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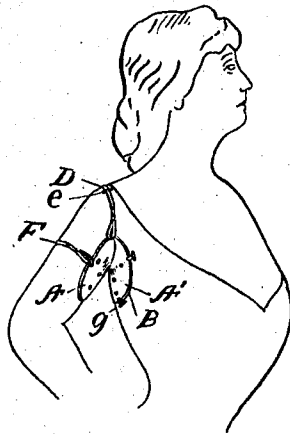


Fig. 1

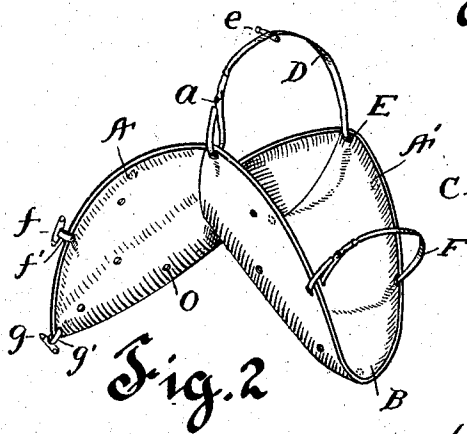


Fig. 2

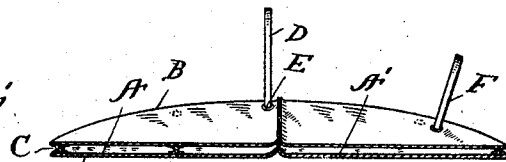
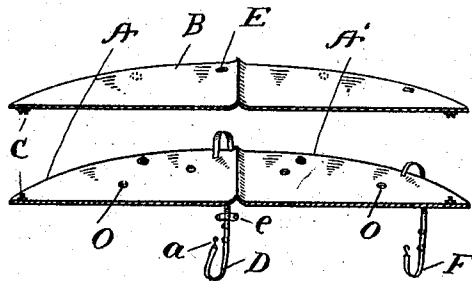


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIAN LOCKIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Shields; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention relates to certain improvements in dress-shields which are designed to shield the wearer's dress from the destructive effects of perspiration. In relieving the dress from direct contact with this perspiration the shields must necessarily have to receive what is warded off from the dress, and consequently their life is correspondingly impaired. Now to provide a shield capable of withstanding the destructive effects of this perspiration is the prime object of my present invention. I accomplish these ends by combining the several parts composing the shield in such a manner as to render them capable of being readily disconnected from each other for purposes of relatively separate cleansing.

In carrying out my invention I have not overlooked such important matters as structural simplicity, lightness, and economy.

My invention more particularly resides in the novel combination, construction, and arrangement of parts hereinafter fully described, and set forth in the appended claim.

The objects of my invention I am enabled to accomplish by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an outline view of the bust of a person, showing the manner of positioning my shield. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the complete shield. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section. Fig. 4 is a similar view showing the inner and outer portions of the shield separated from each other.

I will now describe the construction of my invention, reference being had to the above views by letter.

The main body of the shield is formed of two segments A A', joined together to form, essentially, an elliptical surface. The material composing the body of the shield is rubber-coated on the inside or prepared in such a manner as to prevent the passage of perspiration. Having the same outline as the body of the shield is the member B, which is se-

cured to and against the body by means of snap-clasps C. These clasps are distributed at proper intervals along the outer curved borders of the body of the shield and the member B. As a means for holding in position this shield on the arm of the wearer I have provided the adjustable elastic strap D, which is secured to the body of the shield and after passing through eyelets E in the member B extends over the shoulder of the wearer. The free extremity of the strap D is provided with a small hook *a*, which is arranged to engage with any one of a series of eyes secured at proper intervals on the strap D.

In order to hold the member A' in position on the arm, I have provided the elastic strap F, which passes through the member B and over the arm and is adjustable in a manner similar to that described when referring to strap D. The little safety-pin *e*, which is suspended from the strap D, is for the purpose of fastening to the shoulder of the undergarment of the wearer to prevent any shifting of the shield. The perforations O insure proper ventilation.

As a means for holding the member A flat against the wearer I have provided the small safety-pins *f* and *g*, which are suspended from elastic tabs *f'* and *g'* and are adapted to be pinned to the corset-cover or other garment of the wearer.

Now it will be readily seen from the above description that after the member B, which comes in first direct contact with the perspiration, becomes saturated to an extent which makes it liable to become foul or to emit an offensive odor, it can be readily removed from the body of the shield and washed and ironed, thereby presenting a new appearance for subsequent use. The body of the shield owing to its composition cannot be subjected to this washing and ironing process; but in order to thoroughly cleanse it I simply sponge it off with alcohol, which readily evaporates and leaves the shield clean and ready for immediate use.

As the body of the shield and the straps and other securing means which are attached thereto form a relatively expensive portion of the shield, these may be used for a very long time without danger of fouling or destruction, while the member B, which is made of any light inexpensive material, can be readily duplicated by any one having the slightest knowledge of such matters if after many cleansings it is found to be injured.

Aside from the sanitary advantages gained in making it possible to have the shield continuously clean and pure, the economic value of the device will be readily appreciated by women generally, especially at this time, when the shirt-waist is so universally used.

I am aware that changes in the form and proportion of parts of the devices herein shown and described as an embodiment of my invention can be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A dress-shield provided with an inner and

an outer portion, one of said portions being waterproof while the other portion is of a washable material and formed with a mesh, eyes formed near the edges of said portions, straps passing through said eyes and by means of which said portions are removably held together, said straps forming loops which pass around the wearer's arm, and a plurality of tabs for holding said shield in position relative to the corset-waist of the wearer, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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