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FIG. 1

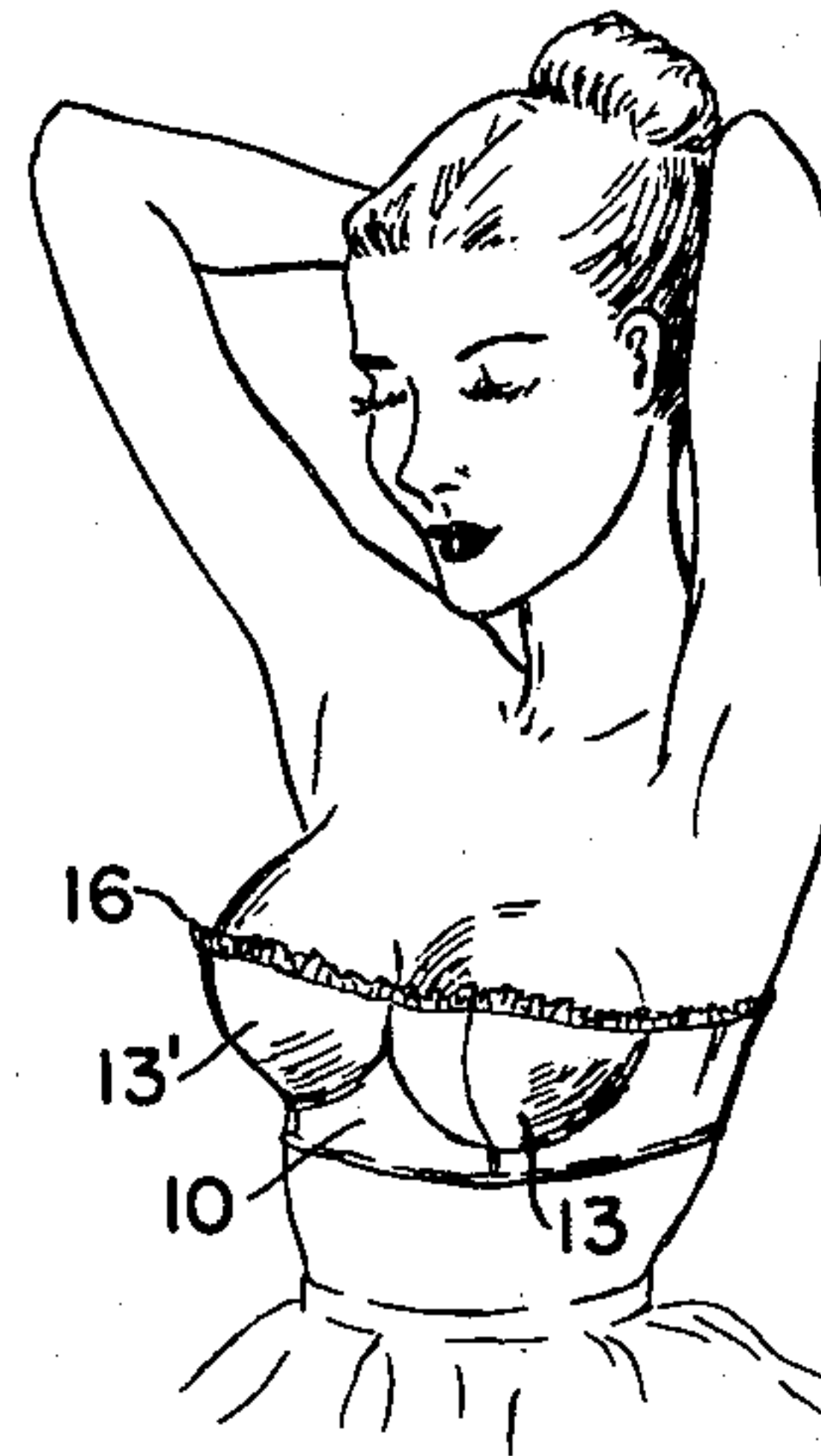
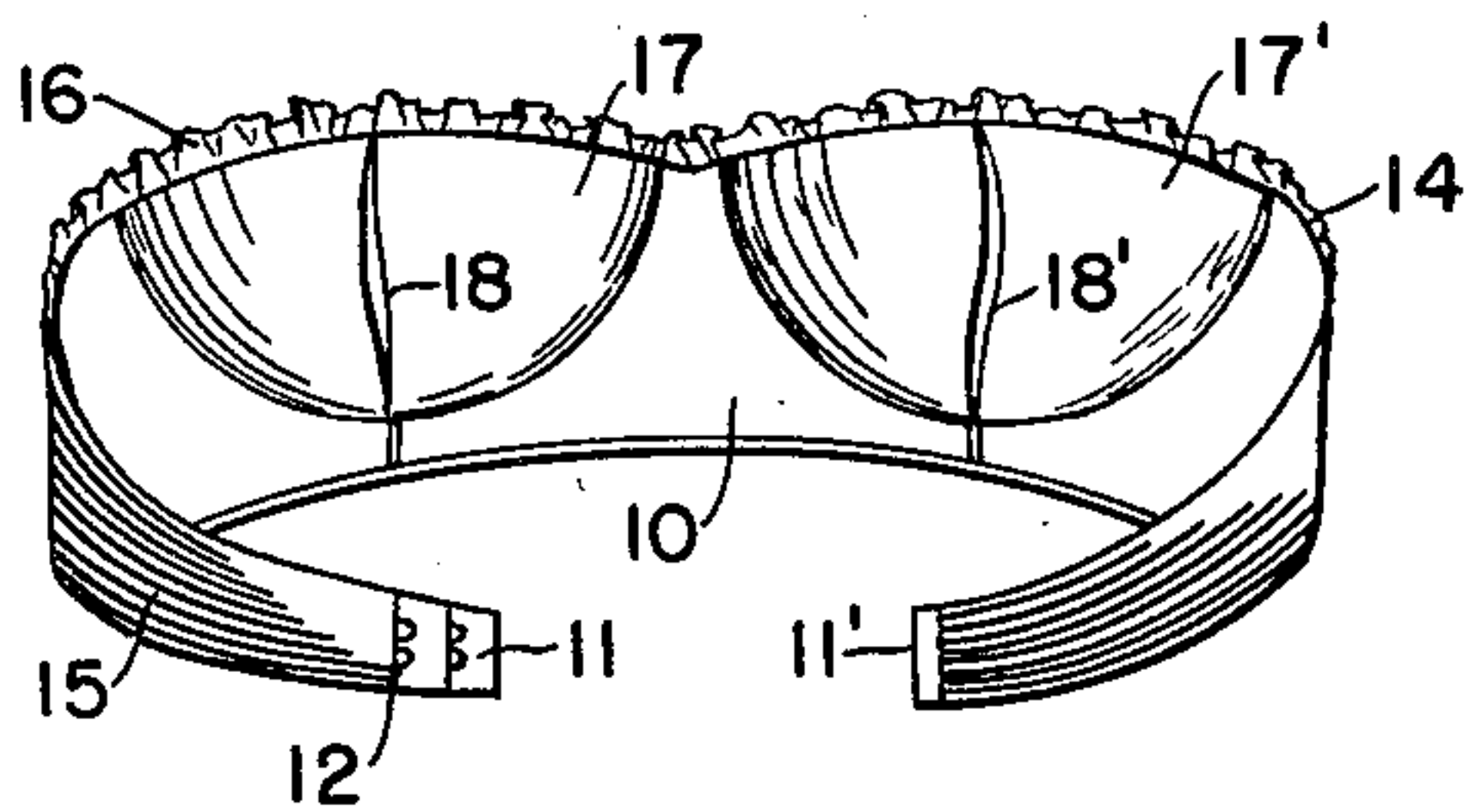


