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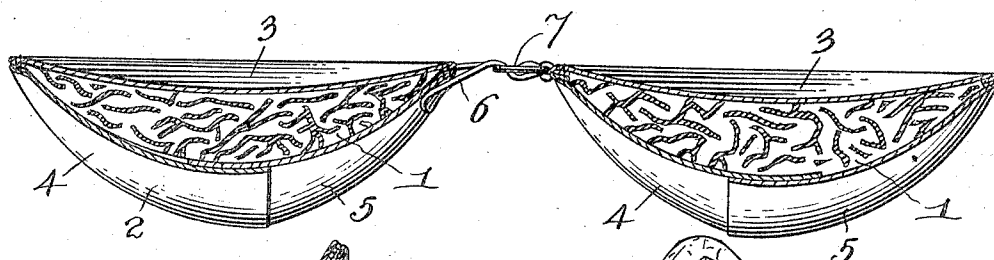
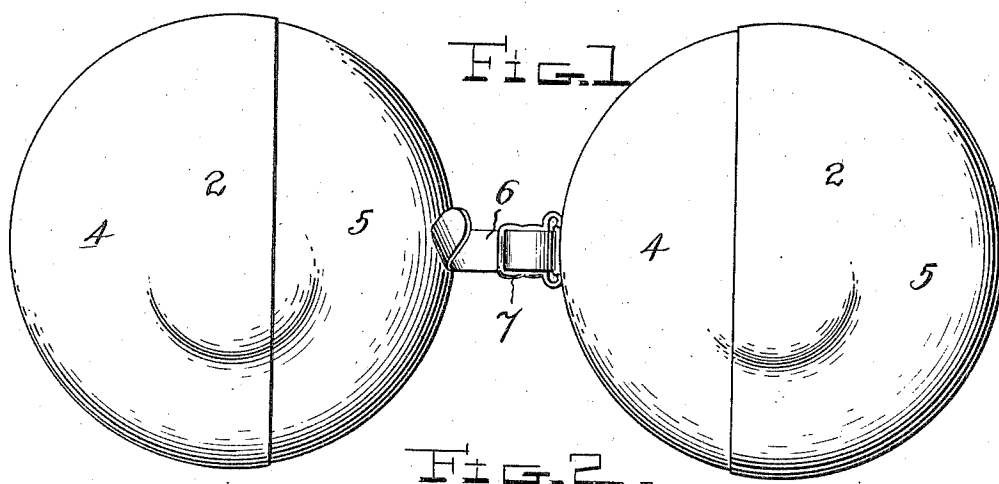
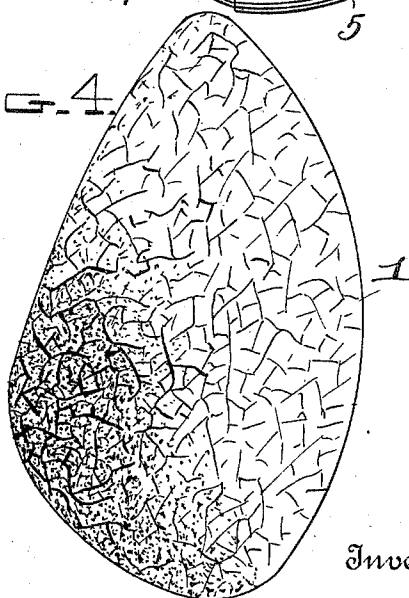
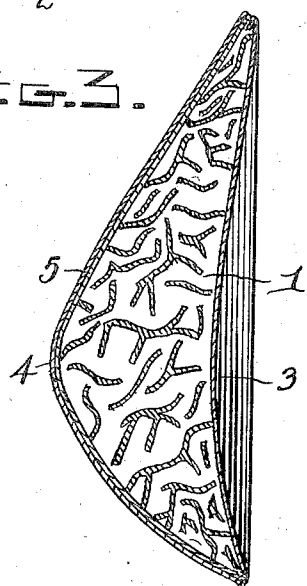


FIG. 3.

FIG. 4



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARVEY WILSON THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pitman Grove, in the county of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparel-Pads; and I do 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 apparel-pads or bust-formers.

The object of the invention is to provide a device of this character constructed of light yielding non-absorbent material which may be formed in the desired shape and which may be worn without producing any injurious effects or discomfort.

A further object is to provide a covering or pocket for the pads from which the same may be readily removed and by which the same will be securely inclosed without the use of buttons or other fastening devices, means being provided to adjustably connect the coverings or pockets together to hold the pads in proper position.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front view of the pockets or coverings containing the pads. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view of the two pads and coverings, taken immediately above the adjustable connection of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view through one of the pads and its covering or pocket, and Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of one of the pads removed from its casing.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 1, denotes the pads, which may be formed of any suitable material, but which are preferably constructed of resilient or elastic non-absorbent material which is light in weight and may be formed in any desired shape to supply defects or deformities of the person, said pads presenting a natural appearance both to the sight and touch, the construction of the same being such that they may be conveniently and comfortably worn without ill effects or injury. The pads are here shown and are preferably constructed of "sponge" or multicellular rubber and

of the proper shape for use as bust-forms, and while so shown it is obvious that they may be made in any desired shape to form pads for supplying defects of any part of the body.

When arranged for use, the pads 1 are adapted to be supported and inclosed in a suitable covering, said covering being here shown and is preferably constructed of thin washable fabric and in the form of pockets 2, shaped to receive the pads. The pockets 2 preferably consist of an integral back piece 3 and two front pieces 4 and 5, having the necessary fullness to provide space for the pad. The front pieces 4 and 5 are preferably stitched around their outer edges to the edge of the back piece 3, each of said front pieces being of a size considerably greater than one-half the back piece, so that when the front pieces are arranged thereon the inner edges of said pieces will overlap to a considerable distance, as shown, thus providing a secure closure for the pocket without the use of buttons or other securing devices and at the same time providing for the easy removal of the pads when desired.

When pads are constructed in the form herein shown, they are preferably secured together by a suitable connecting device, said device being here shown as consisting of an elastic strap 6, one end of which is secured to one of the pockets 2. The opposite end of the strap 6 is adapted to be engaged with a clasp or buckle 7, secured to the adjacent side of the other pocket, thereby forming a yielding adjustable connection between the two pads.

By constructing the pads inclosing the same as herein shown and described the pads may be quickly removed, and both the pads and the covering may be thoroughly washed and cleansed.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A device of the character described consisting of the pads, each formed of a resilient,

light, non-absorbent material formed in the
desired shape, a covering to receive said pads,
said covering each consisting of a back piece,
folded front pieces secured at their inner
5 edges to said back piece to overlap at their
front edges thereby forming a closure to se-
curely hold the pad, an elastic strap secured
to one side of said pockets, and means se-
cured to the adjacent side of the other pad-
10 pocket to receive one end of said elastic strap,

whereby said pads are adjustable and yield-
ingly connected together, substantially as de-
scribed.

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