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Fig. 2.

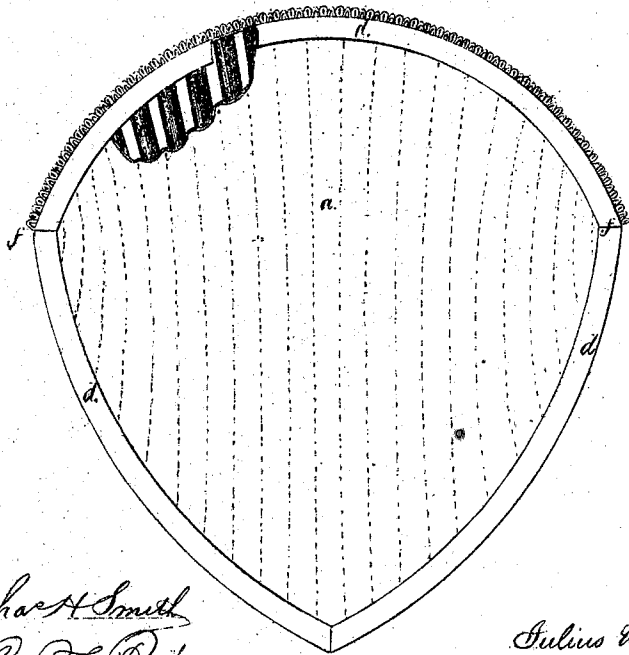
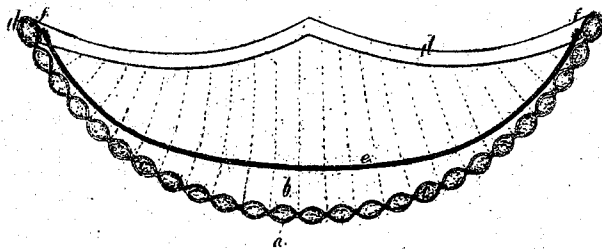


Fig. 1.

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IMPROVEMENT IN BOSOM-PADS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS WATERMAN, of the city and State of New York, have invented and made a new and useful Improvement in Breast-Pads or Breast-Gores for Corsets; and the following is declared to be a correct description thereof.

Breast-pads have been made with a frame of whale-bone, or covered steel wires or springs, so as to keep up the breasts of ladies and distend the dress, but these are harsh and frequently uncomfortable to the wearer, and are injured by perspiration, and also in washing and ironing.

My invention consists in a flexible pad that yields easily to the shape of the person and the dress, and supports the breast in a natural and agreeable position, the said pad being formed of two thicknesses of material united to each other by lines of stitching or otherwise to form pockets, into which are inserted small bunches of bristles, so that the pad is yielding, but is not affected by perspiration, or in washing or ironing, and said bristles, or their equivalents, keep the pad distended under ordinary circumstances, but allow the pad to yield to the person or the dress in a manner acceptable to the wearer and agreeable in appearance.

In the drawing—

Figure 1 shows the outside of a separate pad with the covering at one side partially removed, and

Figure 2 is a horizontal section of said pad.

The fabrics *a* and *b*, forming the outside and inside

surfaces, are united by rows of stitching, or they might be woven in this form, so that there are narrow, long pockets, for receiving the bristles in small bunches, as shown at *c*.

The edges of the pad are shown as inclosed in a binding at *d*, and this may be of an ornamental character, as shown.

When the pad is applied as the breast-gore in a corset, it is to be attached at the edges to the fabric of the corset.

A narrow piece of covered skirt-wire or tape *e* may be applied at the inner side of the pad, to connect the corners *f f*, and prevent their spreading apart by the pressure of the dress.

The breast-pads of corsets, and separate breast-pads formed in the aforesaid manner, are flexible, durable, and agreeable, and are not injured by either washing or ironing.

What I claim as my invention is—

The breast-pad formed with bunches or cords of bristles introduced in the pockets between the two thicknesses of woven material, as and for the purposes specified.

Signed by me this 29th day of December, A. D. 1869.

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