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(54) **An undergarment**

(57) An undergarment apparatus (501) for, and a method (601) of, providing an undergarment having an adjustable girth. An undergarment element (102) has a front (105) and a rear (106). First and second pairs of elastic side panels (103, 104; 401, 402) are detachably connectable between the front (105) and the rear (106) of the undergarment element (12) to provide an undergarment having an undergarment girth. The first and second pairs of elastic side panels (103, 104; 401, 402) have different ranges of predetermined selectable connected lengths. The undergarment girth is manually adjustable by adjusting the connected length of a connected side panel and is further adjustable by detaching a connected side panel and attaching an alternative side panel that provides a different connected length.

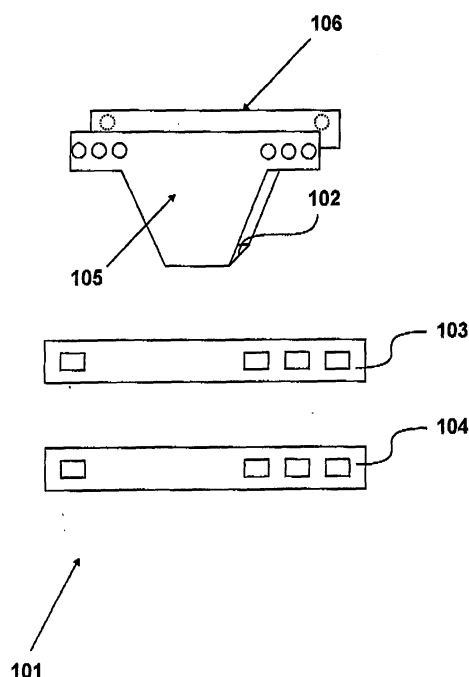


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