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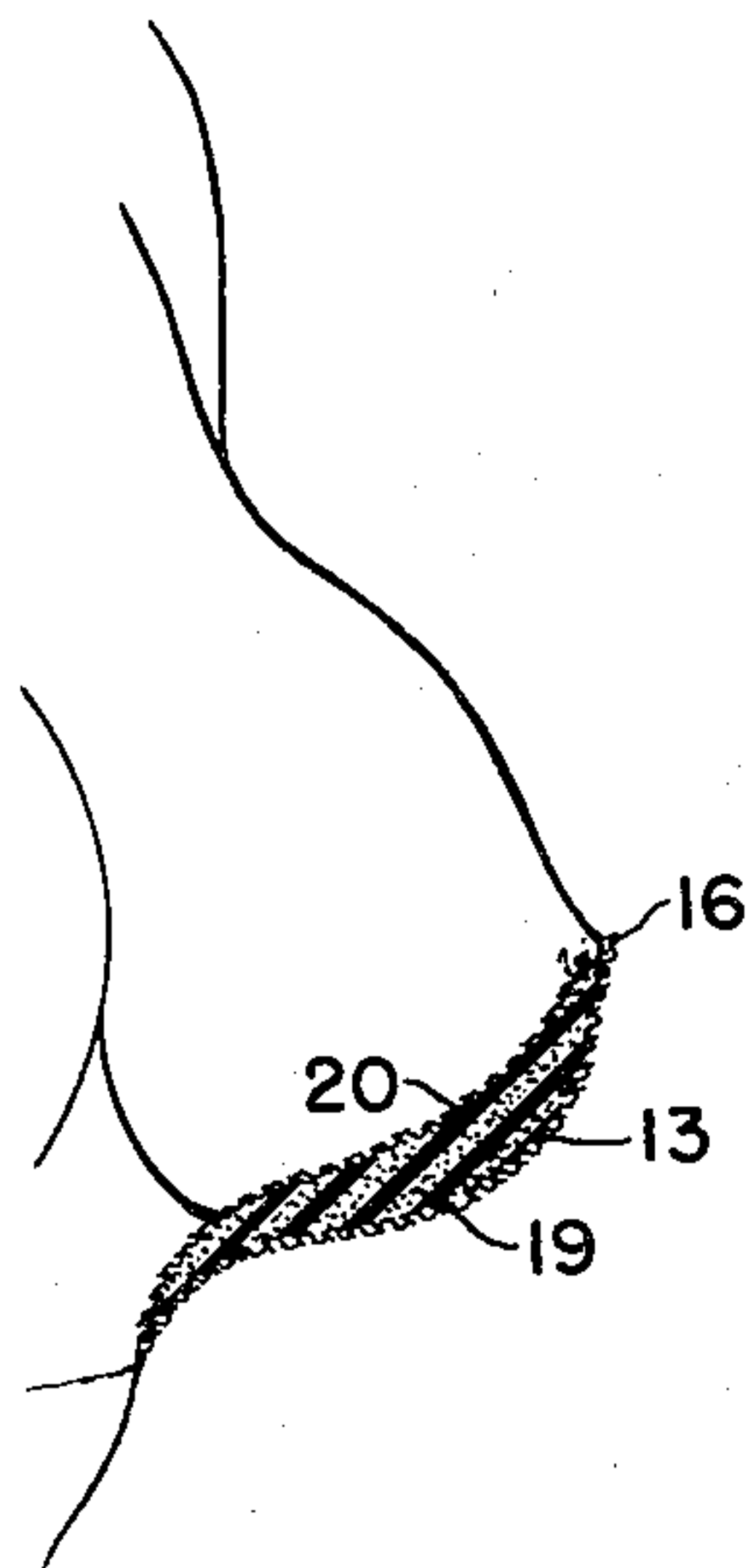


