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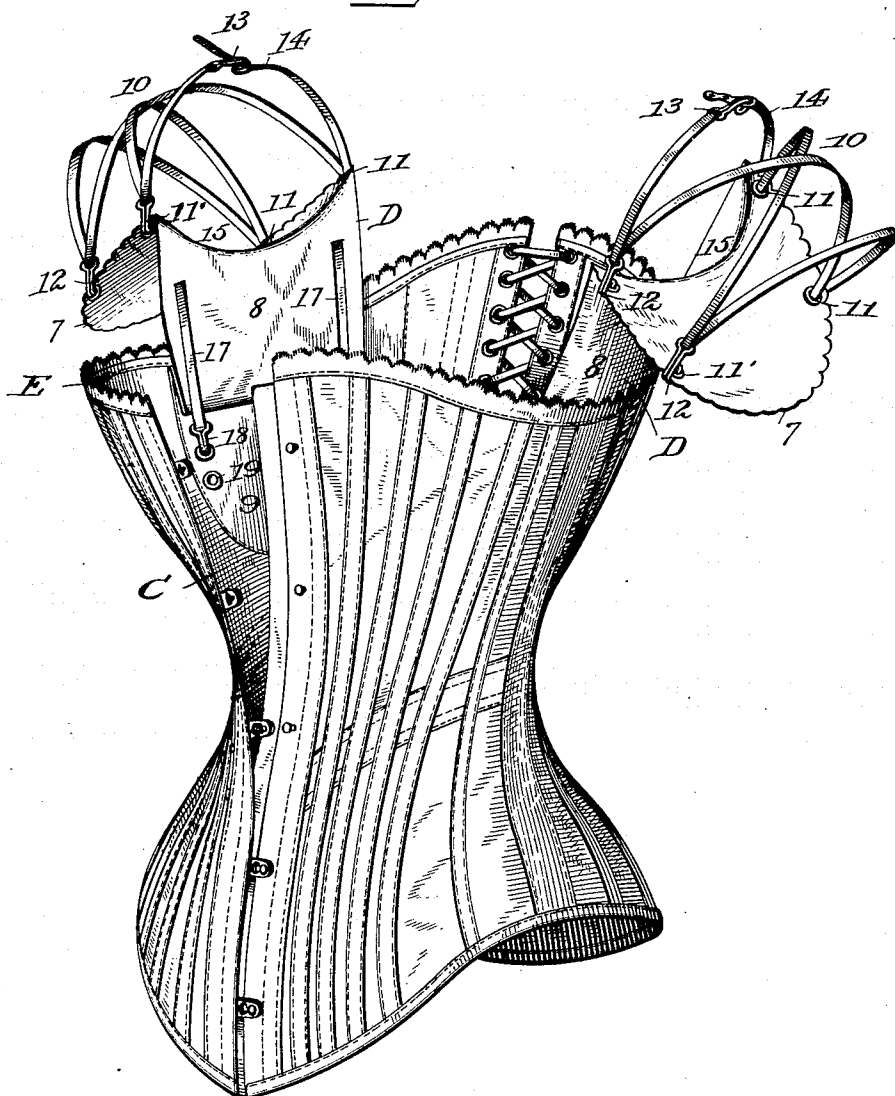
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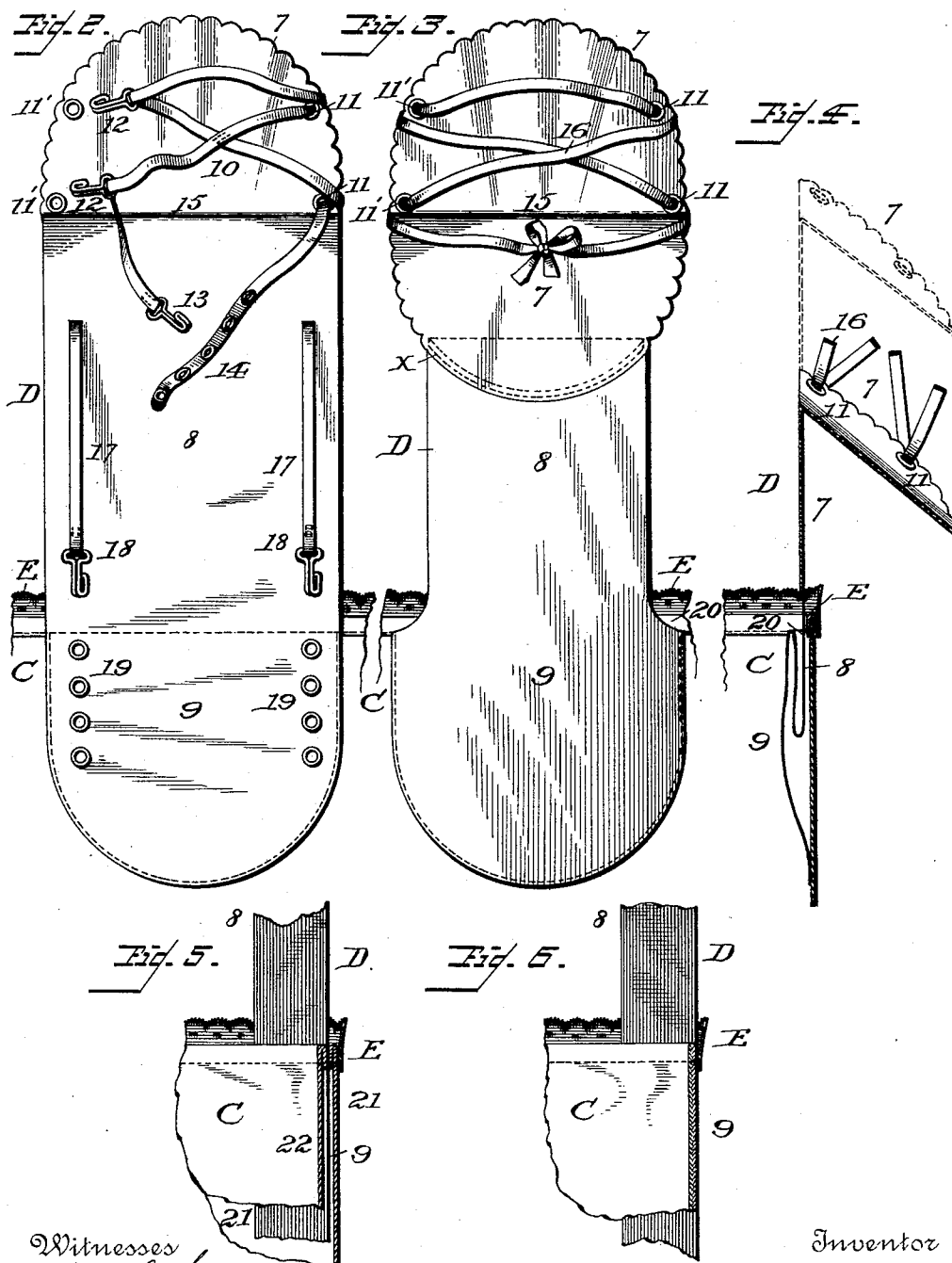
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN SIDNEY GOLDSMITH, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Corsets and Dress-Shields, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to those articles of ladies' wearing-apparel known, respectively, as "corsets" and "dress-shields;" and it consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter set forth and claimed.

