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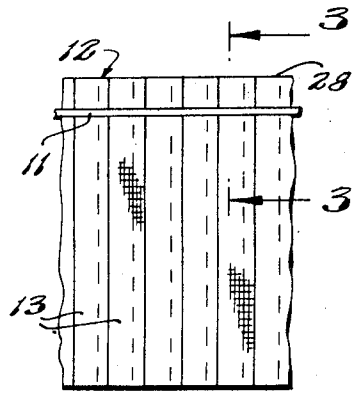
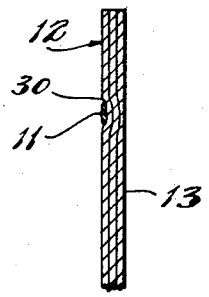


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



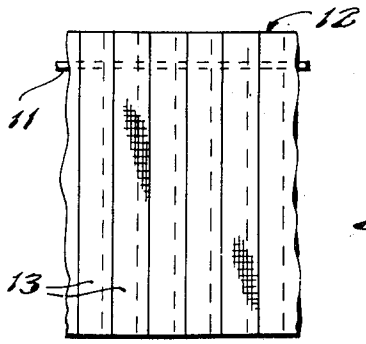


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to the novel trimming produced by the method described in my co-pending application Serial Number 348,476 filed April 13, 1953, now United States Patent Number 2,662,577.

The above-entitled patent describes the method whereby this trimming is made but does not claim the trimming itself. The trimming of this invention is the translucent or partly translucent trimming used for negligee or similar garments.

The trimming of this invention is superior to those presently in existence in that the securing member holding the vertical pleats to one another is held in place by constriction of the trimming itself without the use of any adhesive. The trimming therefore does not show any adhesive marks and is therefore superior for use in negligee and similar garments since the points of adhesion of the securing member are not darker than the balance of the trimming.

The invention will be further described by reference to the accompanying drawings which are made a part of this specification.

Fig. 1 is a front view of the fabric of this invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the fabric of this invention taken along lines 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 3 is a rear view of the fabric of this invention.

Referring now to the specific embodiment of the invention as shown in the drawings trimming **12** is formed with a plurality of pleats **13** which are preferably vertical. The term "vertical" as used in this specification, is defined to mean a direction at an angle to the longest direction of the trimming.

Securing member **11** is impregnated with an agent adapted to swell the fabric upon which it is disposed and is held by the fabric within recess **30** of trimming **12**. The impingement of the securing member impregnated with swelling agent swells the fabric immediately thereafter the securing member is compressed against the fabric so that the subsequent application of pressure forms a

recess within the fabric and the simultaneous application of heat contracts the swollen portion of the fabric and thereby holds the securing member **11** in place. The details of the process involved are set forth in my Patent #2,662,577.

The trimming of this invention is formed of a thermoplastic fabric such as nylon, rayon, or the like. The securing member is preferably a cotton thread. The fabric of which the trimming is made is preferably netted so as to make it more attractive to the eye. The swelling agent used is preferably 4% phenol in water but any other agent adapted to swell a thermoplastic fabric may also be used.

The foregoing specific embodiments of the invention as set forth in the foregoing specification are for illustrative purposes and for purposes of example only. Various changes and modifications may obviously be made within the spirit and scope of this invention and would occur to those skilled in this art.

I claim:

1. A trimming comprising a fabric formed with a plurality of plaits, said fabric being also formed with a longitudinal recess spaced from the upper transverse extremity thereof, and a securing member secured to the fabric by prior constriction of the side portions of said recess, said securing member binding the edge portions of said plaits to one another.

2. A trimming comprising a fabric formed with a plurality of vertical plaits, said fabric being also formed with a longitudinal recess spaced from the upper transverse extremity thereof, and a securing member secured to the fabric by prior constriction of the side portions of said recess, said securing member binding the edge portions of said plaits to one another.

3. A trimming formed of a swellable fabric with a plurality of vertical plaits provided with a longitudinal recess spaced from the upper transverse extremity thereof, a securing member binding the edge portions of said plaits to one another secured within said recess by prior constriction of the side portions thereof, said recess being formed by impingement of said securing member impregnated with an agent adapted to swell said fabric thereon and thereafter said recess being constricted by application of heat.

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