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BUST FORM.

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Fig. 1

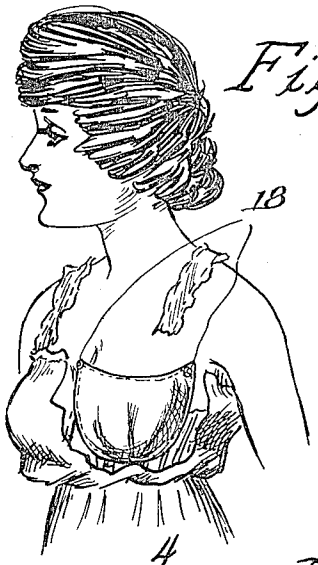


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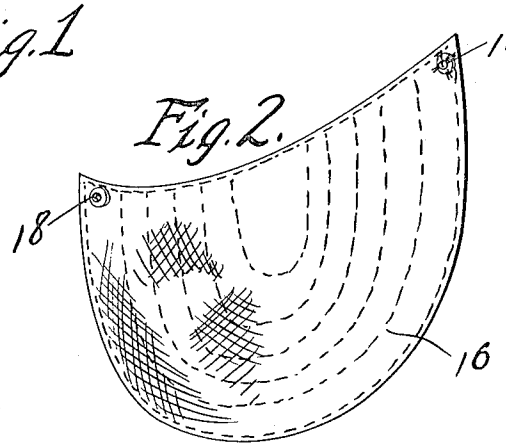


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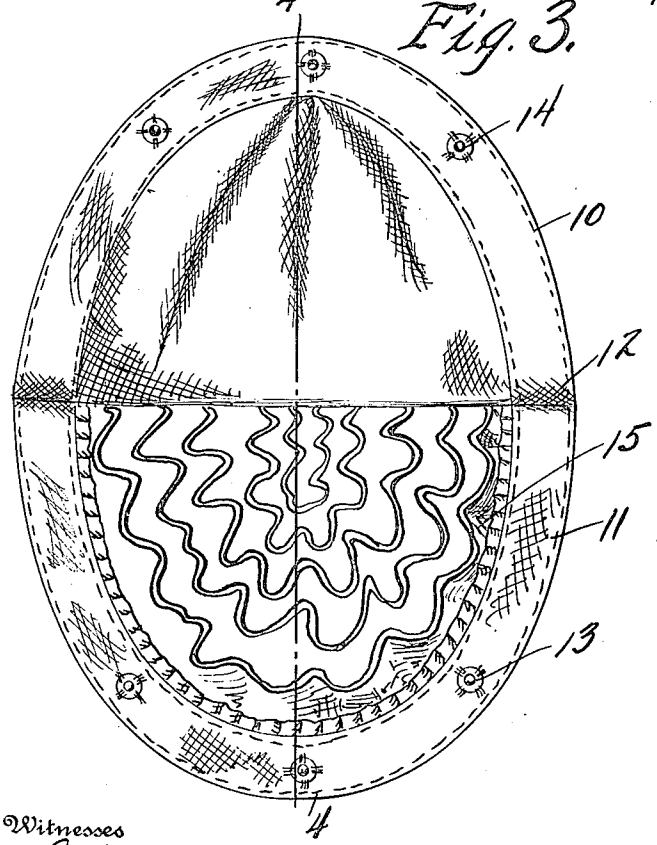
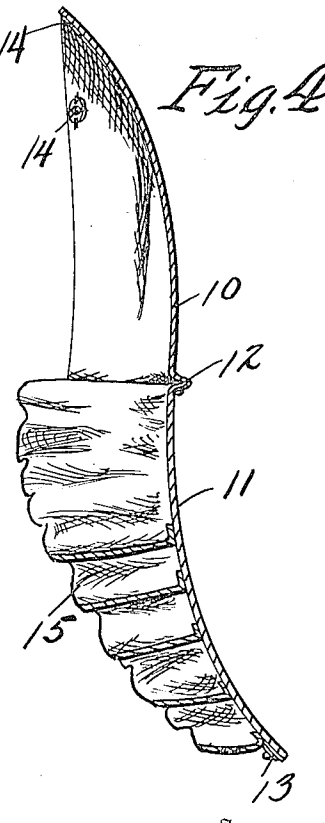


Fig. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY A. E. COOK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Douglas, State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bust-Forms; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in bust forms and particularly to such forms as are worn beneath the chemise and corset.

One object of the invention is to provide a novel and simple device of this character which is capable of ready attachment to and detachment from the chemise.

Another object is to provide a bust form which can be easily washed thereby rendering the same clean and sanitary, and replaceable in the same manner as other washable garments.

Another object is to provide a device of this character which can be worn with complete comfort by the wearer, and which will effectively fill out the portion of the wearer's figure which is naturally lacking.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bust forms in proper position, portions of the chemise being broken away to more effectively show the device.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of one of the bust forms removed from the chemise, and viewed from the opposite side to that of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of one of the forms opened and ready to be washed.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawing, and especially to Figs. 3 and 4, there is shown a pair of fabric parts 10 and 11 sewed together along their inner edges, as shown at 12. On the edge of the part or section 10 remote from its point of attachment with the other section, there are secured the socket portions 13 of snap fasteners, while along the corresponding edge of the other section there are secured the head portions 14. The sections are adapted to be folded over on their line of connection so that the snap fasteners can be engaged to hold the parts together. The general outline of the form, when so folded and fastened together, resembles the ordinary dress shield, except that it is not flat but rounded out as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

To produce this rounded or distended effect or form, there are sewed to the inner face of the section 11 the ruffled strips of fabric 15, said strips being secured to the said section by stitching on curved lines 16 which follow, approximately the curved outer edge of the section. The strips of ruffles are comparatively narrow adjacent the outer edge of the section, and gradually become wider toward the inner edge, the innermost strip being the widest.

On the inner face of the chemise there are sewed, or otherwise secured, the head portions of another set of snap fasteners, the socket portions 18 being sewed to the ends of the forms. Thus the forms can be quickly and easily attached to or removed from the chemise when desired.

The form, when removed from the chemise, is opened and washed in the manner of and with other garments, the device being then dried and replaced on the chemise.

If desired, the form can be starched to produce a certain amount of stiffness to the ruffles so that the form will assume a more full and rounded contour, and retain its shape to better advantage.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a novel and efficient device of this character, and one which will readily supply or fill out the bust of the wearer. The fact that device can be readily removed from the garment and washed produces an article which is clean and sanitary.

What is claimed is:

1. A bust form including a pair of connected pieces of fabric, means for detachably

connecting the form to a garment, and means carried by one of the pieces of fabric and located between said pieces for producing a bulging effect to the form.

2. A bust form including a pair of fabric pieces permanently secured together at one edge and detachable at the other edge, means for detachably connecting the form to a garment, and ruffled strips of fabric secured to one of the pieces of fabric and disposed therebetween to produce a bulging effect to the form when said pieces are arranged in closed position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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