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DRESS SHIELD

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Fig. 1.

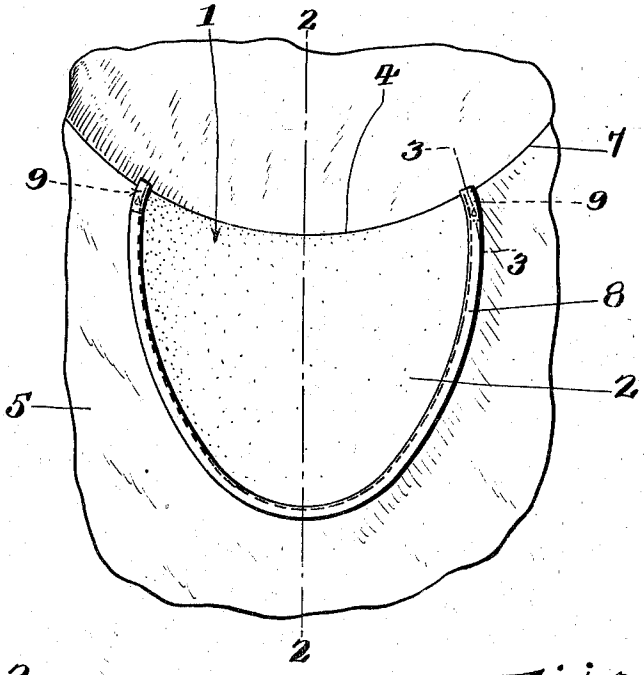


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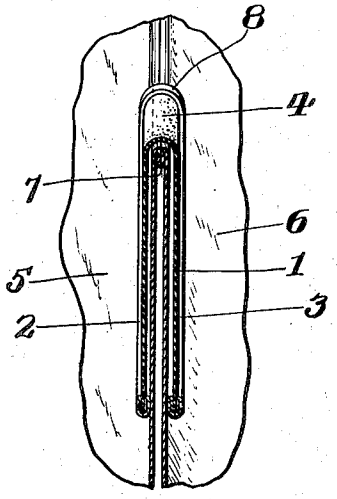


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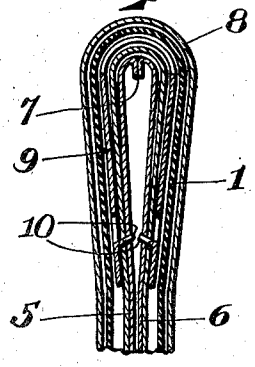
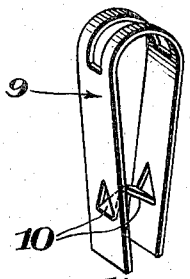


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DRESS SHIELD.

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This invention relates to dress shields and more particularly to devices of this character which are adapted to be removably secured in the dress.

As heretofore constructed, dress shields which have been in general use, have been sewed in the garment, thus rendering the removal thereof difficult when it is desired to launder the garment or shield, and further, when the shields are secured in position by pins, the garment presents a very unsightly appearance. In clothing stores where apparel of this nature is sold, it is the custom to permit the prospective purchaser to try on the garment to determine whether same fits. In this way the garment may be tried on a number of times without being purchased, with the result, especially in warm weather, of it becoming soiled, thereby necessitating the sale thereof at a reduced price. Furthermore, a tried on garment may carry infection to one who subsequently tries it on.

This invention has for one of its objects, the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of the aforementioned character having means embodied therewith for quickly and securely fastening same in a dress, and wherein said fastening means are concealed from view.

Another object of the invention is to provide a dress shield of the character set forth which may be manufactured at very low cost, thus permitting the proprietors of stores to purchase same in quantities and place fresh ones in a garment for each customer, after which said shield may be destroyed, thus preventing said garment from being damaged and protecting the customer from disease.

A further object of the invention is to provide a dress shield which will be simple in construction, strong, durable, and efficient in its use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following detailed specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is an elevation of a dress shield in accordance with this invention, showing same in position on the garment and viewed from the inside thereof.

Figure 2 is an enlarged cross section of same, taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is an enlarged cross section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, showing one of the fasteners which secure the shield on the dress, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of one of the fasteners.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the reference 1 designates generally the body of the dress shield which may be of any suitable material such as rubber or paper. The shield 1 comprises a body flap 2 and an arm flap 3, said flaps being connected along their upper edges by a joint 4, described on an arc, as shown in Figure 1. The body flap 2 covers that portion of the inner side of the body 5 of the garment which is adjacent the sleeve 6. The flap 3 fits into the sleeve 6 and covers a portion thereof which is adjacent the joint 7 which connects said sleeve to the body 5. It is understood that the curvature of the joint 4 of the flaps 2 and 3 is substantially the same as the curvature of the joint 7.

The shield 1 is provided at its edges with a facing or binding strip 8 which entirely surrounds the marginal portions of said shield and serves to reinforce same. The facing strip 8 is preferably of fabric and encloses the edges and marginal portions of the flaps.

For the purpose of detachably securing the shield in place in a garment, resilient inverted substantially U-shaped clips 9 are provided. The clips 9 are mounted on the inner sides of the flaps 2 and 3 at the opposite ends of the joint 4 and are held in position by the facing strip 8. The strip 8 is sufficient width to cover the slips 9, and in connection with the inner faces of the flaps 2 and 3 and the joint 4, constitutes an enclosure which entirely conceals said clips from view. The depending leg portions of the clips 9 are provided with inwardly turned struck-out prongs 10 which project through the facing strip 8.

In applying the shield to the garment, the flaps 2 and 3 are positioned therein in such manner that the clips 9 are mounted upon the joint 7 of said garment and the depending legs of said clips embrace the adjacent walls of the body 5 and sleeve 6. In this position, when the legs of the clips 9 are permitted to spring together, the prongs 10

penetrate the material of the garment and the shield is thus securely held therein.

When it is desired to remove the shield from the garment, the legs of the clips 9 are spread apart, thereby withdrawing the prongs from said garment, after which the shield is free to be removed.

When used in stores, the clerk will insert the shield in the garment which the prospective purchaser desires to try on. When the customer has finished trying on the garment, the shield may be removed and destroyed.

It is thought that the many advantages of a dress shield constructed in accordance with this invention will be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be made which will fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A dress shield comprising a body portion, a binding strip enclosing the edge and marginal faces of said body portion, and securing elements positioned between the body portion and said binding strip for securing the shield in a garment, each of said elements projecting through opposed portions of the strip.

2. A dress shield comprising a pair of opposed connected flaps, a binding strip mounted on and enclosing the edges and marginal portions thereof, inverted U-shaped securing elements mounted between said flaps and the binding strip at the point of connection of the flaps, said elements having inwardly turned prongs projecting through opposed portions of the binding strip and adapted to engage a garment for the purpose of securing the shield thereto.

3. A dress shield comprising a pair of opposed connected flaps, a binding strip enclosing the edges and marginal portions of said flaps, inverted, substantially U-shaped securing elements mounted on said flaps and extending downwardly therebetween from the connected portions thereof, portions of each of said elements being secured to opposed faces of the flaps by the binding strip in a manner to enclose the elements between the flaps and said strip, and securing prongs carried by said elements and projecting inwardly through opposed faces of the strip.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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