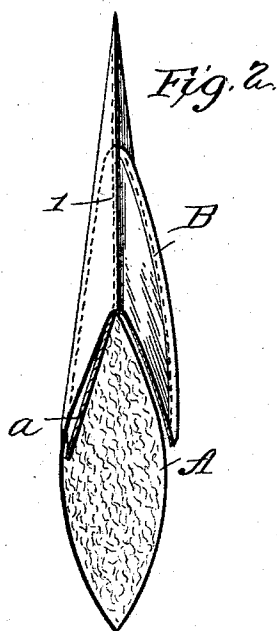
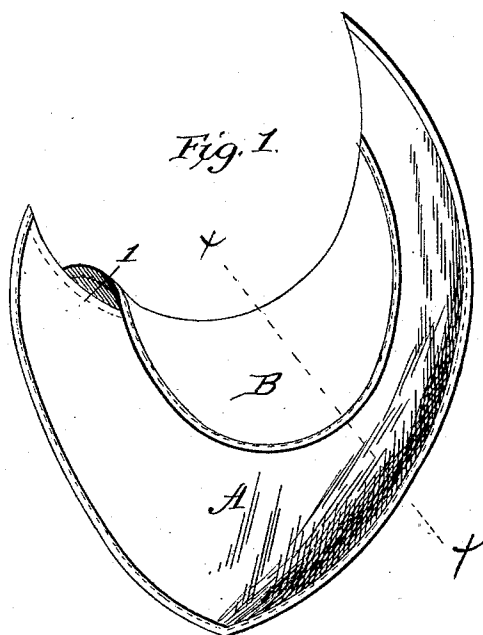


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARA E. STANLEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Portland, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Pads, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to pads for protecting dresses from the staining effect of perspiration at the armpits and is of that class known as "dress-shields," usually composed of oil-silk. Ordinarily it has been the custom to provide for this purpose a soft pad adapted to be interposed between the armpit and the dress, this pad being of crescent shape to partially encircle the arm, this pad being protected and partially covered by a supplemental shield of oiled silk composed of two flaps with a flap upon each side of the pad.

It is the object of my invention to present a much neater and more effective article by combining the shield of oil-silk or similar material with the pad, so that while both flaps of the shield are equally as effective as at present one only is exposed, the other being inclosed within the covering of the pad.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved article. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same on line *xx*, Fig. 1.

In the figures the pad A is of ordinary form; but instead of being filled with cotton alone, as is now customary, I prefer to use a mixture of curled hair to give a cooler article and

one less liable to become hard and lumpy. The pad is substantially of the ordinary crescent form and fits under the arm. This is used ordinarily as a filling, and in order to protect the dress at this point from the perspiration a protecting-shield is used. This is shown at B. It is made up of two flaps of oiled silk or like material, and instead of attaching it to the dress or stitching it over the pad, as is the custom ordinarily, I insert one flap *a* in between the covering of the pad and the filling material, while the other flap remains upon the outside, the line of stitching *l*, which secures the edges of the covering of the pad together at the upper edge, also securing the shield at the central line of the pads. One of the flaps is thus upon the outside of the pad and one upon the inside. Thus in use the loose flap or the one that is outside enters the sleeve of the dress, while the pad is placed against the body—that side of it in which the flap of the shield is just within the covering.

I claim as my invention—

A combined dress pad and shield consisting of a pad provided with a suitable filling and a shield having one flap within the covering of the pad and the other on the outside of the pad, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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