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Fig. 1.

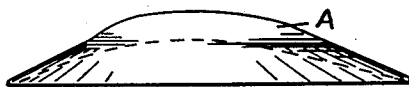


Fig. 2.

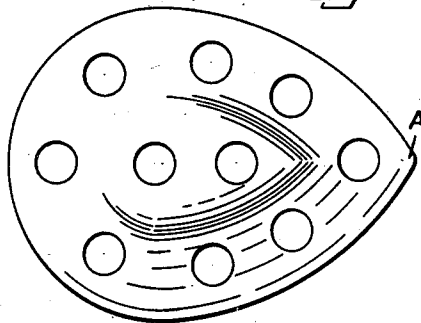


Fig. 3.

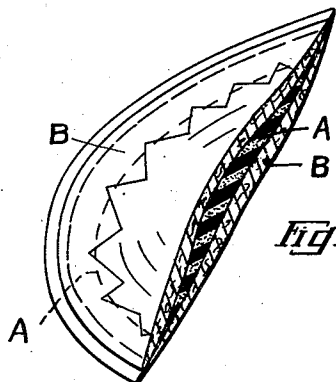


Fig. 4.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—268)

This invention relates to pads for padding the shoulders of wearing apparel more especially for use in connection with coats for men's wear, its object being to provide a simple device for ensuring a desired thickness at the shoulder points after any form of pressing operation. The pad is soft, supple and resilient; important qualities in tailoring.

The pad usually used for raising the shoulders and other purposes, in tailoring, consists of felt, hair, wool or other similar material which when subjected to pressing and especially steam pressing, becomes much reduced in thickness and more or less hard, with the result that it is often most difficult to fix at the start, the thickness which will be required to give the finished thickness of pad after pressing.

According to the present invention the thickness can be definitely decided upon from the start of the manufacture of such pads which will then always be of the thickness desired whatever pressing operations are carried out. For the purpose of this invention I provide a shoulder pad which is shaped to the shoulder and to give the desired effect, from spongy rubber or synthetic rubber, thus providing at once a supple and resilient pad which can be sewn in the usual way and is unaffected by pressing.

Such a pad is however preferably made as an inset that is covered with appropriate covering material and may be used in conjunction with a suitable layer of felt, hair, wadding or other material if desired. The pad may be perforated for lightness.

In a further form of construction for certain purposes it may be desirable to render the pad inflatable in which case the rubber is formed with a suitable air chamber and inflating means therefor.

The new shoulder pad is not only very light and pliable and capable of being worked in the same manner as the existing types of pad, but can

be produced at competitive costs and retains its shape throughout the use of the article to which it has been applied.

The invention is shown by way of example in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of a pad of spongy material, and Fig. 2 a corresponding side view before fitting to the shoulder; Fig. 3 is a plan view corresponding to Fig. 2 but showing a pad formed with perforations; Fig. 4 shows in perspective a longitudinal section of a pad covered with appropriate covering material such as felt.

In Figs. 1 to 3 the shoulder pad A is entirely shaped from spongy or synthetic rubber. Fig. 3 shows how the pad may be perforated for lightness.

Fig. 4 shows the pad A inserted in an outer covering B of appropriate material, such as felt, hair, wadding or other materials ordinarily used for padding shoulders. The covering may be stitched to the rubber pad as illustrated, or said covering may be glued to the pad A.

The covering B may be in turn enclosed in an outer casing of impermeable material, for example, not shown.

I claim:—

In a pad of a character dimensioned to be permanently incorporated in the shoulder of a coat and there subjected to the heat, moisture and pressure incidental to steam pressing, a core of sponge rubber presenting a relatively thick, crescent shaped body part at the thickest portion of the pad and tapering therefrom to a relatively thin edge and a covering of flexible padding material over said core, and stitched thereto, the crescent shape of the core causing the pad as a whole to present a concave under face, the sponge rubber permitting the ready passage of a needle therethrough without excessive clinging of the rubber to the needle during the stitching of the rubber and padding material together.

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