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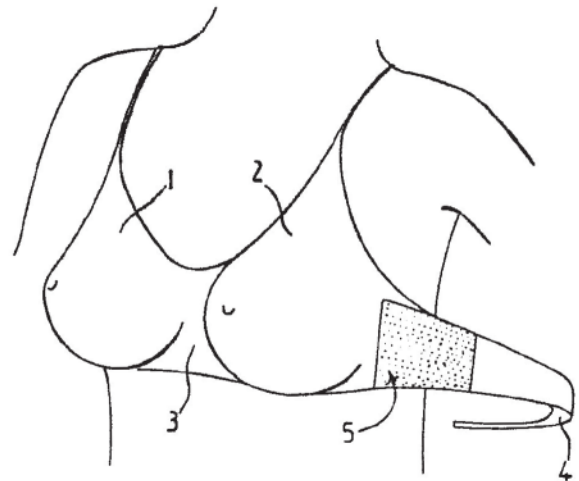
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54 **Wallet bra.**

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In order to hide valuables, it has at least one pocket (5) placed on one of the side strips (4).

Application to women's lingerie.



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## WALLET BRA

The present invention relates to a wallet bra that allows its user to hide valuable objects such as, for example, bank notes, credit cards, or jewelry.

In recent years, the increase in delinquency has made the transport of valuables in handbags unsafe; these are very often snatched from the hands of women or cut to collect the contents, certain elements of which can easily be offloaded.

To ensure the transport of valuables, there are belts with at least one compartment in which you can place, for example, bank notes, credit cards, or possibly identity papers. But these belts are generally intended for men.

Women, for their part, often hide valuable objects in their underwear and particularly in their bra.

Thus, in document US-A-2,492,862, a bra is described comprising a strip placed under the cups in which a pocket is provided closed along a median line by a zipper. Such an achievement can only be adopted on this bra model.

Another method for making a pocket in a bra is described in document US-A-2 593 711: this pocket is arranged longitudinally between the two cups. This can only be achieved if there is a sufficient thickness of fabric at this location. In addition, such a pocket is unattractive and does not allow the woman to wear relatively low-cut clothes.

Document US-A-2 920 628 relates to a bra comprising a pocket placed against the external wall of one of the cups. This concept is not very aesthetic because it inevitably leads to the asymmetry of the cups and can even cause unsightly blisters.

These documents therefore all concern specific models of bra.

Also, one of the aims of the present invention is to provide a bra comprising a device for concealing valuables while not harming the aesthetics thereof.

Another aim of the invention is to provide such a bra at a lower cost and easy to produce.

These goals as well as others that will appear later, are achieved by a bra that notably comprises of two cups connected together, two side strips each extending a cup and provided at their ends with means allowing them to be hooked together, and that, according to the present invention, comprises a device for hiding valuable objects consisting of at least one pocket placed on one of the side strips.

Preferably, this pocket is placed on the part of the side strip located substantially under the corresponding arm of the user.

Advantageously, this pocket is provided with a means for closing it.

According to a first version of the invention, this pocket is constituted of the side strip and of a piece of fabric attached by any suitable means.

According to a second version, this pocket is constituted of a piece of fabric attached by any suitable means to the side strip and folded over itself.

According to a third version of the invention, the side strip is folded on itself so as to manufacture this pocket.

The description that follows, which is not limiting in any way, must be read with reference to the single attached figure representing a bra comprising a device according to the present invention.

A bra comprised of two cups, 1 and 2, connected together by a piece of fabric 3 of a varied shape, and two side strips 4 that extend each cup laterally and that are provided at their ends with means allowing them to be hooked. It may also have straps.

According to the invention, this bra includes a device for hiding valuable objects such as, for example, bank notes, credit cards, or jewelry. This device is constituted of at least one pocket 5 that is arranged on a side strip 4. Optionally, each side strip 4 may include a pocket 5.

This pocket 5 is advantageously arranged on the part of the side strip 4 that is located substantially under the corresponding arm of the user. Such an arrangement does not create any discomfort and in no way harms the aesthetics of the bra, unlike those described above.

This pocket 5 can be constituted, according to a first version of the invention, of the side strip 4 and of a piece of fabric of which at least three edges are combined with the side strip by any suitable means, in particular by sewing.

