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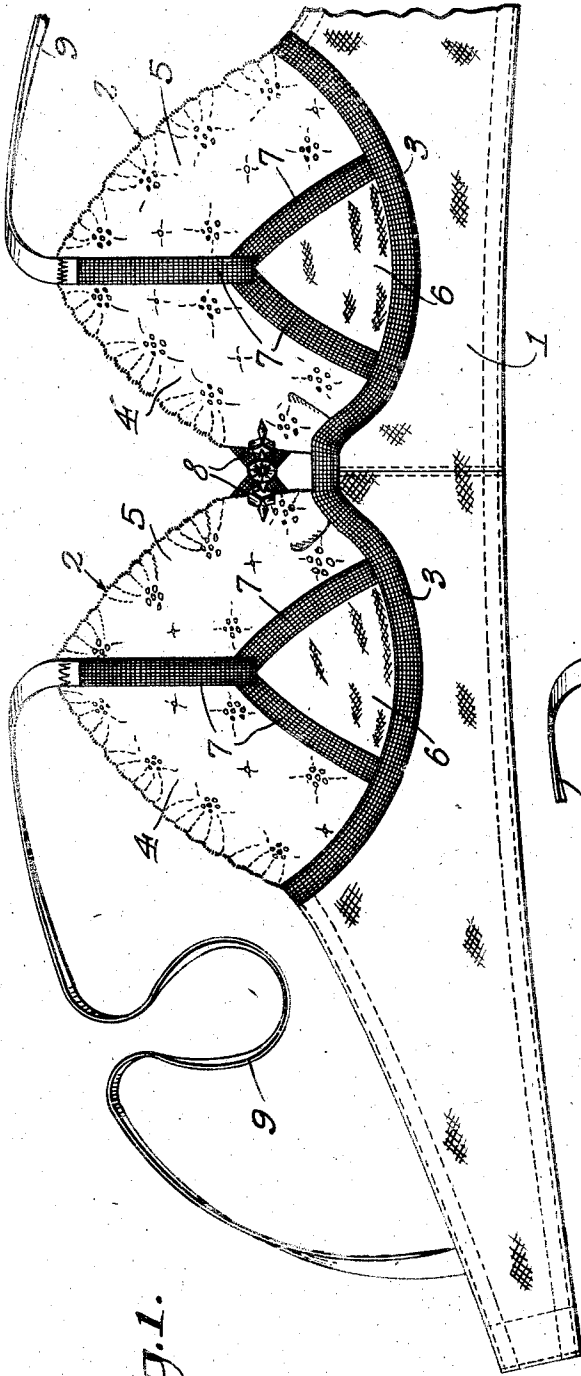


Fig. 1.

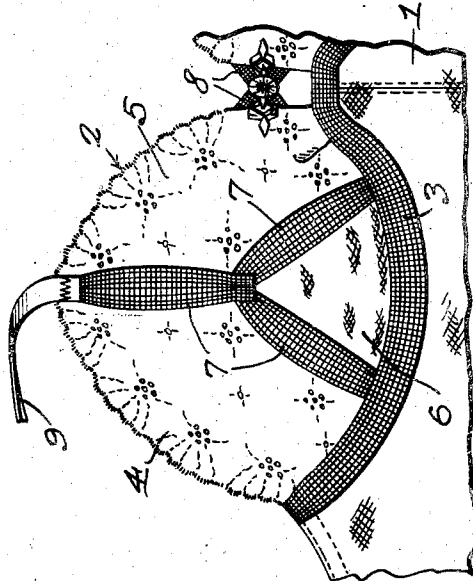


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to bandeaux, brassières or the like, one of the objects being to provide a garment of this type the bust sections or cups of which are self-adjusting.

5 Heretofore it has been the practice to make these garments to fit predetermined chest measurements but the bust sections or cups have been made to a standard depending upon the waist or chest measurements and while a person might  
10 procure a bandeau or brassière of the proper size when measured about the waist or chest, the user was not assured of a proper fit in the bust sections or cups unless she should be of a standard size.