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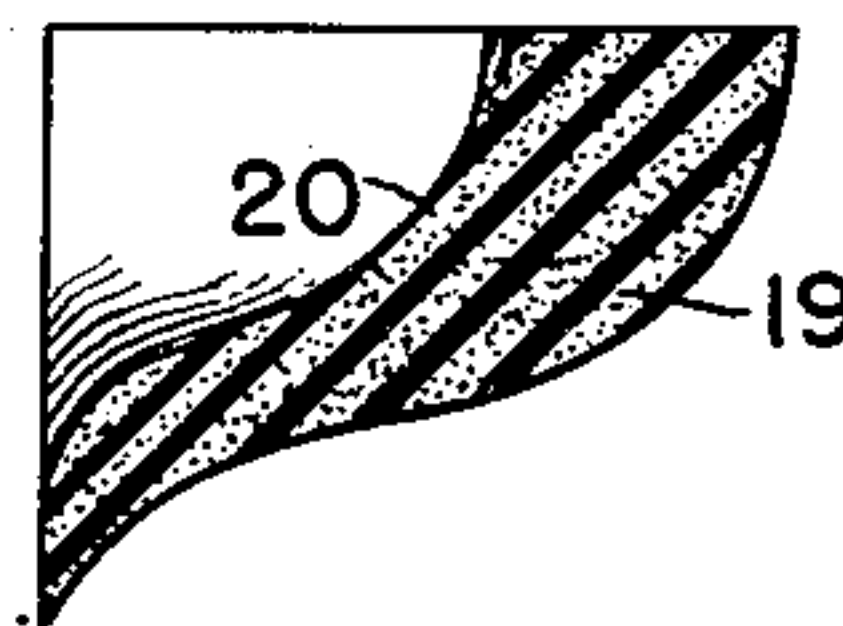
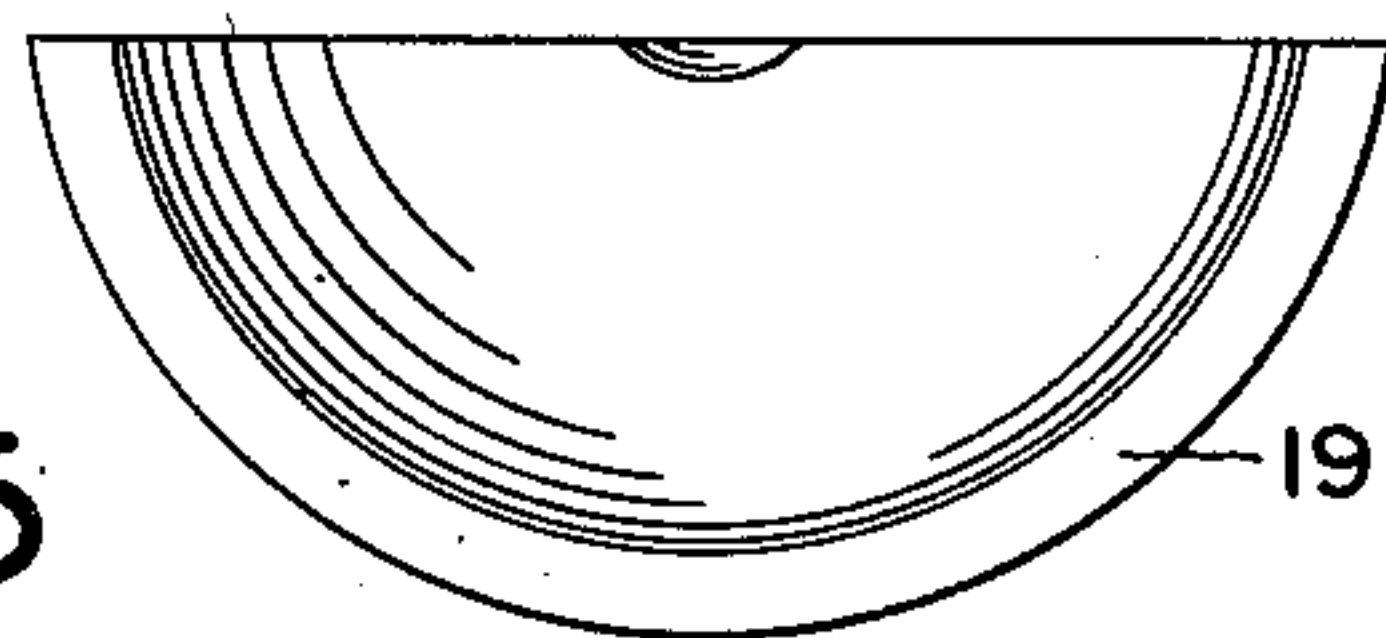


