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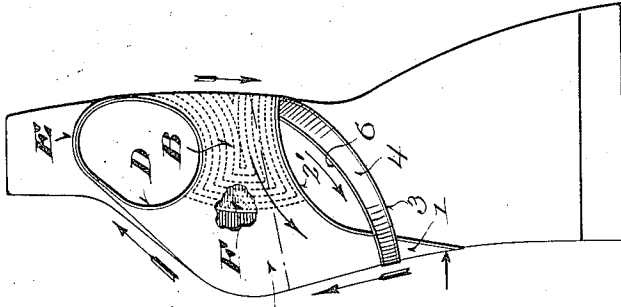


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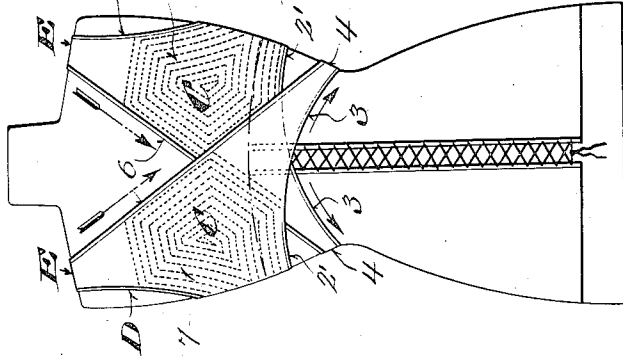
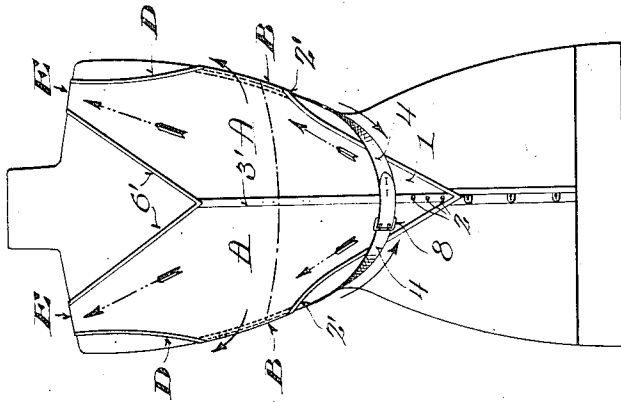


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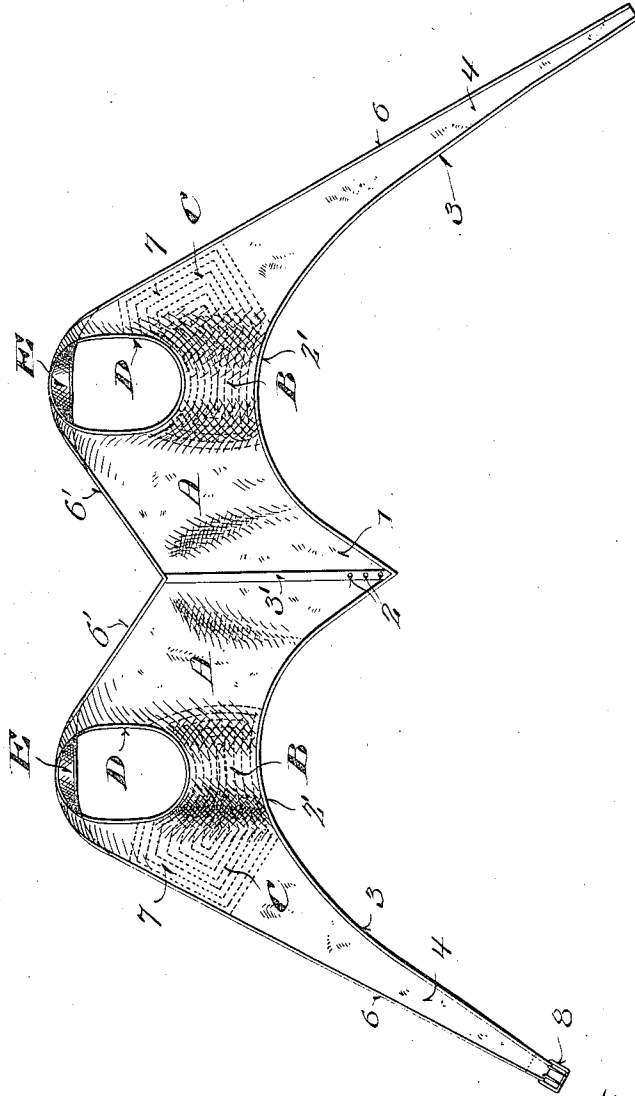
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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DANIEL GLASGOW, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brassières; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention has for its object to provide a simple, economical and effective flexible brassière to support, confine and reduce stout figures, the same being so constructed and arranged in the form of oppositely disposed band elements as to be anchored midway and at a low front point to the corset over the abdomen. From the front anchored point the band elements are upwardly wound in opposite directions to firmly bind the body, strap ends of the band sections being crossed over the back and brought to the front where they are attached in any suitable manner. The brassière thus affixed causes a continuous draw upon all parts of the body that are confined, whereby the form of the wearer is firmly bound to shape the figure at all points without strain. Thus the fleshy parts of the body under the arms, the back and bust are firmly supported and restricted to prevent bulging at the lines of exposure above the corset, such bulging being apparent in stout figures under all normal conditions when the form is corseted in the usual manner.

