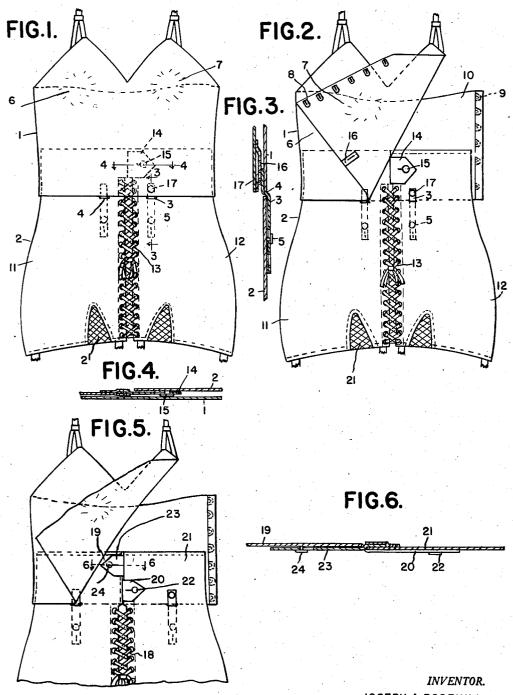
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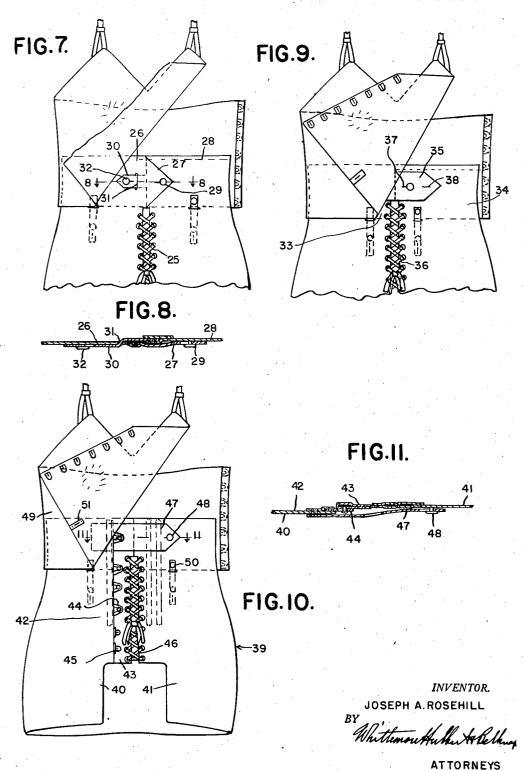
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The invention relates to garments and refers more particularly to combination garments comprising upper and lower dress elements which together form a figure molding or form retaining garment.

The invention has for one of its objects to provide an improved garment which may be formed of non-elastic material, which has a high degree of flexibility and which may be readily and quickly applied and removed.

The invention has for other objects to provide a garment in which the lower dress element has separable sections secured to each other by adjustable tie means terminating below their upper edges providing for flexibility or adjustability and 15 ing type and the girdle of the front-opening type. by other means above the adjustable tie means predeterminedly controlling the size of the upper edge portion of the lower dress element to fit the lower edge portion of the upper dress element of the combination garment; to provide a garment in which the means for securing the separable sections of the lower dress element together above the adjustable tie means is a quick detachment means for facilitating the opening of the upper edge portion of the lower dress element; and to provide an improved construction of lower dress element having its upper edge portion definitely controlled as to size and its lower portion adjustable.

The invention has for a further object to secure the upper dress element to the lower dress element in a manner such that the former overlaps the latter at the outer side thereof and conceals the quick detachment means of the lower dress element and provides ready and quick access to the quick detachment means.

With these as well as other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel features of construction and combinations and arrangements of 40 parts as more fully hereinafter set forth.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a combination garment showing an embodiment of the inven-

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the upper dress element of the garment opened;

Figures 3 and 4 are cross sections on the lines 3-3 and 4-4, respectively, of Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a view similar to Figure 2 show- 50 ing a modified lower dress element;

Figure 6 is a cross section on the line 6-6 of Figure 5;

Figure 7 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing another modified lower dress element;

Figure 8 is a cross section on the line 8-8 of Figure 7;

Figure 9 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing another modified lower dress element;

Figure 10 is a view similar to Figure 2 showing another modified lower dress element;

Figure 11 is a cross section on the line | | — | | of Figure 10.

