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DRESS SHIELDS

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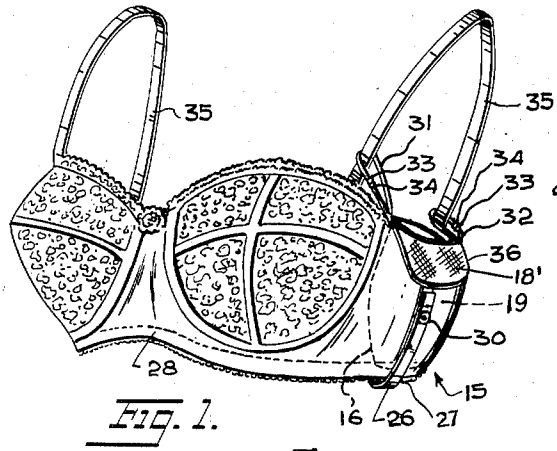


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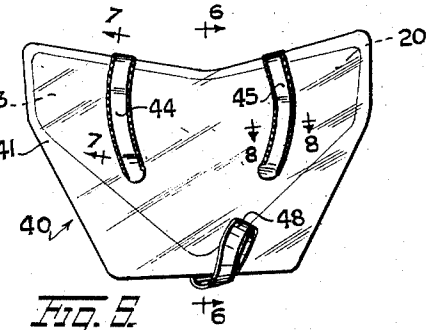


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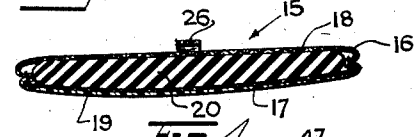


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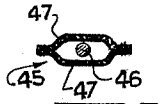


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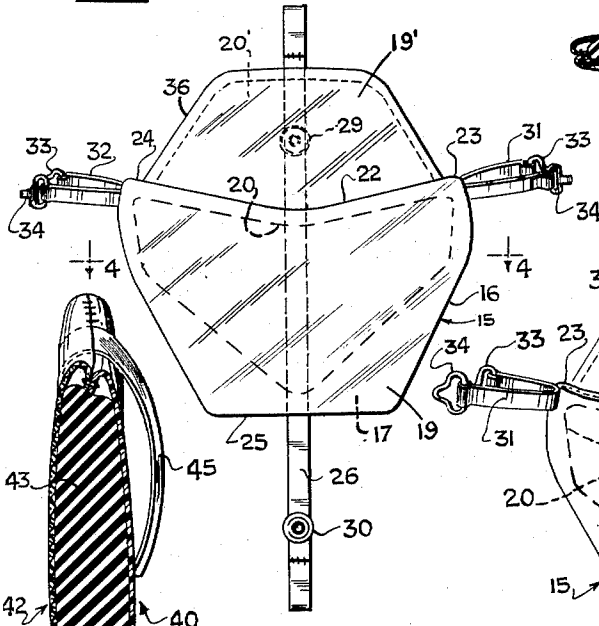


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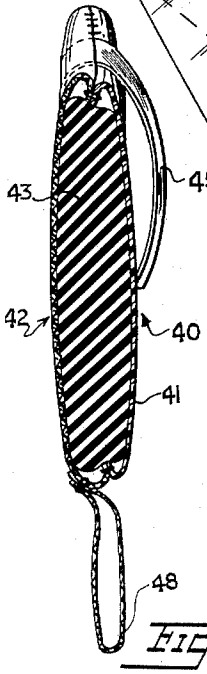


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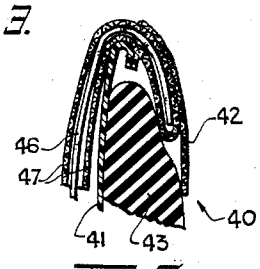


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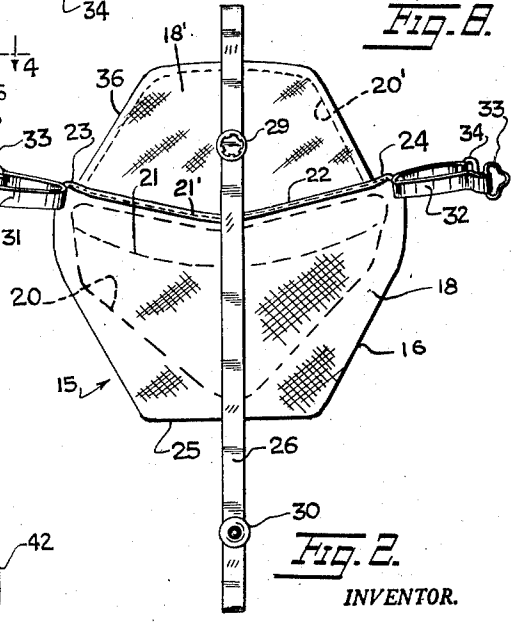


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in dress shields.

More particularly, the present invention proposes the construction of an improved dress shield which can easily, quickly and conveniently be removably secured to a brassiere for underarm use in a dress, blouse, or like garment to absorb perspiration and protect the garment and underwear from perspiration stain.

As a further object, the invention proposes forming a dress shield for use with strapless and shoulder strap dresses and brassieres and for sleeveless and sleeve dresses or like garments.

Still further, the present invention proposes constructing the dress shield with spaced clips and a pull tab for attaching the shield to the side band of a brassiere and adjusting it in proper position without any removal or adjustments necessary to the brassiere.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a brassiere and attached to the brassiere is a dress shield constructed and arranged in accordance with one form of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the dress shield with the dress shield flap in extended position.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the structure shown in Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but illustrating a modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 5.