FIG. 5



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My invention relates to a brassière, and more particularly to a strapless, semi-brassière which supports the breasts from beneath and leaves the upper portions exposed in a pleasing, rounded and uplifted form.

Knowing the vanity of women when they are garbed in swim suits, sun suits, low-cut evening gowns and other strapless creations, I have originated a strapless garment which I call a "sub-bra" and which adds beauty to the woman's bustline by giving the busts a more natural uplift than was heretofore accomplished by brassières.

Various types of semi-brassières have been designed heretofore, and much use has been made of stays, straps, supports and pads in an effort to produce an attractive and natural appearance in busts which tend to flatten downwardly due to the weakening of the various muscles, but none have achieved the simplicity and effectiveness of my brassière in rounding out the uplifted breasts.

An object of my invention is to provide a padded semi-brassière which serves as a cushioned pillow upon which the breasts lie.

Another object is to provide a brassière which lifts the breasts and exposes the upper portion thereof in a rounded and pleasing form.

Another object of my invention is to provide a brassière in which stays and elastic materials have been eliminated in any portions which would tend to flatten the breasts, and band around the midriff which give the appearance of a bulky waistline obviated.

Other and further objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a brassière embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the brassière shown in Fig. 1 as it would appear on a wearer.

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing the positioning of my brassière and its padded member.

Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view of a detail.

Fig. 5 is an elevational view of a padding unit for my brassière.

In the embodiment chosen for purpose of illustration, I have shown a strapless, semi-brassière having a body portion 10 having terminal end portions 11, 11' which are provided with customary adjustable fastening means 12 so that when the brassière is placed around the body of a person the terminal ends will meet at the back and can be fastened in the customary manner. My brassière is provided with a pair of substantially identical pockets 13, 13' which are adapted to receive the lower portion of the breasts, and the width of my brassière is such that the upper marginal edge 14 will lie only slightly above the center of the breasts. Elastic material 15 may be inserted where desirable to give the brassière a snug fit, and the upper marginal edge 14 may be contoured, as shown, to give a pleasing and attractive appearance. Ruffles or other trimming 16 may be added at the upper marginal edge to add to the allure and attractiveness of the garment.

My brassière is provided with inner lining portions 17, 17' which underlie, or extend in back of, the pockets 13, 13', respectively. The lining portions 17, 17' are provided with vertical slits 18, 18', respectively, for the in-

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sertion of a resilient padding member 19 between the lining and the outer material of the brassière. This padding member may be made of spongy rubber or other suitable resilient material, and it is substantially hemispherical in shape, conforming generally to the shape of the lower edge of a natural human breast, and being hollow on the inside or provided with a concave interior wall 20 upon which the lower half of the breast rests when my brassière is being worn.

A resilient padding member 19 is inserted through each of the slits 18, 18' so as to lie with its convex outer surface facing outwardly in the pockets 13, 13', and with its concave inner surface 20 turned rearwardly toward the lining in the brassière so that when the brassière is placed about the body of a wearer, the lower portions of the breasts will lie upon the concave inner space of the resilient pads, and when the brassière is fastened tightly around the body of the wearer, the pads 19 will act as cushioned pillows upon which the lower portions of the breasts rest so as to lift the breasts upwardly in a natural and well rounded form. It will be noted that according to my construction the entire upper portion of the breasts is left uncovered so that there is nothing to obstruct the natural, healthy and well rounded form imparted by my brassière.

It will be obvious that my half-cup brassière and half-cup pad combination can be used in any type of garments such as sun suits, swim suits, evening gowns and other strapless garments, and that this construction may be arranged in various sizes and made of various materials. In fact, while I have illustrated and described my invention in a very practical embodiment thereof without attempting to illustrate and describe other embodiments and adaptations which I contemplate, various changes may be made without departing from the scope of my invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a brassière having a pair of partial pockets contoured to receive and cover the lower portion only of the human breast, lining on said brassière forming backing for said pockets, said lining being provided with slits for the insertion of padding material into said partial pockets, and resilient padding material in each of said pockets, said padding material being contoured similarly to said partial pockets and cooperating with said pockets to support the breast from beneath and leave the upper portion of the breast completely exposed.

2. In a brassière having a pair of partial pockets contoured to receive and cover the lower portion only of the human breast, lining on said brassière forming backing for said pockets, and resilient padding material removably held in each of said pockets, said padding material being substantially hemispherical in shape and outwardly contoured similarly to said partial pockets and provided with a concave inner wall upon which the breast is adapted to rest, said padding material cooperating with said partial pockets to support the breast from beneath and leave the upper portion of the breast completely exposed.

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