar and brassiere are suitably connected for mutual support and to provide a single garment. In the present case, they are connected at the front by fabric 18, and are connected at the back by parts 20 and 22. The front 18 acts to cover the chest and to fill in the neckline of the garment in somewhat the same manner as a vestee or bosom or dicky or blouse. The back fabric is divided as shown, for several reasons. One is that the brassiere is hooked and opened at 24, and the resulting separation between the parts 20 and 22 of the back affords free opening of the garment. Another is that the brassiere preferably includes an elastic portion 26, and by locating this elastic portion between the separated parts 20 and 22 of the back, there is no interference with free stretch of the elastic portion 26. The parts 20 and 22, or from another viewpoint, the back of the collar 16, may be closed by suitable releasable fastening means such as loops on part 20 which are received over buttons 28 on part 22.

It will be understood that the front connecting fabric 18 is secured to brassiere 12, as by means of the lines of stitching indicated at 30. Similarly, the back connecting part 20 is secured

near one end of the brassiere by stitching indicated at 32, while the part 22 is secured near the other end of the brassiere, as by stitching indicated at 34. Similarly, the two halves of the collar 16 are secured to the upper edges of the connecting fabric portions 18, 20 and 22 by lines of stitching which are not visible in the drawings, but which are located just inside the turn or fold of the collar.

Fig. 2a is a rear view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a modification in which elastic inserts 88 are provided in the sides 90 of the back. These inserts are most simply connected between the lower ends of the sides 90 and the end portions 92 of the brassiere. These elastic inserts may also be used with a brassiere having a back like that shown in Fig. 9, and from this viewpoint Fig. 2a may be considered to be a fragmentary view showing a modification of either Fig. 2 or Fig. 9.

The advantage of the elastic inserts is in affording some flexibility as to the size of the garment in vertical dimension. Thus a reduced number of sizes of the present combination garment may be used to fit the various sizes needed. The vertical dimension of the garment is important, not only for holding the collar in proper position, but also because it is desired that the brassiere give a certain amount of uplift to the breasts of the wearer. Hence the support provided from the front of the brassiere to the collar, or from the front of the brassiere around the shoulders to the back of the brassiere, is important. In this respect it may be observed that the connecting fabric in the present case is very wide at the shoulders and is therefore comfortable to the wearer, compared to the thin shoulder straps ordinarily used on brassieres, which straps would sometimes cut or bruise the shoulders.

Any suitable form of outer garment may be worn over the invention, and in Fig. 3 we show a sweater 36 which is worn over and conceals all of the garment except the collar 16, that being worn outside the sweater. It is thus possible to lighten and reduce the amount of clothing which must be worn, and more specifically, the appearance is the same as though wearing a waist in addition to a brassiere and a sweater.

Referring now to Fig. 4, we there show a modified garment in which the collar 38 is an open-front or V-neck collar. The brassiere 40 may be constructed the same as before, or in any desired conventional manner. The collar is connected to the brassiere at the front by two pieces of fabric 42 and 44 separated and preferably overlapped at 46. Thus the open roll of the collar at the front may be lowered or raised, as may be required by the nature of the outer garment. The collar 38 is also preferably connected to the brassiere at the back, as by means of fabric the upper end of which is indicated at 48, this being stitched not only to the collar 38, but also to the front fabric, as is indicated at 50.

With a V-neck collar, the garment may be pulled over the head of the wearer, and it is therefore not necessary for the collar to open at the back, as was indicated in Fig. 2. Instead, the back may be constructed in the manner shown in Fig. 9, in which it will be seen that the collar 38 is continuous at the back and is connected to the piece of fabric 48 which is also continuous at the back, but which is preferably separated a substantial distance upwardly from the brassiere, as is indicated at 52. Because of this division of the back, it may be said that the back has separated

parts, one of which is stitched to one end of the brassiere 40, as is indicated at 54, while the other is stitched to the other end of the brassiere, as is indicated at 56, the brassiere itself being openable at suitable hooks or other fasteners 58, and preferably including an elastic portion 60 which is desirably located between the separable parts of the back.

