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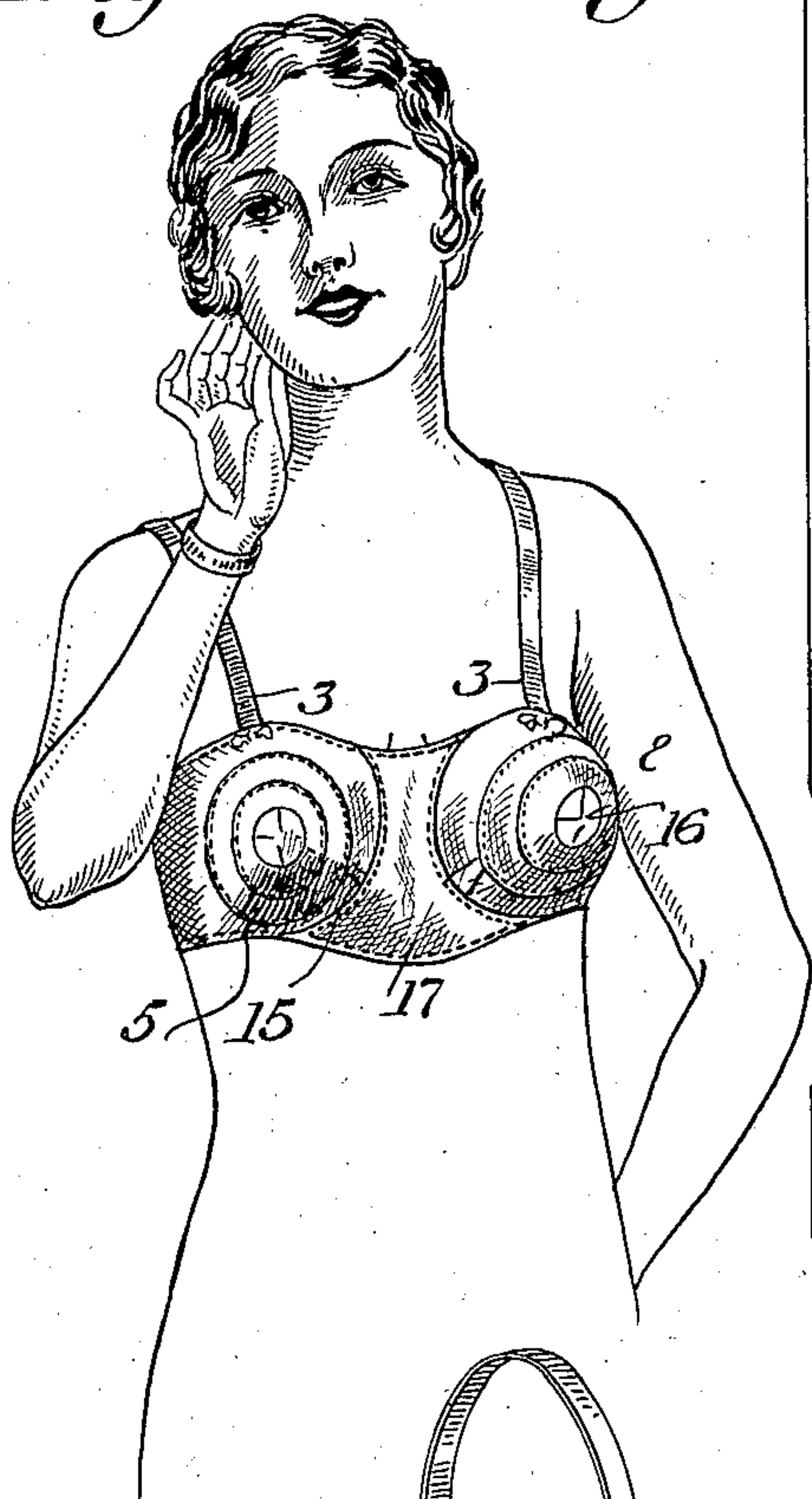
