

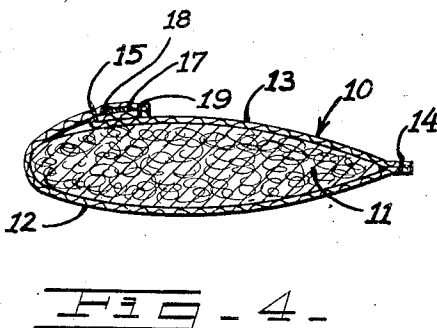
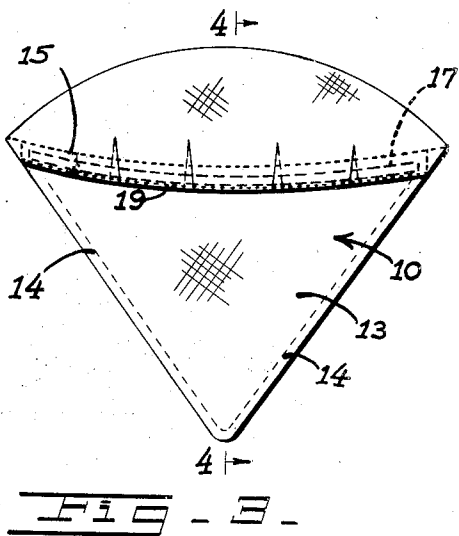
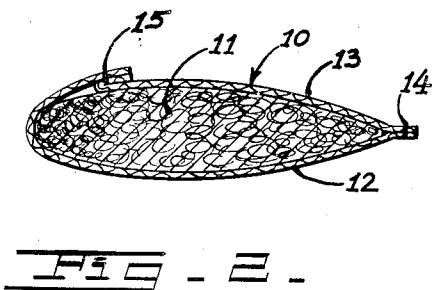
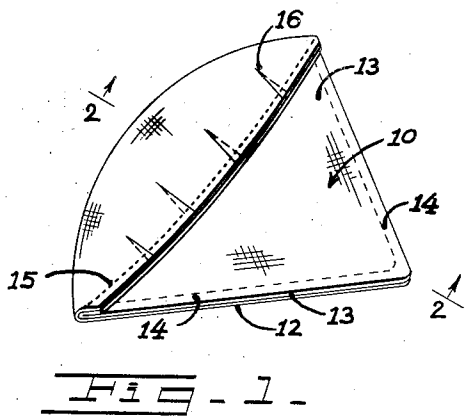
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in shoulder pads.

Heretofore, it has been general practice to provide a shoulder pad with cloth casing material into which a pad is mounted. It has been proposed to hold the pad relative to the casing by stitches extended across the pad and also engaging through the casing. This construction materially reduced the padding effect of the shoulder pad. It divides the shoulder pad into sections, where the stitches occur, which are relatively flexibly connected with reduced areas, which do not produce a good pad effect. This invention proposes an improved shoulder pad which is characterized by so arranging the stitches that they do not pass through the pad material in the cloth casing.

The invention also contemplates constructing the shoulder pad of various designs and shapes.

It is further proposed, in a modified form of the invention to provide a stiffening strip for assisting in holding the shoulder pad in condition.

Still further, the invention proposes the construction of a shoulder pad as mentioned which is simple and durable and which may be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

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

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

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a shoulder pad constructed in accordance with this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a shoulder pad constructed in accordance with another form of this invention.

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

In the form of the invention disclosed in Figs. 1 and 2, the new and improved shoulder pad includes a triangularly shaped casing 10 provided with a triangularly shaped pad 11. The casing 10 is constructed of cloth material, preferably rayon, cotton or silk or other material generally used for the casings of shoulder pads. The casing 10 has a bottom layer 12 and a top layer 13 which are stitched together along two sides by lines of stitches 14. The bottom layer 12 has its third side extended upwards and over the top of the top

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layer 13. These over-lapping layers are secured together with a line of stitches 15.

In the particular design of the shoulder pad shown on the drawing, the third side is curved convexly. For this reason the over-lapping top portion of the bottom layer is formed with several pleats, darts or shirring 16. The important feature of the invention resides in the fact that no stitches are engaged through the interior pad 11. For this reason, the pad will not be weakened along any line or area. The shoulder pad itself has greater rigidity and is better capable of supporting the shoulder of a dress or garment.

This shoulder pad is adapted to be stitched in the seam joining the sleeve and armhole, at the shoulder, without stitching through the casing and padding of this shoulder pad.

In Figs. 3 and 4 another embodiment of the invention has been disclosed which is very similar to the prior form, distinguished simply in the fact that the shoulder pad has been provided with a stiffening strip 17 to add to its rigidity. The stiffening strip 17 may be whale bone, or it may be a steel strip. It is used within a passage 18 formed transversely across the casing 10, along the chord of the casing. The passage 18 is formed by the edge portion of the over-lapping top portion of the bottom layer 12 of the casing and the adjacent portion of the top layer 13. A line of stitches 19 closes one side of the passage 18. The other side of the passage is closed by the line of stitches 15.

In other respects this form of the invention is identical to the prior form and identical parts may be recognized by identical reference numerals given them.

The advantage of using the stiffening strip 17 resides in the fact that the pad is materially stiffened across its width without materially adding to its weight.

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 the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

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

A shoulder pad having a top triangular wall with its edge along the base of the triangle folded over on top to form a hem; a bottom wall having a triangular portion in line with said triangular wall and secured thereto along the sides thereof,

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said bottom wall having a portion extending beyond said base and bending back to the edge of said hem toward the apex of said triangular wall, a row of stitches securing said edge and the edge of said bottom wall portion together, another row of stitches securing the edge of said hem at its fold to said bottom wall portion, form-

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ing a pocket extending along said base, a stiffening strip in said pocket, and a wad of packing disposed unattached between said walls, said pad having a convex face remote from the apex of said pad.

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