15 An object of the present invention is to so construct the bust sections or cups that they will be capable of stretching annularly, thereby to become self-adjusting to sizes which ordinarily would not be obtained in connection with the  
20 standard chest or waist measurement of the purchased garment.

It is a further object to provide bust sections or cups the seams of which are stretchable transversely, thereby relieving the material from objectionable strains at these points as well as  
25 uncomfortable and unsightly wrinkling.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claims, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the  
35 invention as claimed.

In the accompanying drawing the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawing:

40 Figure 1 is a front elevation of a bandeau or brassière embodying the present improvements.

Figure 2 is a front elevation of a portion thereof showing one of the sections or cups stretched at the seams.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a band of any suitable material adapted to encircle and to be secured about the body and carrying bust sections or cups 2. In the present instance these sections are joined to the band 1 by an inserted tape 3 of elastic which is stretchable transversely. This tape can  
50 extend continuously along the two sections 2 and between them, if desired.

Each of the sections or cups 2 is made up of segments indicated at 4, 5 and 6. Obviously more than three segments could be used if desired. In  
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the structure illustrated the three segments are joined together by inserted strips of tape 7 formed of elastic material stretchable transversely but not in the direction of their length and the inserted tapes extend from the center of each section 2 to the margin thereof. It is preferred to have one section extend upwardly from the center while the remaining sections diverge downwardly to the tape 3. The materials used in the formation of the segments 4, 5 and 6 are preferably non-stretchable. Crossed tapes 8 of elastic stretchable longitudinally can be interposed between and connected to the sections or cups 2 above the band 1 and the usual shoulder straps 9 are extended from the tops of the sections or cups 2 to the end portions of the band 1.

It is to be understood that the garment described is to be made of standard sizes as ordinarily. However should it be necessary, in order to prevent wrinkles and to afford a proper fit, to have sections or cups 2 larger than a standard size, it will be apparent that the elastic tapes 3 and 7 will stretch readily transversely, as has been shown in Figure 2 so that the sections will thus adapt themselves to the wearer and afford  
25 a proper fit.

Obviously this construction will also relieve the material of strains at the seams to which it would be subjected should the elastic inserts not be employed under the conditions stated. Furthermore the garment would be worn with much more comfort than otherwise would be possible.

While the elastic inserts are preferably formed of elastic fabric, it is to be understood that any suitable elastic material can be used. It is also to be understood that the positions and shapes of the inserts can be varied to meet the requirements. It is merely essential that the garment be so constructed as to become self-fitting, thereby to eliminate strain upon or objectionable binding by the garment.

What is claimed is:

1. A garment of the class described including a body encircling portion, bust sections or cups joined thereto and each comprising non-stretchable portions and elastic portions, each section or cup being stretchable at the elastic portions transversely of a plurality of lines radiating from a point adjacent to the center of the section or cup.

2. A garment of the class described including a body encircling portion, bust sections joined thereto each comprising non-elastic segments extending about a point adjacent to the center of the section and elastic portions interposed be-  
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tween and connecting the segments and radiating from said point, each section being stretchable at the elastic portions transversely of a plurality of lines radiating from a point adjacent to the center of the section.

3. A garment of the class described including a body encircling band, bust sections, an elastic connection between the sections, and means for allowing relative movement of the band and sections toward and from each other, said means including a strip of transversely stretchable elastic between and connecting the band and sections.

4. A garment of the class described including a body encircling band, separate resiliently connected bust sections thereabove, and a trans-

versely stretchable strip of elastic secured along one edge of the band and joining the two bust sections thereto for independent resilient adjustment to the body of the wearer relative to each other and to the band.

5. A garment including connected bust sections, each comprising annularly spaced segments of non-elastic material, and transversely stretchable strips of elastic interposed between and connecting the segments for relative movement toward and from each other.

6. A garment of the class described including cups each comprising segmental portions and elastic connections between said portions, each cup being stretchable to fit the wearer.

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