We can also consider manufacturing this pocket from a piece of fabric that is attached by any suitable means to the side strip 4 and that is folded back on itself.

According to another version, the side strip 4 is folded on itself, over a certain length, in order to manufacture this pocket 5.

This piece of fabric can be made of the same material as that of the side strip or a different material.

Pocket 5 can be opened either laterally or on its upper part. As for its closure, it can be done either by the natural tension created by the attachment of the side strips, or by any other means, such as a zipper or adhesive strips, for example.

The shape of this pocket is preferably rectangular, but can be adapted to the shape of the side strip.

## Claims

1. Bra in particular comprising of two cups connected together, two side strips each extending a cup and provided at their ends with means enabling them to be hung together, characterized in that it comprises of a device for concealing valuable objects consisting of at least one pocket (5) arranged on one of the side strips (4).

2. Bra according to claim 1, characterized in that said pocket (5) is arranged on the part of said side strip (4) located substantially under the user's arm.

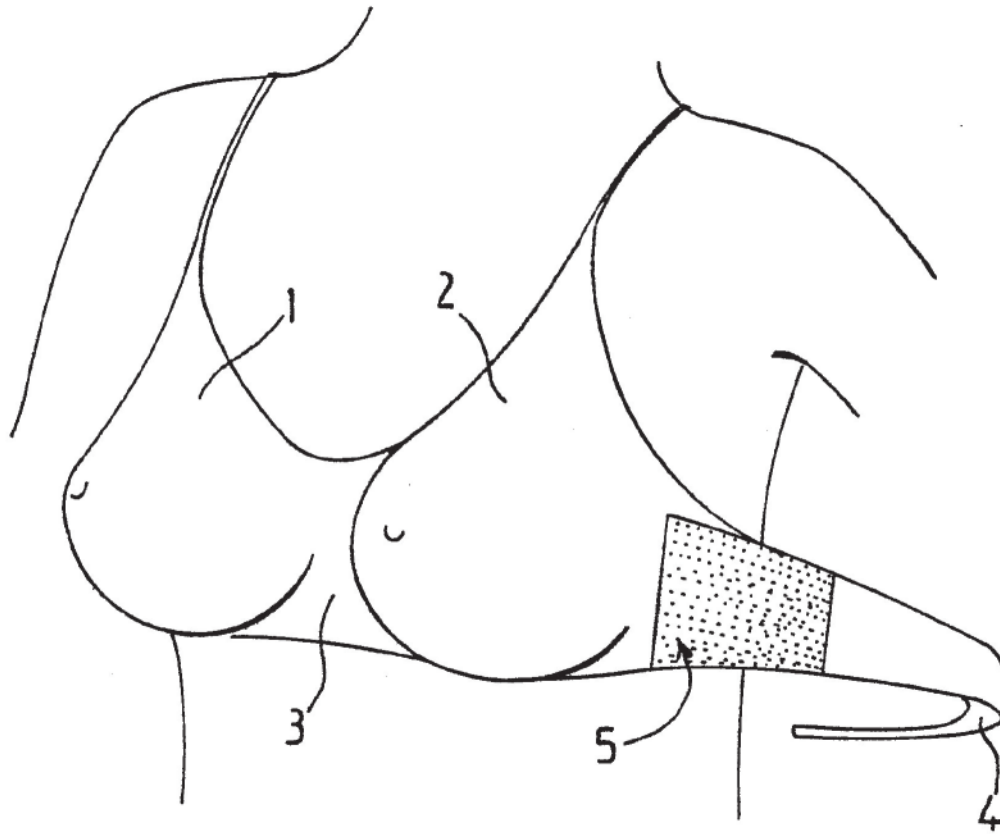
3. Bra according to claims 1 or 2, characterized in that said pocket (5) is provided with means for its closure.

4. Bra according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said pocket (5) is constituted by said side strip - (4) and by a piece of fabric attached by any suitable means.

5. Bra according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said pocket (5) is constituted by a piece of fabric that is attached by any suitable means to said side strip (4) and that is folded over itself.

6. Bra according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the side strip (4) is folded on itself so as to manufacture said pocket (5).

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