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Fig. 1.

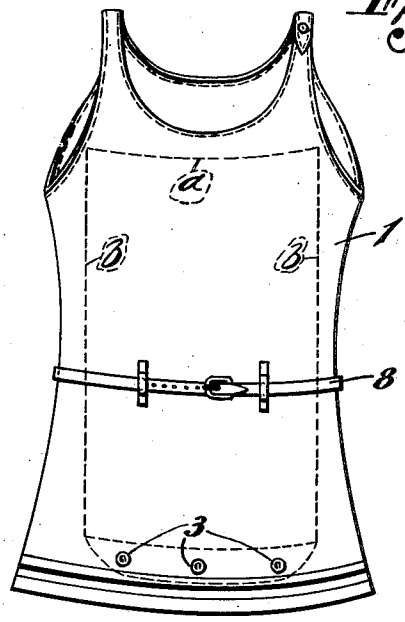


Fig. 2.

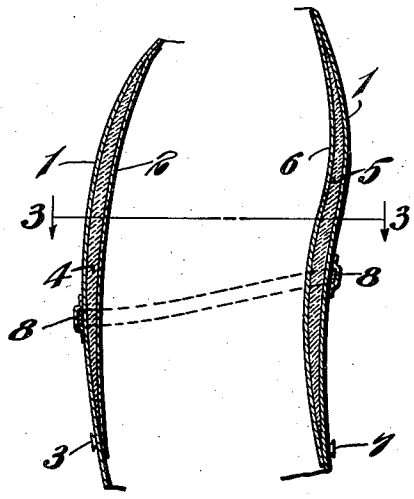
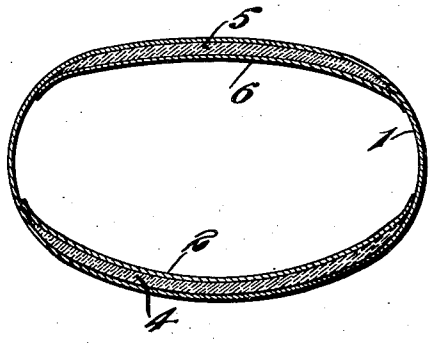


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD A. TEIBER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bathing Suits, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in bathing suits, the object being to construct a suit with bouyant removable inserts designed to snugly fit the body, said inserts being so shaped as to be practicably invisible to an observer.

The inserts are preferably made of sponge rubber, and are preferably oblong in general shape and lenticular in cross section, the tapered wafer-like edges fitting snugly in pockets in a bathing suit designed to receive the buoyant inserts.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 represents the upper portion of a bathing garment, showing in dotted lines the position of one of the inserts.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view through the garment.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

In the drawings, 1 indicates a portion of a bathing garment, such as the shirt portion, and 2 indicates a pocket stitched at its top and side edges along the dotted lines *a*—*b*, the lower edge of said pocket being open and being held closed by means of buttons, or other suitable fastening devices, 3.

4 indicates a buoyant insert, preferably made of sponge rubber, which, as is well known, has a cellular central portion or core filled with air at or above atmospheric pressure. This cellular or sponge rubber portion is enclosed by an integument or rind which is also made of rubber and consequently is impervious to moisture and excludes water from said cellular portion. This buoyant pad as it might be called, is preferably oblong in shape and lenticular in cross-section, the wafer-like edges of integument being cemented or otherwise secured together to form a water-tight joint and the combined thicknesses of said edges render them sufficiently stiff to maintain their positions in the corners of the pocket.

The central thicker portion of the pad is cellular and, of course, is buoyant to the extent that it displaces a given quantity of water.

There is preferably a breast pad, such as shown and described and also a back pad, indicated at 5, which is intended to be arranged within a pocket 6 secured inside of the garment like the pocket 2 and whose lower edge is held in position by buttons 7, as shown.

8 indicates a belt which I prefer to use in connection with the garment for the purpose of holding the pads close to the body of the wearer and preferably arranged around the waist portion of the wearer. This causes the pads to snugly fit the form of the wearer, and hence the pads are practically invisible when worn.

What I claim is:

1. A bathing garment having a pocket, and a wafer shaped buoyant pad formed of cellular or sponge rubber and having an outer impervious covering formed integral with said cellular portion, said pad being removably secured in position in said pocket, the tapered edges of said pad being relatively stiff.

2. A bathing garment provided with a pocket, in combination with a buoyant pad removably arranged in said pocket, said pad being composed of cellular rubber having an impervious integument, said pad being lenticular in cross section.

3. A bathing garment having pockets at its front and back, buoyant removable pads inserted in said pockets, each of said pads comprising a section of cellular rubber having impervious smooth outer surface, said pads being oblong in shape and lenticular in cross-section, and a belt arranged on the garment for holding the pads against the body of the wearer.

4. A bathing garment provided with a pocket in combination with a buoyant pad arranged in said pocket, said pad being composed of a porous or cellular unitary body portion or core and an integral impervious integument.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature this 3rd day of January, 1923.

EDWARD A. TEIBER.