Fig. 8 is an enlarged sectional view taken on line 8—8 of Fig. 5.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the dress shield in accordance with the first form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, is designated generally by the reference numeral **15**.

Dress shield **15** has a casing or cover **16** with front and rear sides **17** and **18**, respectively, the side **18** being the side adapted to contact the body of the wearer and absorb perspiration therefrom. The rear side **18** is preferably made of cloth fabric, such as nylon, cotton or like material, and the front side **17** may be of the same cloth material but with a transparent covering **19** of waterproof material, such as thermoplastic sheeting to protect the brassiere, undergarment and outergarment from stains due to body perspiration.

An absorbent, resilient pad **20**, of foam or sponge rubber or similar material, smaller than the casing, is mounted in the casing **16** enclosed between the sides **17** and **18** of the casing, as by stitches **21**.

Casing **16** has an upper end or edge **22** with corners **23** and **24** and is generally shield-shaped with a bottom or lower end or edge **25**. A center strap **26** is secured intermediate its ends to the casing on the rear side **18** of the casing. The strap **26** is of a length and is adapted to encircle one of the side bands **27** of a brassiere **28**, the two ends of the strap passing over the upper and lower edges of the band **27** and being secured by snap fastener elements **29** and **30** on the strap ends at the outer side of the band **27**.

Instead of snap fasteners, suitable hook and eye arrangements may be provided adjustably securing the dress shield on a brassiere.

Two end straps **31** and **32** are also secured to the casing **16** intermediate their ends and at the upper corners **23** and **24** of the casing. The straps **31** and **32** may be elastic and have fastener elements **33** and **34** at their ends. The straps **31** and **32** are to extend around and encircle the front and rear portions of one of the brassiere shoulder straps **35**.

An arm tongue extension or flap **36** with a hollow absorbent resilient pad **20'** is also provided and is secured to the casing **16** along the upper edge **22** thereof by stitching **21'** and is adapted to be bent outwardly of the front side **17** of the casing to extend into the sleeve of a dress. This flap has sides **18'** and **19'** similar to the cloth side and plastic covering **18** and **19**, respectively.

It will be apparent that in order to place the dress shield in place, all that need be done is to secure the center strap **26** around one of the side bands **27** of the brassiere being worn and fasten the end straps **31** and **32** around the front and rear portions of a shoulder strap of the brassiere. Where a strapless dress and brassiere are being worn the end straps need not be used and can even be removed if desired. The cloth side **18** and pad **20** will absorb body perspiration while the moistureproof covering **19** protects the brassiere, undergarment and outergarment from stain. The cloth side **18'**, pad **20'**, and covering **19'** act respectively in a similar way in the sleeve of the dress.

The modification of the invention illustrated in Figs. 5 to 8, inclusive, is characterized by the provision of a dress shield having a casing **40** with a front side **41**, a rear side **42**, a resilient, absorbent pad **43** and spaced resilient downwardly directed clips **44** and **45** secured to the casing removably to hook over the side band of a brassiere. Clips **44** and **45** are inverted U-shaped spring wires **46** covered with tapes **47** and have short arms extending inside the casing **40** and long arms extending outside the casing and adjacent the outer side of the casing.

Also secured to the casing **40** is a dependent pull tab **48**, secured at the bottom of the casing, to pull the shield down and secure the clips **44** and **45** to a brassiere side band and may be used to hold the brassiere more securely in place with the aid of safety pins.

While the shields may be made in a variety of shapes and sizes, a suitable small size would be one that measured five inches across at the top, two inches across at the bottom, and three and one-half inches from top to bottom, and shield shape. The construction may also be performed in a number of ways, one suitable way being to make the casing by stitching together the side pieces peripherally except for a space for inverting, inverting (turning inside-out) the cover, inserting the sponge pad, closing the unstitched peripheral edges and attaching the straps or clips before or after such final stitching.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and that various changes and modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A dress shield comprising a casing with front and rear sides, a resilient and absorbent pad in the casing enclosed between said sides, said rear side of the casing being of cloth fabric so that body perspiration can be absorbed by the cloth side and pad, said front side of the casing having a waterproof plastic covering to protect the dress from staining by the body perspiration, and means on the casing removably to secure the shield to a brassiere with the rear fabric side adjacent the body of the wearer and the front waterproof side of the casing adjacent the brassiere, said means being a center strap secured to the casing crosswise thereof and adapted to encircle the casing and the side band of a brassiere, and two end straps, said casing having an upper end and said two end straps being secured to the outer portions of the upper end of the casing and adapted to extend around the front and rear portions of a brassiere shoulder strap.

2. A dress shield comprising a casing with an upper end, front and rear sides, a resilient and absorbent pad in the casing enclosed between said sides, said rear side of the casing being of cloth fabric and said front side of the casing having a waterproof covering, means on the casing removably to secure the shield to a brassiere with the front side and covering adjacent the brassiere and the rear fabric side of the casing adjacent the body of the wearer, said means being a center strap secured to the casing crosswise thereof and adapted to encircle the casing and the side band of a brassiere, and two end straps, said casing having an upper end and said two end straps being secured to the outer portions of the upper end of the casing and adapted to extend around the front and rear portions of a brassiere shoulder strap, a flap extension secured to the upper end of the casing and bendable to extend into the sleeve of a dress and a pad lining said extension, said extension having a cloth fabric rear side and a waterproof front side for protecting the sleeve of the dress.

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