The objects of the invention are to render dress-shields more effective for the protection of ladies' dresses against being wet and discolored by perspiration and the protection of the underclothing against being stained by the dyes of dresses; to adapt the dress-shields to be permanently attached to the corset, so as to be used therewith in connection with different dresses and to provide for readily adjusting the armpit-shields as to height above the waist of the corset, so that they shall fit different wearers without multiplying sizes.

Two sheets of drawings accompany this specification as part thereof.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a perspective view of a combined corset and dress-shield embodying this invention. Fig. 2 is a detail face view showing one of the dress-shields on a larger scale. Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively face and sectional views showing a modified dress-shield, and Figs. 5 and 6 are sectional views illustrating additional modifications.

Like reference letters and numbers indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The corset proper (represented at C) may be of any approved pattern and make. The dress-shields D, of suitable water-proof material, are intended in all cases to be permanently attached to the corset at the factory, and, considered as a whole, are necessarily of peculiar construction.

In all the several forms shown in the drawings each dress-shield D comprises an armpit-shield 7, which may be of the customary shape or any approved pattern, a flexible downwardly-extending connecting portion 8 in continuation of the body-flap of the armpit-shield, which prevents the perspiration from striking through between the armpit and

the corset, and, preferably, a body-shield 9, attached to the corset and intended to be of ample size to protect all those portions of the body covered by one-half of the corset which are at all liable to wet the dress unless so protected, and especially the side of the wearer directly below the armpit down to the waist or thereabout.

Different means for attaching the armpit-shields 7 to the arms of the wearer are represented in Figs. 1 and 2 and Figs. 3 and 4, respectively. In Figs. 1 and 2 a narrow elastic strap 10 is looped to eyelets 11 at one edge of each armpit-shield and to hooks 12 which engage with eyelets 11' at the opposite edge of said shield, and is provided with hook-and-eyelet adjusting devices 13 14 above the armpit-crease 15. In the modification represented by Figs. 3 and 4 a cord or tape 16, threaded through like eyelets 11 11' and adjusted by tying its ends above the armpit-crease 15, takes the place of said elastic strap 10 and its appurtenances.

Different means for adjusting the dress-shield as to the height of the armpit-crease 15 above the waist-line are also represented by said Figs. 1 and 2 and Figs. 3 and 4, respectively. In Figs. 1 and 2 a pair of elastic tapes 17 are attached to the upper portion of each of the shields D, immediately below the armpit-crease, and provided at their lower ends with hooks 18, which engage with vertical series of eyelets 19 in the body-shield 9, or it may be in the corset, to take up any slack in a connecting portion 8 of maximum length after the armpit-shields are attached to the arms, as above, or inserted into the sleeves which they are to fit. In Figs. 3 and 4 the body-shield 9 forms a pocket, open at its top 20, and the surplus of the connecting portion may be tucked into this pocket, as in Fig. 4. Such pocket may, if desired, be of sufficient size to inclose the whole of the connecting portion, together with the armpit-shield, so that the same corset may be worn with a low-necked dress or corset-cover.

In the preferred style (represented by Figs. 1 and 2) each dress-shield D is a single piece of suitable water-proof fabric—such, for example, as any of those now successfully used for thin armpit-shields. Ordinary armpit-shields may alternatively be combined with

connecting portions 8 and body-shields 9, as illustrated by Figs. 3 and 4. In the arrangement common to Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 the body shield 9 of each dress-shield is attached to the inside of the corset and serves to protect the latter as well as the outer clothing. Alternatively the body-shield may be introduced between the two thicknesses 21 22 of sewed corsets, as in Fig. 5, or attached to the outside of the corset, as in Fig. 6. In this last-named arrangement the dress-shield D may be conveniently stitched fast between the body of the corset C and the customary edging E at its top. A woven corset is intended to be represented in Fig. 6; but the dress-shield may be attached equally well to the inside or the outside of corsets of any description.

Buckles or other known or improved adjusting devices may take the place of the hooks and eyes represented at 13 14, and other like additional modifications will suggest themselves to those skilled in the art.

Having thus described the said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification—

1. A combined corset and dress-shield in which the body-flaps of a pair of armpit-shields are provided with the flexible downwardly-extending connection portions secured at bot-

tom to the corset, and the dress-shields are further provided with means for attaching the armpit-shields to the arms of the wearer, and means for adjusting said connecting portions for the required height of each armpit-shield above the waist of the corset, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

2. A combined corset and dress-shield in which a pair of armpit-shields are provided with eyelets 11 11' at their back and front edges respectively, and with elastic straps 10, looped to said eyelets 11 at back, and having hooks 12 for attaching and detaching the strap at said eyelets 11' in front, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

3. A combined corset and dress-shield in which the body-flaps of a pair of armpit-shields have flexible downwardly-extending connecting portions, and the corset is further provided with body-shields secured thereto, said connecting portions and said body-shields being provided, respectively, with elastic tapes 17, having hooks 18 at their free ends, and with vertical series of eyelets 19 to coact with said hooks, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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