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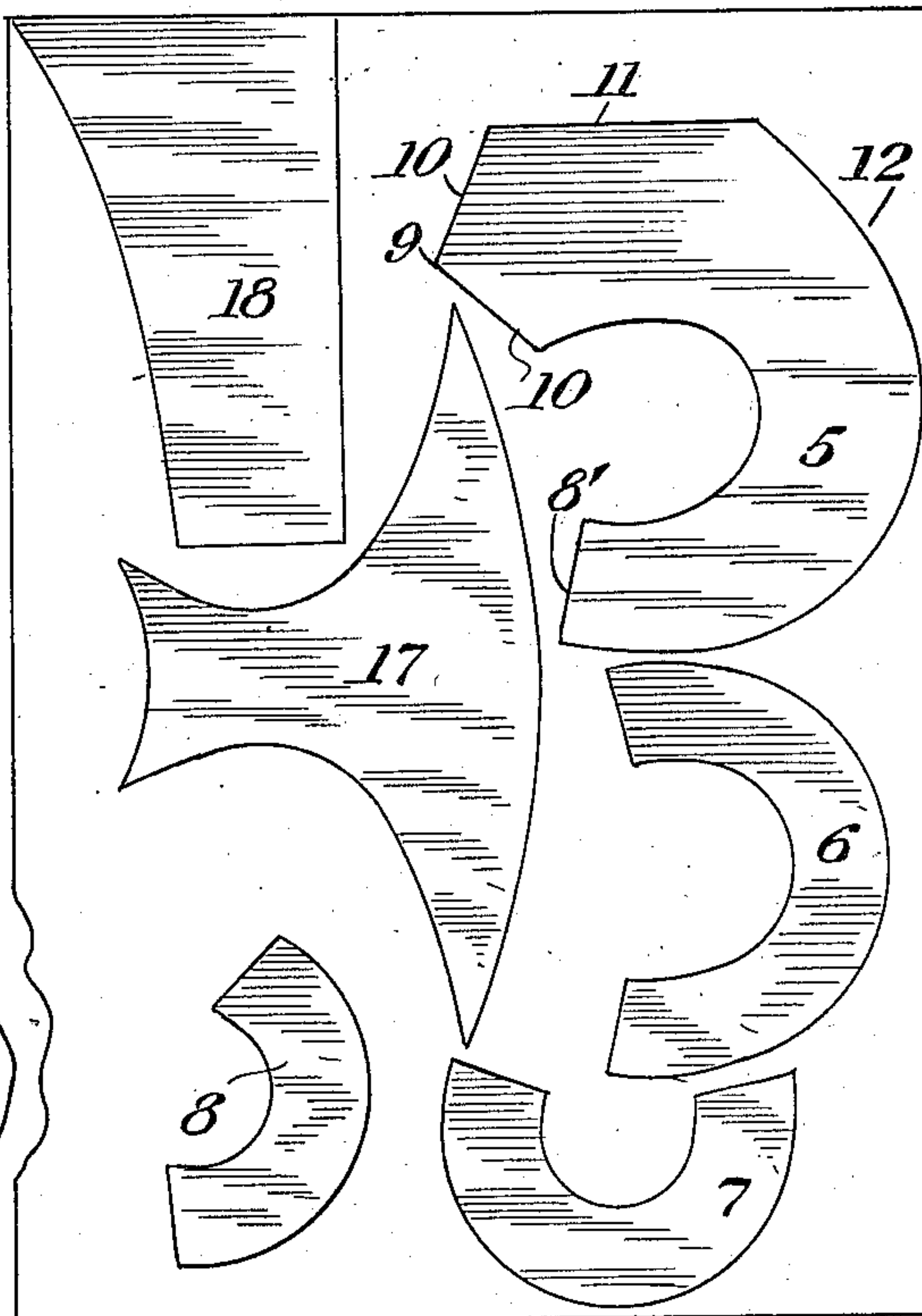
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