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NURSING VEST.

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Fig. 1.

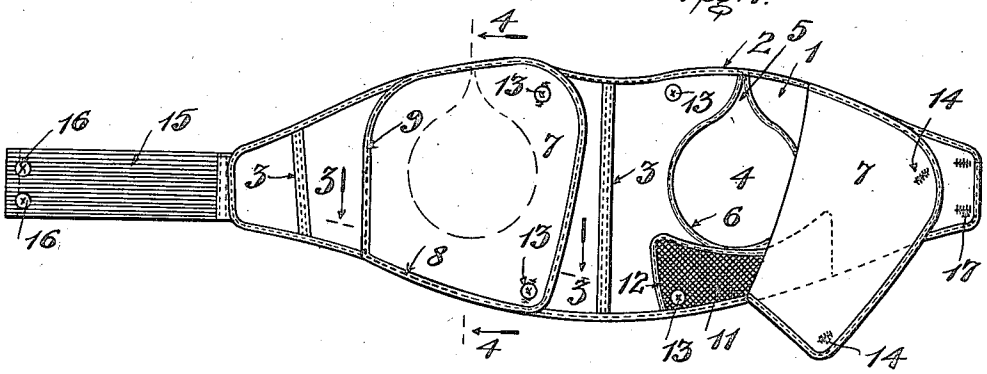


Fig. 2.

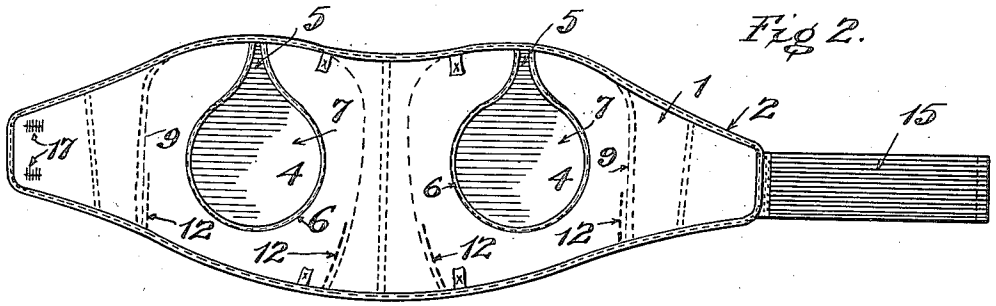


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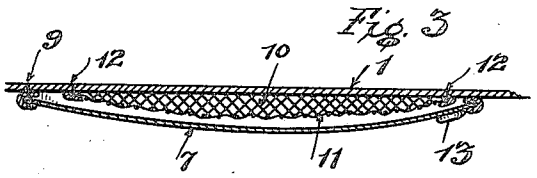
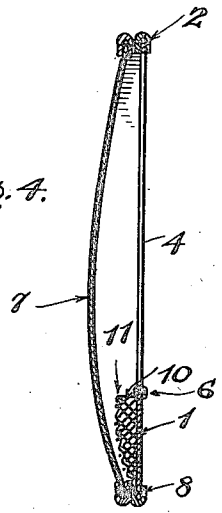


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, VICTOR GUINZBURG, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Nursing-Vests, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a device adapted to be worn by mothers when nursing children and its object is to provide a light, cool and comfortable device of this character which may conveniently be worn beneath the shirt waist or other ordinary outer garment with comfort.

Another object of my invention is to provide an article of this character so constructed that the mother's garments are at all times protected from moisture during the nursing operation.

My improved nursing vest is designed and constructed in such a manner as to not only facilitate the nursing operation but to act as a breast support.

These and other objects are successfully accomplished by my improved device, a more particular description of which follows hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved nursing vest with one of the flaps being open to disclose the breast opening and pocket; Fig. 2 is a rear view of the vest; Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrow; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Throughout the various views of the drawing, similar reference characters designate similar parts.

In the preferred embodiment of my invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings, 1 indicates the body portion of the device which is preferably composed of a thin and light waterproof material. This body portion is suitably reinforced at its edges by the binding 2 and is also reinforced by the transverse strips 3.

Breast or bust openings 4 are provided in the body portion, these openings terminating in narrow slits 5 at their upper ends so that the openings can readily accommodate themselves to the breasts of the wearer. The openings 4 are suitably reinforced about their edges by the binding strip 6.

The breast flaps 7 are secured to the body portion 1 by the line of stitches 8 which secure a portion of the lower edge of the flap to the lower edge of the body portion, and the stitches 9 which secure one of the side edges of the flap to the body portion, the secured side edges being situated toward the ends of the body portion so that the flaps open away from the center of the garment. The flaps are in the above manner partly secured to the body portion and can be opened as shown in Fig. 1 to uncover the breast openings 4 when desired. The manner in which these flaps are secured affords a support for the breasts at the sides as well as below.

Pockets 10 are provided on the body portion and these pockets 10 are situated directly on the body portion directly below the breast openings. To form these pockets it is preferable to use a strip of netted material 11, the side edges of which are secured to the body portion 1 by the stitches 12 and the lower edge being secured by the line of stitches at the lower edge of the body portion holding the binding strip 2 in place. The pocket 10 is utilized to hold a pad of absorbent cotton or other means for absorbing moisture falling downward during the nursing operation. The openings in the netted portion 11 allow the moisture to pass therethrough and be absorbed by the cotton.

To close the flaps 7 over the openings 4 I provide said flaps with button holes 14 on their unsecured side which coact with the buttons 13, properly secured on the body portion, to hold said flaps over the breast openings in closed position. Of course, if desired, any other form of fastening means may be substituted in place of the buttons and button holes.

To secure the vest about the wearer, I provide an elastic strip 15 which is secured to one end of the vest, and the outer or free end of this elastic strip is provided with buttons 16 coacting with button holes 17 on the other end of the vest whereby the device will fit snugly about the wearer without discomfort or inconvenience.

From the foregoing, it will be obvious that my invention is not to be restricted to the exact embodiment herein shown and described but is broad enough to cover all

structures coming within the scope of the annexed claims.

What I claim is:—

1. A device of the type described, including a body-portion having breast-openings and pockets applied to said body-portion, below said breast-openings to contain an absorbent to absorb moisture, flaps secured to said body-portion, along their bottom edges and a lateral edge of each, said breast-openings having elongated slits in their upper edges, and attaching means for the free edges of said flaps.

2. A device of the type described, including a body-portion having breast-openings and pockets formed of reticulated material, said pockets being applied to said body-portion, below said breast-openings to contain an absorbent to absorb moisture, flaps secured to said body-portion, along their bottom edges and a lateral edge of each, and attaching means for the free edges of said flaps.

3. A device of the type described, including a body-portion having breast-openings and pockets applied to said body-portion, below said breast-openings to contain an absorbent to absorb moisture, and flaps secured to said body-portion, along their bottom edges and a lateral edge of each, and means to provide for detachably connecting the unsecured edges of said flaps to said body-portion, said flaps covering said pockets and said breast openings.

Signed at the city, county and State of New York, this 24th day of July, 1916.

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