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Fig. 1.

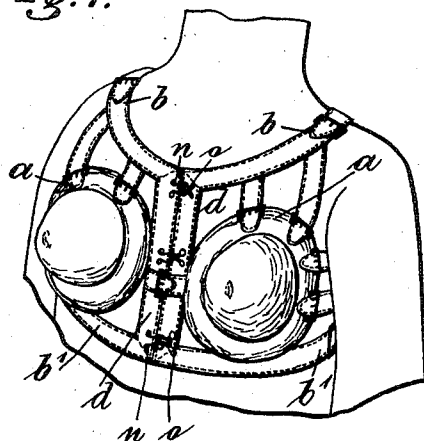
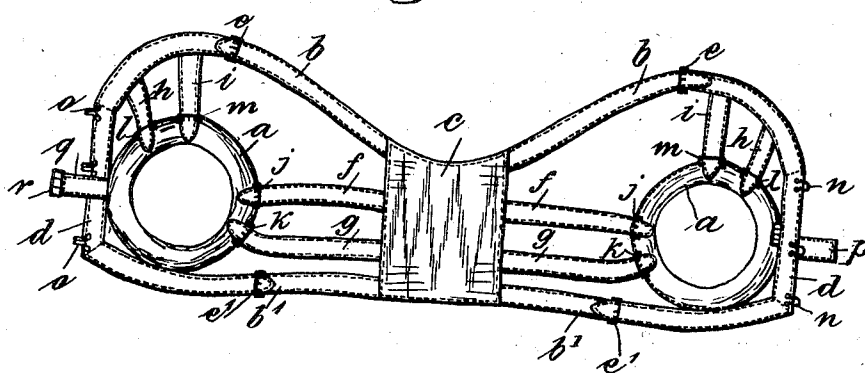


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTE SCHWENKLER, (née DEEGE,) a citizen of the Empire of Germany, residing at Berlin, in the Empire of Germany, have invented a new and useful Breast-Supporter; of which the following is a specification.

As is well known, the female breast is apt to suffer alterations by diseases, frequent child-births, periodical hypertrophy and the like, so that it becomes slack and hangs down, or it does not develop, and consequently the body necessarily loses in beauty.

My invention relates to a simple appliance for improving upon the female breast, by raising it and giving it the necessary elasticity and strength, in other words by returning it into its normal position and giving it the desired rounded shape.

I will now proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an upper female body with the new appliance applied to it, and Fig. 2 is a view of the appliance in its stretched state.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts in both views.

The breast-former consists of two elastic annular cushions *a a*, a rear cushion *c*, two front pieces *d d*, two upper suitably curved bands *b b*, connecting together the upper ends of the front pieces and the rear cushion, and two lower bands *b¹ b¹*, connecting together the lower ends of the front pieces and the rear cushion. Each annular cushion *a* serves for encircling a mammary gland and is shown to be connected with one front piece *d* and one lower band *b¹*, by sewing together. Preferably the upper and lower bands *b* and *b¹* are made longitudinally adjustable by the insertion of suitable clasps *e e¹*, or the like. Each annular cushion *a* is moreover shown to be connected with the rear cushion *c* by two bands *f* and *g*, and with the upper band *b* by two bands *h* and *i*. Preferably the four bands *f g h i* for each annular cushion are equally made longitudinally adjustable by the insertion of suitable clasps *j, k, l, m* or the like. One front piece *d* is provided with several eyes *n, n*, and the other front piece *d* with as many hooks *o, o*, for engaging them. Where

so preferred, the two front pieces *d d* may be provided with additional bands *p q*, and a clasp *r* or the like.

For applying the device described to the female upper body, say first the right hand engages in the space between the upper right band *b*, the right annular cushion *a* and the right bands *f* and *i* in Fig. 2, and then the upper band *b* is moved over the right shoulder, after which the left hand engages in the corresponding space in the left half of the appliance for moving the upper left band *b* over the left shoulder. Then the two front pieces *d d* are connected together by means of the eyes *n* and hooks *o*, care being first taken, that the two mammary glands properly engage in the two annular cushions *a a*. By adjusting the several clasps *e, e¹, j, k, l, m*, the appliance can be fitted to the body while pushing upward the slackened mammary glands, care being taken, that the rear cushion *c* pushes the chest forward and strengthens the humeral muscles. At last the two front pieces *d d* may be secured by passing the band *p* through the clasp *r*. The breast-former should then be left on the upper body for a number (say 10 or the like) of days, and if necessary the several bands and clasps described may be readjusted from time to time in order to produce the desired tension of the parts. By the appliance the blood-supply to the mammary glands is increased and the blood swelling in the veins and the lymph contained in the lymphatic vessels are driven forward and are replaced by fresh substances, so that in this manner the change of matter is increased. The annular cushions *a a* and the rear cushion *c* may be of any known construction and should be shaped in such a manner as to obtain the desired effect.

The breast-former can be varied in many respects without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

A device of the character specified, comprising spaced straps, the uppermost strap being curved downwardly at its center, a rear cushion connecting the straps, end straps connecting the ends of the said straps, an annular cushion arranged adjacent to each of the said end straps, and

connected therewith, a plurality of intermediate straps arranged between the two first-named straps and connecting the annular cushions and passing transversely of the rear cushion, and other straps connecting each annular cushion with the uppermost of the first-named straps near the end

thereof, and means for connecting the free edges of the end straps together.

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