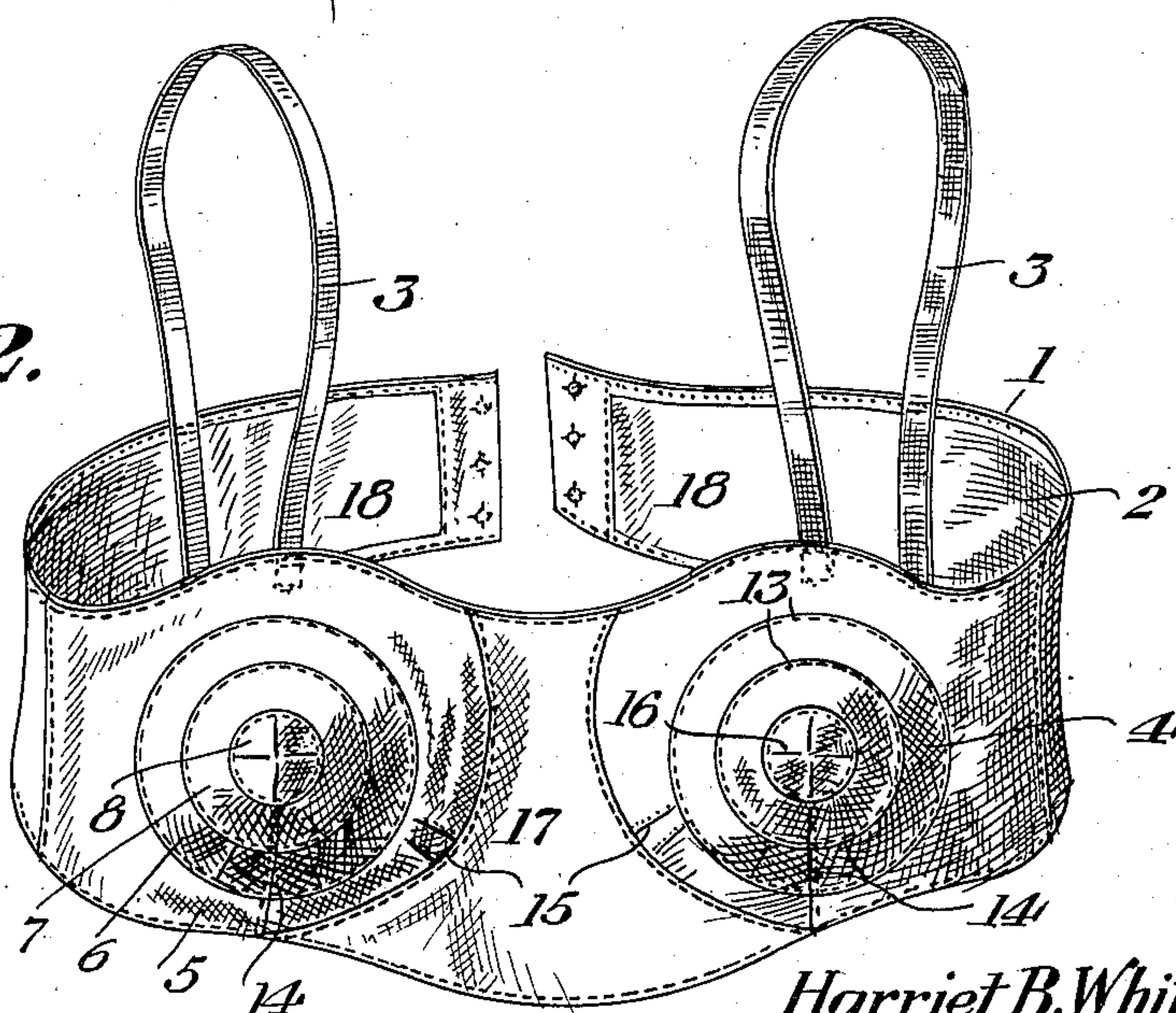
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 2.*



