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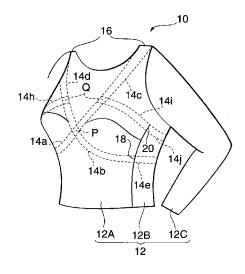
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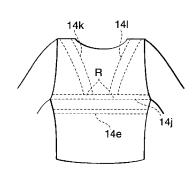
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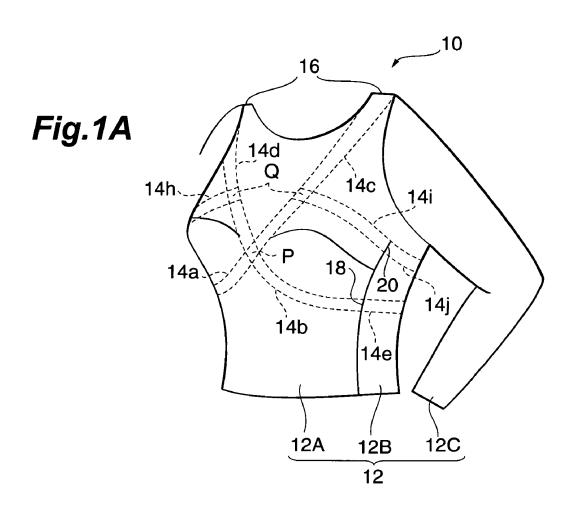
An upper body garment which selectively supports the muscles used during inhalation without hindering the movement of the spinal column. The upper body garment is constructed by stitching, to a shirt that adheres closely to the body, a plurality of band-form fabrics having a stretchability lower than that of the shirt. The stitching of the band-form fabrics occurs along several defined anatomical lines such as: the first lines that extend from the left and right acromia to a portion that corresponds to the center of the sternum, second lines which extend from this portion corresponding to the center of the sternum, pass beneath the breast area, and extend to the left and right armpit areas, and third lines which connect the left and right armpit areas of the second lines to each other on the back surface.

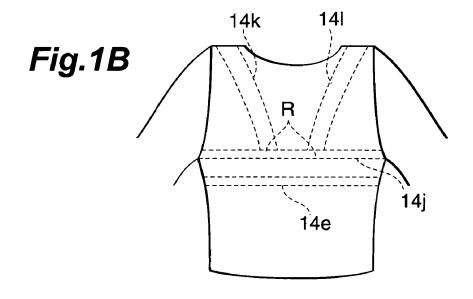
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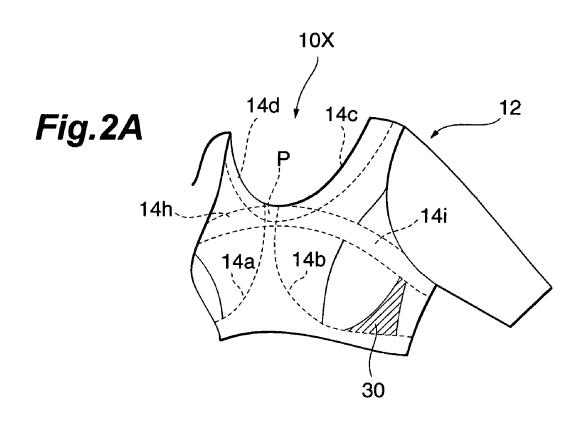


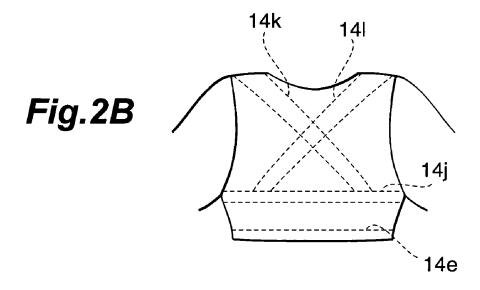




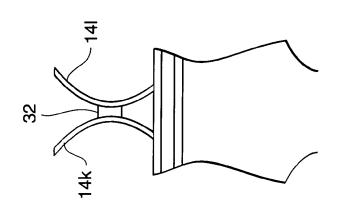


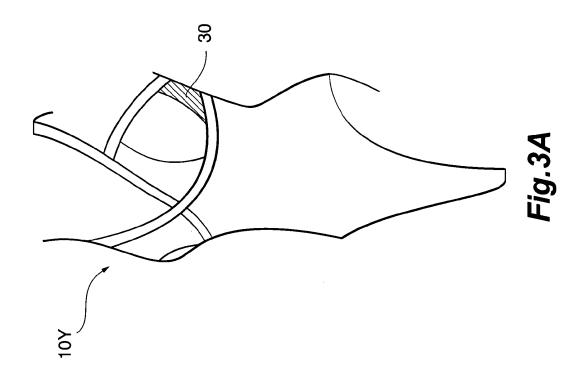












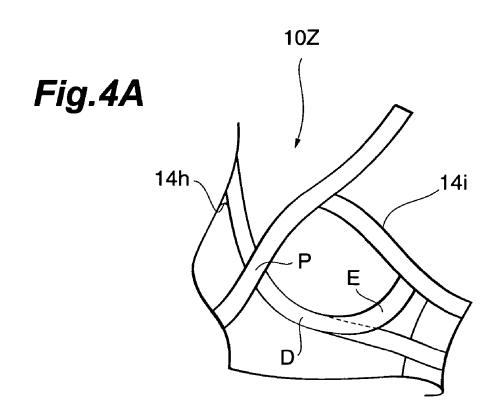
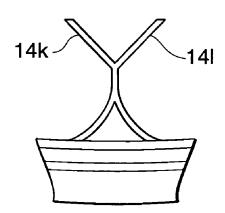


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