The combination figure molding or form retain-10 ing garment of Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, comprises the upper and lower dress elements i and 2, respectively, and as shown, the upper dress element is a brassière and the lower dress element is a girdle, the brassière being of the side-open-

The brassière preferably overlaps the upper portion of the girdle at the outer side thereof and is detachably and adjustably secured to the girdle at both the front and rear of the gar-20 ment by means including the tapes 3. The tapes extend downwardly from the brassière along the outer side of the girdle, then through the openings 4 in the girdle and then downwardly along the inner side of the girdle to be engaged by suit-25 able fasteners which are preferably buttons 5 upon the inner side of and secured to the girdle. The lower end portions of the tapes are provided with a plurality of button holes to provide for adjustment of the brassière longitudinally of the girdle.

The brassière has the front sections 6 and 7 each of which is provided with a breast receiving pocket. The front section 7 borders the side opening and its side edge portion has secured 35 thereto the hooks 8 for detachably engaging the eyes 9 secured to the side edge portion of the adjacent rear section 10, the arrangement providing for quick detachment of the front section 7 from the rear section 10.

The girdle 2 has the front sections | | and |2 which may be provided with suitable stays and these front sections border the front opening. 13 is lacing extending between the front sections 11 and 12 from the lower edges thereof to a zone spaced below the upper edges thereof, the lacing providing for flexibility or adjustability of the girdle. To secure the upper portions of the front sections 11 and 12 above the lacing to each other and to predeterminedly control the size of the upper edge portion of the girdle to fit or adapt the same to the overlapping lower edge portion of the brassière, there is provided the inextensible tab 14 and the button 15. The tab extends laterally from the side edge of the front section 55 11 over the front section 12 at the outer side

thereof and the button 15 is secured to the front section 12 at the outer side thereof. The button hole in the tab is predeterminedly located, as is also the button, so that the size of the upper edge portion of the girdle is definitely controlled and can not be increased to an extent preventing the use of the brassière. The tab and button securing means provides for quick detachment of the upper edge portions of the front sections of the girdle.

The tapes 3 for securing the rear sections of the brassière and girdle together and also for securing the front sections 6 and 11 of the brassière and girdle together are preferably stitched to the brassière. However, the tape 3 for secur- 15 ing the front sections 7 and 12 of the brassière and girdle together is secured to the front section 7 in a manner to provide for quick detachment. As shown, the front section 7 has stitched thereto at the inner side thereof the tape 16 which is 20 provided with a longitudinally extending button hole for receiving the button 17 upon the associated tape 3. The tape 16 is preferably stitched to the front section 7 at the lower and upper edges and one side edge to provide for access to 25 the button 17.

Both the brassière and the girdle may be completely formed of inelastic material or fabric, and in the present instance such material is employed. except for the elastic gussets 2' in the lower edge 30 portion of the girdle.

The arrangement is such that the brassière extends downwardly over the girdle a distance such that when the garment is in use the brassière conceals the tab 14, buttons 15 and 17, and the 35 upper portion of the lacing 13 so that a neat and pleasing appearance results. The arrangement is also such that if it is desired to remove the garment the hooks 8 and 9 may be readily and quickly detached and the front section 7 of the bras- 40 sière swung over to an intermediate position to enable unfastening the button 17 from the tape 16, after which the front section 7 may be further swung over to a position such as indicated in Figure 2 to expose the tab 14 and button 45 15 to enable quick detachment of the button from the tab. The upper portion of the girdle is now free to be opened so that after the shoulder straps are moved downwardly over the shoulders and the lacing loosened, the garment may be removed by 50 sliding the same downwardly. It is apparent that the construction is also such that the garment may be readily applied with the assurance that the girdle and brassière will fit each other.

The construction of garment illustrated in Fig- 55 ures 5 and 6 is generally the same as that illustrated in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, but differs only in the construction of the girdle above the lacing 18. In detail, the front section 19 of the girdle has the tab 20 extending laterally from the side 60 edge of the front section over the front section 21 at the outer side thereof and detachably engaging the button 22 secured to the front section 21. The front section 21 also has extending laterally therefrom the tab 23 which extends over 65 the front section 19 at the outer side thereof and detachably engages the button 24 secured to the front section 19. In this case, the garment may be removed and applied in the same manner as the garment of Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, it being necessary to detach two buttons from their tabs instead of one button from its tab.