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This invention relates to brassières and has for the primary object, the provision of a device of this character which will efficiently support breasts which have become misshapen in a natural firm and rounded shape and is so constructed that it will be extremely comfortable to the wearer and will remain in proper position during the various movements of the wearer's body and will prevent the breasts from slipping upwardly or downwardly out of a proper natural position.

With these and other objects in view this invention consists in certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

For a complete understanding of my invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 is a view illustrating the application of a brassière to a person and the brassière constructed in accordance with my invention.

Figure 2 is a perspective view illustrating the brassière.

Figure 3 is a plan view illustrating a pattern from which the brassière is made from.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a brassière having a body encircling portion 2 and shoulder straps 3. The body encircling portion carries cup-shaped portions 4 to receive and support the breasts of the wearer in a firm and rounded condition. Each cup-shaped portion is constructed from curved or arcuate shaped strips 5, 6, 7 and 8. The strips 6 and 7 are similarly shaped except the strip 6 is made or cut to a slightly larger dimension or size than the strip 7. The strip 5 has a substantially straight end 8' while the opposite end is cut to form a pointed portion 9 providing oppositely diverging faces or edges 10. The strip 5 from one of the edges 10 is cut or formed with a straight edge 11 which extends a short distance and merges into the arcuate or curved outer edge 12 of the strip 5. The strip 6 is positioned on the strip 5 and the strip 7 is positioned on the strip 6. The strips 5, 6 and 7 are stitched or otherwise secured together, as shown at 13. The connected strips have their ends brought together and stitched to form a seam 14 thereby forming the cup for the breast with a centrally arranged opening for the nipple to project through. The seam 14 reinforces the cup and underlies the breast to aid in supporting the breast in proper position. The strip 5 is also provided with a pair of darts 15 located adjacent the seam 14 which also aid in supporting the breast and causes

the strip 5 to more readily form into proper shape for the supporting of the breast when assembled with the strips 6 and 7. The arcuate-shaped strip 8 is folded upon itself to form a series of darts extending from the inner curved edge toward the outer curved edge of said strip and the strip is stitched to retain the darts in said strip. The ends of the strip are also stitched together so that the strip thus folded and stitched forms a cap 16 which is then stitched to the strip 7 and receives therein the nipple of the breast and forms a closure for the opening in the cup.

The body encircling portion 2 besides comprising the cups heretofore described in detail also consists of a cup connecting strip 17 and elongated strips 18. The strips 18 extend over the back of the wearer and are detachably connected in any suitable manner and the opposite ends thereof are secured to the straight edges 11 of the strips 5 of the cups. The strip 17 has opposite edges thereof arcuately curved and said edges are stitched to the curved edges of the strips 5 of the cups. The strip 17 is of greater width at one end than at the opposite end so as to readily fit in the space between the breasts of the wearer and thereby accentuate, by the proper position of the cups, the natural position or effect of the breasts.

It is to be understood that the various strips heretofore described in the construction of the brassière may be made from any material suitable for the purpose and that the brassière may be artistically embroidered or have applied thereto lace or similar materials to give a pleasing appearance to the device.

Having described the invention, I claim:

1. A brassière comprising a body encircling portion, shoulder straps connected to said portion, said body encircling portion including an intermediate strip and end strips, means for detachably connecting the end strips, cup-shaped portions connected to the end strips and the intermediate strip, and each cup-shaped portion including four arcuately shaped strips adapted to be superimposed and stitched together to form the cup-shaped portion having a pointed effect, said strips of the cup-shaped portion having their ends brought together and stitched to form a seam lying under the breast to aid in supporting the latter.

2. A brassière comprising a body encircling portion, shoulder straps connected to said portion, said body encircling portion including an intermediate strip and end strips, means for detachably connecting the end strips, cup-shaped



portions connected to the end strips and the intermediate strip, and each cup-shaped portion including four arcuately shaped strips adapted to be superimposed and stitched together to form the cup-shaped portion having a pointed effect, 5 said strips of the cup-shaped portion having their ends brought together and stitched to form a seam lying under the breast to aid in supporting the latter, one of said strips of the cup-shaped 10 portion having darts adapted to lie in close proximity to the seam of the cup-shaped portion to cooperate with the seam in supporting the breasts.

3. A brassière comprising a body encircling portion, shoulder straps connected to said portion, said body encircling portion including an 15 intermediate strip and end strips, means for detachably connecting the end strips, cup-shaped portions connected to the end strips and the intermediate strip, and each cup-shaped portion

including four arcuately shaped strips adapted to be superimposed and stitched together to form the cup-shaped portion having a pointed effect, said strips of the cup-shaped portion having their ends brought together and stitched to form 5 a seam lying under the breast to aid in supporting the latter, one of said strips of the cup-shaped portion having darts adapted to lie in close proximity to the seam of the cup-shaped portion to cooperate with the seam in supporting 10 the breasts, three of said strips of the cup-shaped portion when assembled provide in the cup-shaped portion a centrally arranged opening and the fourth strip of the cup-shaped portion when assembled overlies the opening to form a 15 cap therefor and to receive the nipple of the breast.

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