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(54) **Attachment means for a garment**

(57) A device for attachment together of first and second garments is disclosed. The device comprises a retaining portion for receiving the first garment, and fixing attachment means thereto, the attachment means comprising a pair of opposing contact regions biased towards mutual contact, which contact regions are configured to grip opposing surfaces of the second garment to attach the attachment means thereto.

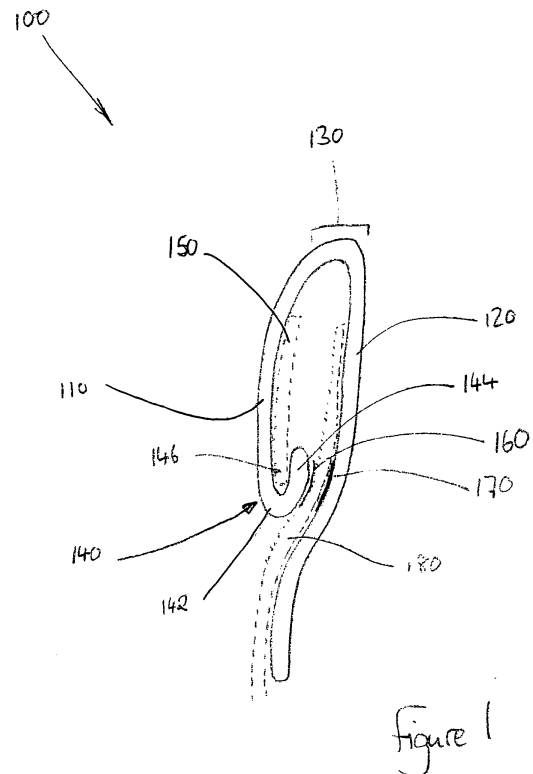


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1. claims: 1-4, 6, 8, 9

A support for a garment

2. claims: 5, 7-11

A support to attach together first and second garments

3. claim: 12

A stud to hold two garments together

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