Specific objects of my invention are to shape the brassière in such manner as to cause a bracing effect without restricting the pliability of body movement, this being due to the downwardly inclined crossed back stay portions of the bands which pass over the shoulders, bracing the back and compressing the shoulder blades.

Another important feature of my invention is the application of a reinforcing medium that extends from a central point under the arms in opposite directions to resist the extra strain that is placed upon the brassière under ordinary conditions and to compress the parts most likely to bulge.

Still another important feature of my invention is the peculiarly designed upwardly curved under arm hip portion that extends from the front point of anchorage and is merged into downwardly inclined straps. Thus the upper cut at the waist-line under the arms permit freedom of the hips.

With the above and other minor objects in view the invention consists in certain peculiarities of construction and combination of parts as set forth hereinafter with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings

Figures 1 and 2 represent a front and rear view respectively of a brassière embodying the features of my invention, the same being shown affixed to a lay figure;

Fig. 3, a side elevation of the brassière in connection with the lay figure, and

Fig. 4, a front elevation of the same distended or flattened out to show the peculiar contour of the parts.

Referring by characters to the drawings, 1 represents a front V-shaped abdominal peak provided with corset-attaching means 2, whereby the lower central point of the brassière is secured to the front of a corset, as indicated in dotted lines. The pair of band sections extend from the front central point, as shown, and the lower edges of the band sections from said central point extend upwardly and are merged into a curved portion 2' that sweeps under the arms and from thence downwardly to the back. This curved portion 2' thus forms an upper cut to relieve hip pressure. The back of the curved edge 2' is merged into a straight downwardly inclined portion 3 to form the lower line of a strap 4. The upper edges 6 of each strap taper slightly and are inclined upwardly in a straight line to a point over the shoulders and from thence this edge is merged into a downwardly inclined portion 6' that meets the companion edge 6' at a central point to the front of the waist or brassière, which central point, as shown, is reinforced by a flexible stay 3'. By this arrangement the brassière is formed from the band sections having front bust-supporting portions A, short under arm supporting sections B, and back stay sections C, which back stay sections are merged into the straps 4 that are inclined downwardly. It is understood that the bust-supporting portions A are suitably filled to accommodate the contour of the bust without imparting over strain thereto and just above the under arm supporting sections B the band elements are cut away to form arm holes D, the upper edges of the arm holes being spaced from the upper

edges 6 and 6' a sufficient distance to form shoulder straps E. The under arm supporting sections B of the band elements and the back stay sections C are provided with reinforcing patches F, as best shown in Fig. 3, which reinforcing patches are attached to the bands by quilted stitching 7, as shown. This reinforcing field, which extends under the arms and about the shoulder blades, is an important element of my invention, attention being called to the fact that when the brassière is fixed to the figure, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings, the reinforced fields assume their correct positions relative to the shoulder blades, whereby the desired compression for forming a brace is effected, while, at the same time, the under arm reinforcements will effectually resist the compression strain placed upon the bulging flesh of the wearer, which would otherwise extend above the upper line of the corset, as indicated in dotted lines.

From the foregoing description and by referring to Figs. 1 to 3 of the drawings, it will be seen that when the brassière is affixed to the body of the wearer it will draw from the front point of anchorage in the direction of the arrows, over the shoulders and under the arms and from thence downwardly in the direction of the arrows, as shown in Fig. 2, over the shoulder blades, the strap members crossing each other midway of the back, exerting a draw in the direction as indicated by said arrows, forming a complete circuit from front to rear and from thence back to the front, at which point the straps are secured by a buckle or other means. Thus by the arrangement of attaching the straps at the front the waist or abdomen is under compression and the straps will lap the lower V-shaped edge of the brassière to firmly confine all parts and the article as a whole will have an effect

similar to that of a bandage which will draw from the shoulders and compress the parts throughout its entirety, but will permit movement of the body, while at the same time it will serve as a shoulder brace.

I claim:

A combined brassière and brace for relatively stout people including a front portion having its upper edge of V-shape with the point of said V adapted for disposition between the upper portions of the breast of the wearer, the sides of said V being substantially straight, the lower edge of the front being substantially V-shaped, means for securing the central portion of the said lower edge to a garment, shoulder and side portions adapted to fit respectively against the tops of the shoulders and sides of the wearer, and merging into the top and side portions of the said front portion, and portions connecting the shoulder and side portions and adapted to extend transversely of the back of the wearer, and strap portions merging with the said last named portions and adapted to extend about the body of the wearer for securement at the front, and both the upper and lower edge lines of the merged back and strap portions being substantially straight and extending diagonally, whereby tension exerted upon the strap portions when disposed about the wearer will exert a uniform tension throughout the entire brassière and brace, the side portions and back portions being substantially reinforced as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses.

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