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DRESS SHIELD.
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Fig. 1.

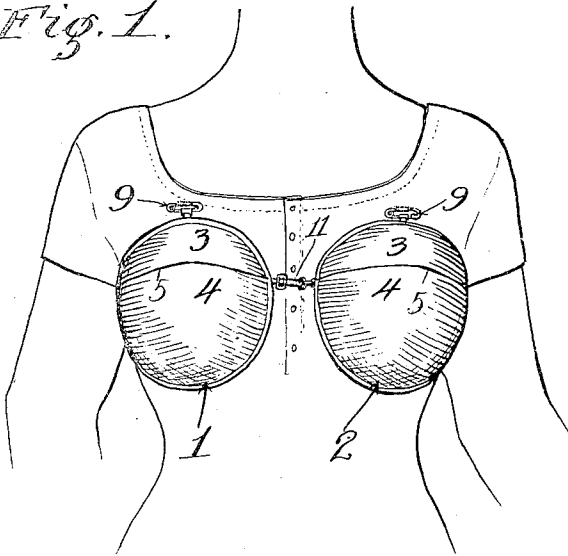


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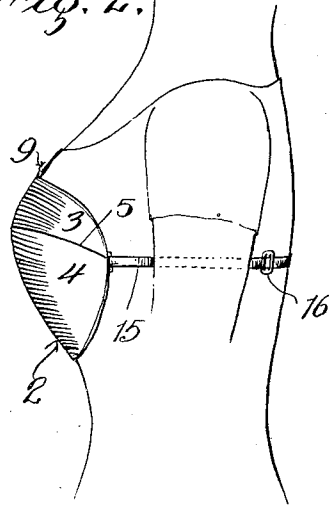


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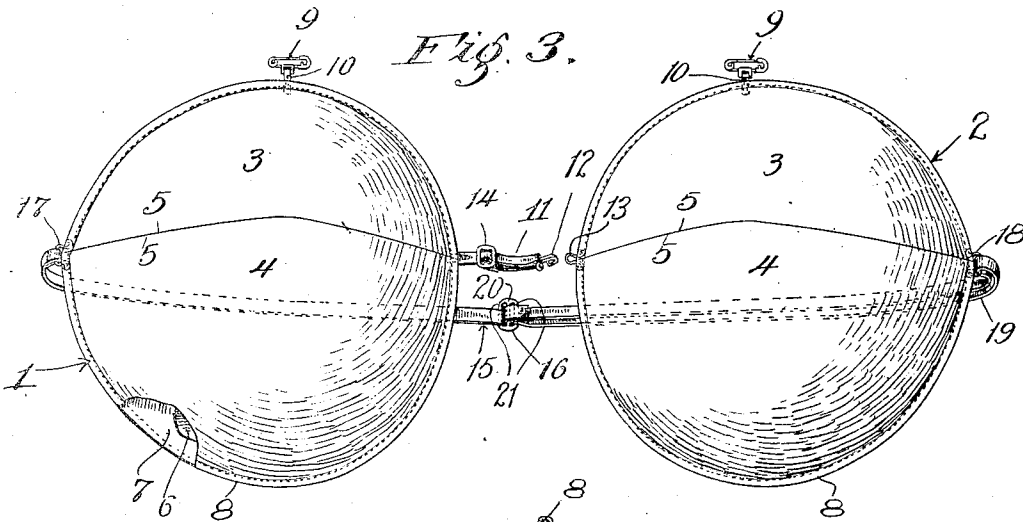
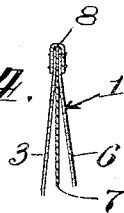
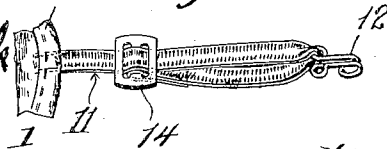


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSE S. KLEINERT, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dress-Shields, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to dress shields.

The object of this invention is to provide a shield adapted to be worn over the breasts by nursing mothers to protect the corsets, gowns or other apparel from dripping milk.

To such end this invention consists in a shield of fabric, preferably having some waterproof lining incorporated therewith, and having means for readily securing the shield in place over the breasts, or removing it therefrom.

It further relates to the several novel features of construction and arrangement set forth in this specification and particularly defined in the claim.

The invention is illustrated in the drawings furnished herewith, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a pair of the shields showing the same supported in place upon the wearer, Fig. 2 is a side view thereof, Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device alone, showing the same upon a larger scale, Fig. 4 is a detail cross section of a fragment of one of the shields and Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a band and clasp.

In these views 1, 2, represent two concavo-convex breast shields which are shaped to substantially conform to and cover the breasts of the wearer. In the preferred form, each shield comprises an upper member 3, and a lower member 4, which members are sewed together along their meeting edges 5. Each shield is preferably provided with a lining 6, of the same shape as the members 3 and 4, and also with an inner lining 7, constructed of some waterproof substance such as sheet rubber, or the like. The marginal edges of the parts are sewed together and bound by a strip of tape or the like 8. It is perfectly obvious that the exact form of construction or material from which the shields are made is not material to my invention, broadly speaking, as any suitable form and material may be employed.

Fasteners 9, are provided on the upper edges of the shields for securing the latter to the wearer's undergarment, the fasteners being here shown in the form of safety pins, which are secured to the shields by short

tabs 10. The shields are detachably secured together at their adjacent edges, as for instance by a strap 11, which may be sewed to one shield, and provided with a hook 12, arranged to be hooked into an eye 13 secured upon the opposite shield. If desired, the strap 11, may have a take-up buckle 14, whereby the length of the strap may be adjusted to accommodate the wearer.

A strap or band 15, is secured to the edges of the shields which are opposite to the points of attachment of the strap 11, and said strap or band 15, is adapted to be passed around the back of the wearer to assist in holding the shields in position. The strap or band 15, may also contain a take-up buckle 16, for adjusting the band to accommodate the wearer. I have shown eyes 17, 18, upon the far edges of the shields, one end of the band 15, being secured upon the eye 17, whereas the other end is threaded through the eye 18, to form a loop 19, and the terminal end secured around the central bar 20, of the buckle 16. The main strand of the band passes under the end bars 21, of the buckle and over the bar 20. This is a well known form of take up arrangement and requires no special description to enable one skilled in the art to understand the same. The bands are preferably made of some elastic material.

In securing the shields upon a person, the hook 12, is detached from the eye 13, whereupon the shields may be passed under the arms from the back and brought into position over the breasts, and the hook 12 snapped into the eye 13. The pins 9, may then be fastened upon the undergarment and the device is ready for use. The shields may now be disconnected from each other whenever necessary, and the pins 9, will hold them from slipping down or being displaced.

The advantages of this device are readily apparent, and much of the inconvenience and annoyance to nursing members is wholly avoided.

I am aware that various alterations and modifications of the exact form shown and described are possible without departing from the spirit of my invention, and I do not therefore desire to limit myself to such form and construction.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A pair of imperforate concavo-convex breast shields of uniform thickness through-

out and comprising fabric and water-proof material, a safety pin secured to the upper edge of each shield, a band secured to the side edge of one shield and having a hook
5 and eye engagement with the other shield, an elastic band connecting the far edges of the shield and adapted to extend around the body of the wearer and a take-up buckle associated with said elastic band.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto sub- 10
scribed my name to the foregoing specifica-
tion at New York, in the county of New
York, and State of New York, this 18th day
of February, 1909.

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Witnesses:

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