The modification of Figures 7 and 8 also differs only in the construction of the upper edge portion

front section 26 has extending laterally from its side edge the tab 27 which overlaps the front section 23 at the outer side thereof and detachably engages the button 29 upon the front section 28. The front section 28 is provided with the tab 30 which has a portion overlapping the front section 26 at the inner side thereof and also a portion overlapping the front section 26 at the outer side thereof, the tab extending through the opening 31 in the front section 26. This tab 30 is detachably engageable with the button 32 upon the front section 26. With this construction, the garment may be removed and applied in the same manner as the garments previously described, it being necessary to detach the buttons 29 and 32 from their respective tabs.

As shown in Figure 9, the garment is of the same construction as that illustrated in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive, with the exception that the upper edge portions of the girdle sections 33 and 34 are adapted to be secured together in one of a pair of predetermined relations, in either of which the upper edge portion of the girdle is predeterminedly sized to fit the lower edge portion of the brassière. In detail, 35 is an inextensible tab extending laterally from the side edge of the front section 33 above the lacing and 36 is the button secured to the front section 34. The tab is provided with the two button holes 37 and 38 for receiving the button and providing for adjustment in the size of the upper edge portion of the girdle to receive the brassière.

Figures 10 and 11 illustrate another garment in which the girdle 39 differs from the girdles previously described in that its front sections are additionally provided with quick detachment securing means which may be unfastened so that the lacing need not be loosened. In detail, the girdle has the front sections 40 and 41 in which the section 40 has the longitudinal main portion 42 and the longitudinally extending strip portion 43 secured together at their adjacent edges by quick detachment means which, as shown, comprises the clasps 44 extending downwardly from the upper edges and the hooks and eyes 45 extending upwardly from the lower edges. 46 is lacing between the front sections and, more particularly, the front section 41 and the strip 43. the lacing terminating below the upper edge of the girdle. 47 is an inextensible tab secured to the outer side of the main portion 42 and extending laterally over the strip portion 43 and a portion of the front section 41 and having a button hole for receiving the button 48 which is secured to the outer side of the front section 41. The tab is located above the lacing and is concealed by the brassière 49 when the garment is being worn. The tab and button predeterminedly control the size of the upper edge portion of the girdle to fit the lower edge portion of the brassière.

The construction is such that if it is desired to remove the garment, the hooks and eyes of the brassière may be readily and quickly detached, after which the front section of the brassière adjacent the side opening of the brassière may be swung over to enable unfastening the button 50 from the tape 51 which correspond respectively to the button 17 and the tape 16 of Figures 1 to 4 inclusive. Then this front section of the brassière may be swung over to a position such as indicated in Figure 10 to expose the tab 47 and the button 48 to enable quick detachment of the button from the tab, after which the of the girdle above the lacing 25. In detail, the 75 quick detachment means comprising the clasps

44 and the hooks and eyes 45 may be unfastened and the garment removed.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A combination form retaining garment comprising a front-opening girdle, a side-opening brassière overlapping said girdle at the outer side thereof, said girdle having front sections bordering the front opening, lacing extending between said front sections and terminating below the sections above said lacing extending laterally over the other of said front sections at the outer side thereof, and a button on the other of said front sections detachably engageable with said tab, said tab and button being concealed by said brassière, 15 said brassière having front sections with one front section bordering the side opening and means for securing said brassière to said girdle comprising a tape secured to said last mentioned front section of said girdle, a button on said tape, 20 and means forming a button hole for receiving said button on the front section of said brassière bordering the side opening.

2. A combination form retaining garment comprising a front-opening girdle, a side-opening 25 brassière overlapping said girdle at the outer side thereof, said girdle having front sections bordering the front opening, lacing extending between said front sections and terminating below the upper edges thereof, tabs on each of said front 30 sections above said lacing and overlapping the other of said front sections at the outer sides

thereof and buttons on each of said front sections detachably engaging said tabs, said brassière having front sections with one front section bordering the side opening, and means for securing said brassière to said girdle comprising means for detachably securing said front section of said brassière bordering the side opening to the associated front section of said girdle.

3. A combination form retaining garment comupper edges thereof, a tab on one of said front 10 prising a front-opening girdle, a side-opening brassière overlapping said girdle at the outer side thereof, said girdle having front sections bordering the front opening, lacing extending between said front sections and terminating below the upper edges thereof, a tab on one of said front sections above said lacing overlapping the other of said front sections at the outer side thereof, a button on the other of said front sections detachably engaging said tab, a second tab on the other of said front sections extending through said first mentioned front section and overlapping the same at the outer side thereof and a button on said first mentioned front section detachably engaging said last mentioned tab, said brassière having front sections with one front section bordering the side opening, and means for securing said brassière to said girdle comprising means for detachably securing said front section of said brassière bordering the side opening to the associated front section of said girdle.

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