In Fig. 5 I show an outer garment 62 applied over the modification last described. This outer garment is a dress with a V-opening neck indicated at 64. The collar 38 opens to the extent permitted by the dress, and is held accurately and smoothly in position as though forming a part of the dress itself.

Still another form of our invention is illustrated in Fig. 6. This modification is characterized by the provision of a jabot 66 as a part of the neckwear. More specifically, the complete garment comprises a brassiere 68, a collar 70, front fabric 72 connecting the brassiere and the collar, and back fabric connecting the brassiere and the collar, the back preferably being in the form shown in Fig. 2, with the collar opening at the back. The jabot 66 hangs down freely from the collar 70 at the front of the garment so that the dress or outer garment may be worn with the jabot on the outside. This is illustrated in Fig. 7, in which an outer garment 74 is being worn over the brassiere and connecting fabric portions, but under the collar 70 and jabot 66, the collar and jabot serving to ornament the outer garment.

Of course, various outer garments may be worn with any one of our improved garments, and various modifications of our invention may be worn with a single outer garment. This is illustrated by a comparison of Figs. 5 and 7 in which the same outer garment is shown, yet its appearance is substantially modified by the difference in the neckwear being worn therewith.

The modification shown in Figs. 6 and 7 also illustrates the possibility of using frilly fabrics with lace trimming and ruffles or the like, instead of the more severe, plain or tailored constructions illustrated in Figs. 1 and 4.

While we have shown the jabot used with a collar, it will be understood that a jabot alone is intended to be included within the general term "neckwear," and in such case the jabot will be supported from the upper edge of the front fabric, the latter in turn being held by its connection over the shoulders to the back fabric. The general advantage of being able to use the neckwear without having to stitch the same to the dress, is retained in the case of the jabot.

The ensemble shown in Fig. 8 illustrates the possibility of using one of our garments having a relatively high neckline, together with an outer garment 76 having a V or low neckline. In this case, the collar 78 is ornamented with lace, and the front connecting fabric 82 of the garment is similarly ornamented with lace to match the collar and to carry out the desired effect.

This modification of the invention also illustrates the fact that the collar need not be a V collar to be openable at the front. The structural arrangement of Fig. 8 is shown in Fig. 8a, the front being made of two overlapping parts, the part 82 overlapping the part 80 and being held in that position by a loop 84 on part 82 passing around a button 86 on part 80. When unbuttoned, the front may be opened much like a V collar, and so passed over the head of the wearer. The idea may be described from a different viewpoint by stating that the V-neck collar shown in

Figs. 4 and 5 may, if desired, be provided with a loop or buttonhole at one side, and a button at the other side, so that it may be closed and buttoned to form a higher collar line instead of the V-opening illustrated. For convenience, all of these forms, whether provided with fastening means or not, may be said to have an operable front.

It is believed that the construction and method of use of our improved garment, as well as the many advantages thereof, will be apparent from the foregoing detailed description thereof. It will also be understood that the invention is applicable to a vast variety of neckwear including collars, jabots, yokes, etc. The collars may be standing, rolled, flat, Revere, sailor, Peter Pan, etc. The collar, and if desired, the connecting portions of the garment as well, may be of severe tailored appearance, or may be solid lace, lace trimmed, or given a frilly appearance by the use of pleats, ruffles, etc. The brassiere itself may have an elastic insert as illustrated, or may be made largely or wholly of elastic fabric, or for that matter, may be wholly inelastic. The garment of our invention may be worn with a variety of outer garments such as a one-piece or two-piece dress, suit, sweater, and others. The outer garment may have any of a variety of necklines such as a high or low neckline, or a V or square or U-shaped neckline.

It will therefore be apparent that while we have shown and described our invention in several preferred forms, many changes and modifications may be made in the structures disclosed, without departing from the spirit of the invention as sought to be defined in the following claims.

We claim:

1. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said neckwear portion at the front of said garment and also at the back of said garment.

2. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets for wear beneath an outer garment, a collar portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed outside an outer garment, and means connecting at least the front of the collar portion with the brassiere portion.

3. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets for wear beneath an outer garment, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed outside an outer garment, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said neckwear portion at the back of said garment, the back of the brassiere being provided with releasable securing means, the connecting means at the back being divided for at least a substantial distance above said securing means to afford opening of the brassiere, said brassiere having an elastic section or insert at the back located between the divided sides of the aforesaid connecting means.

4. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said neckwear portion at the back of said garment, the connecting portion at the back being divided and provided with releasable securing means at or near the back of the collar, the back of the brassiere also being provided with

releasable securing means, whereby the entire garment may be opened at the back.

5. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets for wear beneath an outer garment, a collar portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed outside an outer garment, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said collar portion at the front of said garment and also at the back of said garment, the connecting portion at the back being divided and provided with releasable securing means at or near the back of the collar, the back of the brassiere also being provided with releasable securing means, whereby the entire garment may be opened at the back, one side of the connecting means at the back being connected near one end of the brassiere, and the other side of the connecting means of the brassiere, said brassiere having an elastic section located between the two sides of the connecting means at the back.

6. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets for wear beneath an outer garment, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed outside an outer garment, said neckwear portion having an openable front with a large enough opening to be drawn over the head of the wearer, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said neckwear portion at the back of said garment, said brassiere portion having an elastic insert and releasable means at the back, the connecting portion at the back being divided for a substantial distance above the brassiere with one side connected near one end of the brassiere and the other side connected near the other end of the brassiere, whereby said garment may be applied or removed over the head of the wearer when the brassiere is opened at the back, said elastic insert being located between the separated sides of the back of the garment.

7. In ladies' clothing, the combination of an outer garment, a collar for said outer garment which is in no way secured to said outer garment, and means for holding said collar in position, said means including a brassiere having cupped breast pockets and worn beneath the outer garment, and means connecting said collar to said brassiere.

8. In ladies' clothing, the combination of an outer garment, a brassiere having cupped breast pockets worn beneath said outer garment, and means to help locate the brassiere in position, said means including a collar portion, at least a part of which is worn outside the garment, and means disposed inside said outer garment and connecting said collar to said brassiere.

9. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, and means connecting said brassiere portion with said neckwear portion at the front of said garment and also at the back of said garment, at least a part of said connecting means being elastic or yieldable in an up and down direction.

10. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets for wear beneath an outer garment, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed outside an outer garment, and a connecting portion extending from the front of the brassiere to the neckwear portion and around the shoulders of the wearer to the back of the brassiere, the connecting portion at the back being divided, the brassiere being provided with releasable securing

means at the back, one side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near one end of the brassiere, and the other side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near the other end of the brassiere.

11. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, and a connecting portion extending from the front of the brassiere to the neckwear portion and around the shoulders of the wearer to the back of the brassiere, the connecting portion at the back being divided, the brassiere being provided with releasable securing means at the back, one side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near one end of the brassiere, and the other side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near the other end of the brassiere, said brassiere including an elastic insert, said elastic insert being located between the two sides of the connecting portion at the back.

12. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a collar portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, and an extensive front fabric portion connecting said brassiere portion with said collar portion.

13. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere

portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, a connecting portion extending from the front of the brassiere to the neckwear portion and around the shoulders of the wearer to the back of the brassiere, the connecting portion at the back being divided and provided with releasable securing means, the back of the brassiere also being provided with releasable securing means, whereby the entire garment may be opened at the back, one side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near one end of the brassiere, and the other side of the connecting portion including an elastic insert and being connected near the other end of the brassiere, said brassiere also including an elastic insert, said last-named insert being located between the two sides of the connecting portion at the back.

14. A lady's garment comprising a brassiere portion having cupped breast pockets, a neckwear portion for wear with at least a part thereof exposed, means connecting at least the front of the collar portion with the brassiere portion, said brassiere portion being at least partially elastic, and having releasable securing means for opening the same.

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