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Fig. 1.

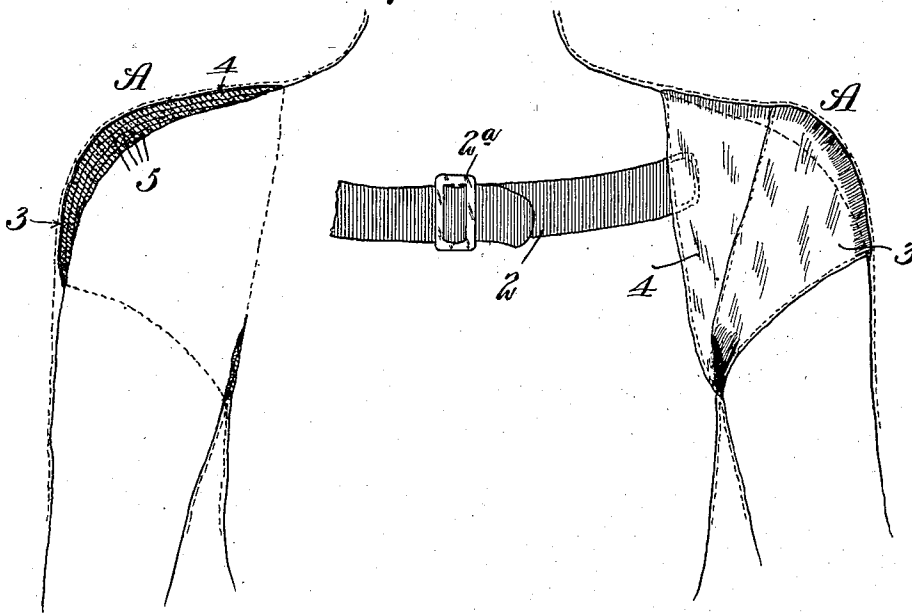
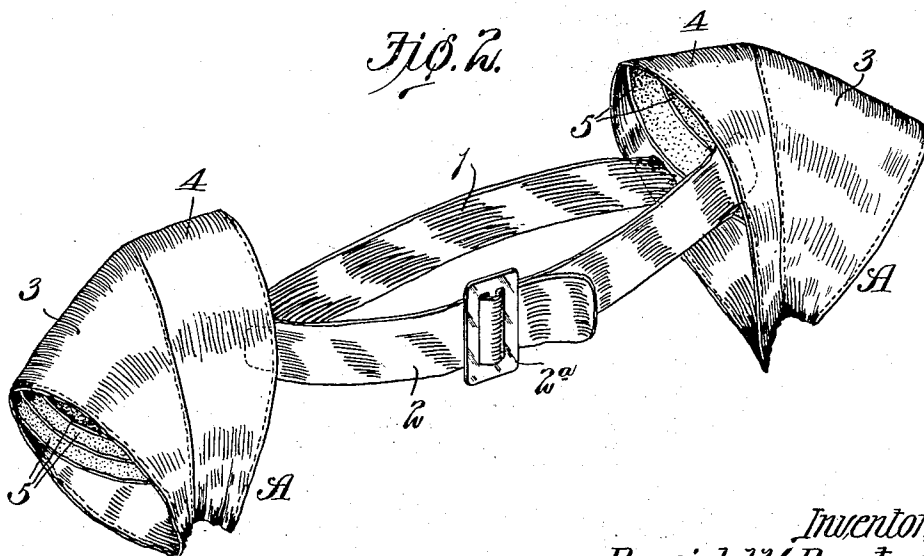


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID W. BARTRAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Carson, parish of Calcasieu, Louisiana, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Shoulder-Pads, 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 specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a portion of a person's body showing my improved shoulder pads in operative position, one of the pads being shown in section; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the pads.

This invention relates to pads such as are placed underneath a garment for the purpose of building out the garment and thus improving the appearance of the person wearing same.

It has heretofore been the practice to insert layers of wadding or padding in the shoulders of a coat at the time the coat was being made so as to build out the garment and thus produce a broad shoulder effect.

The object of my invention is to provide a pair of shoulder pads that are not connected to or embodied in a coat but which are adapted to be worn underneath the outer shirt or shirt-waist of a person.

One advantage of my pads is that they will give a person a broad shoulder effect even when the person's coat is removed.

Another advantage is that the shoulders of the person wearing the pads will always look the same no matter what particular coat he may have on. And still another advantage is that they reduce the cost of manufacturing coats for they overcome the necessity of placing padding in coats at the time they are made.

Referring to the drawings which illustrate the preferred form of my invention, A designates a pair of shoulder pads which are joined together preferably by means of an elastic strap 1 that passes across the back of the person wearing the pads and an elastic front strap 2 which passes over the chest of said person, the front strap being provided

with a buckle 2^a. Each shoulder pad consists of several layers of padding or wadding that are carried by a sleeve portion 3 and a shoulder portion 4 which are connected together by one or more rows of stitches that also pass through the layers of padding, said shoulder and sleeve portion being formed of any suitable kind of cloth or pliable material.

The padding consists of a number of thin layers 5 of material of gradually increasing dimensions lapped one upon the other and cut to follow the lines of the shoulder so that a gradual broadening effect is produced. The pads are adapted to be worn underneath the outer shirt or shirt-waist of a person so that they give a broad shoulder effect even when the person's coat is removed. They, of course, build out the shoulders of a person's coat and thus impart to the coat a finished and well-tailored appearance. The pads also change the natural contour of the outer points of the shoulders of the person wearing the pads and as they are not subjected to the weight of the sleeves or body of the wearer's coat they will not be drawn or forced out of shape. Consequently they prevent a coat from breaking or crushing down at the shoulders. The pads do not shift or slip out of place because they are held in position by the elastic bands 1 and 2 which permit free movement of the arms and shoulders of the person wearing the pads.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a pair of shoulder pads adapted to be worn underneath the outer shirt or shirt-waist of a person and each consisting of a tubular-shaped sleeve portion and shoulder portion which carry several layers of padding, and members adapted to pass across the back and chest of the person wearing the pads for connecting said pads together; substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a shoulder pad adapted to be worn underneath an outer shirt or shirt-waist and consisting of several layers of padding of gradually increasing dimensions lapped one upon the other and cut to follow the lines of a person's

shoulder, a tubular-shaped sleeve portion
and shoulder portion connected together and
joined to said layers of padding, and elastic
members connecting said pads together and
5 adapted to pass across the back and chest of
the person wearing the pads; substantially
as described.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my
signature in the presence of two witnesses,
this 21st day of February 1908.

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