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Fig. 1.

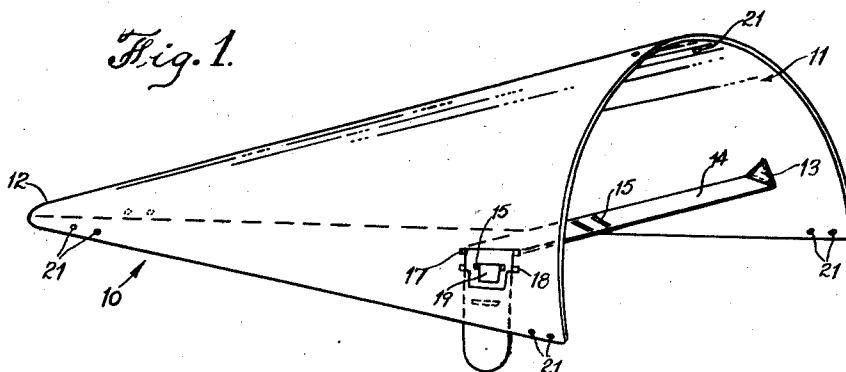


Fig. 2.

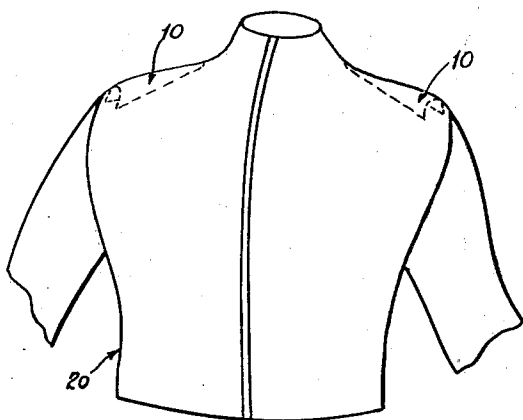
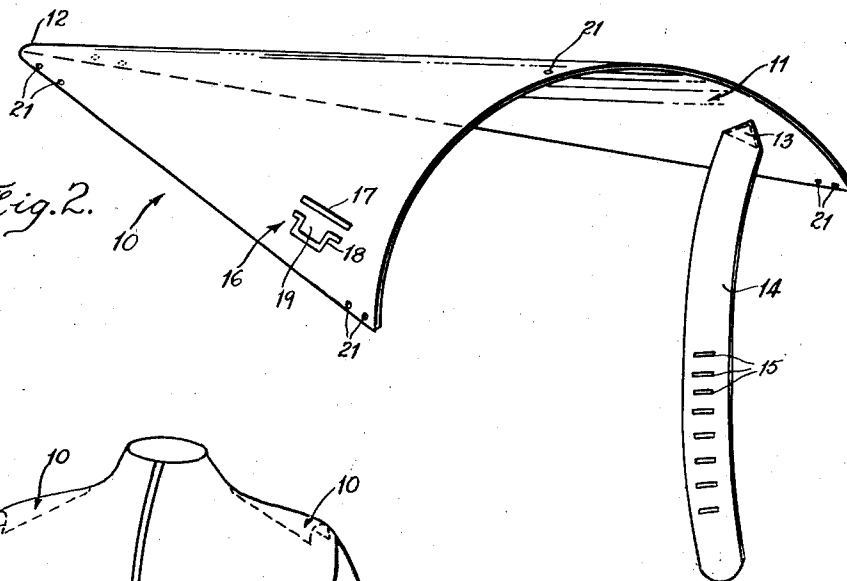


Fig. 3.

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The present invention relates to a shoulder perfectioner which is an article to be mounted on the interior of a bodice garment at the shoulders, adapted to alter the shoulder lines of the wearer.

An object of this invention is to provide a novel and improved article of the character mentioned, which is adjustable to lift or shape the shoulder line of a garment as a dress for instance, as may be dictated by style, or to effect symmetry of shoulder line if the slant or what is commonly called "height" of the wearer's shoulders is uneven.

Another object of this invention is to provide an article of the type described, of novel and improved construction, which is comparatively cheap to manufacture, simple in structure, easy to use and efficient in carrying out the purposes for which it is designed.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent as this disclosure proceeds.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this application, similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing an embodiment of this invention in a "set condition" as it would appear interior a garment.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of said shoulder-shaping device, showing the shoulder-contour adjustment means disengaged.

Fig. 3 is a diagrammatic view showing a pair of these articles as positioned in use within a dress.

In the drawing, the numeral 10 designates generally one of the shoulder shape-forming articles. It consists essentially of a body portion 11, which is of springy stiff sheet material such as crinoline, buckram, plastic, rubber, leather or other suitable substance. When flattened, it is sector-shaped, or substantially triangular. The numeral 12 indicates what here shall be termed its apex end. At region 13 on the body portion 11, is stitched one end of a belt 14, which is of ribbon, fabric or other suitable material. The free end of the belt is provided with a series of parallel transverse slits or slots 15. At region 16, the body portion is provided with a slit 17, and a slit 18 forming a tab 19. Regions 13 and 16 are spaced from each other and substantially equidistant from the apex end 12. The free end of the belt 14 is laced through the slits 17 and then 18, and tab or tongue 19 is adapted to be set through one of the series of slits 15, whereby the length of belt

between the regions 13 and 16 is adjustably determined, to form the body portion 11 arch-like of any required altitude, thus affecting the slope of the shoulder portion of a dress garment for instance 20, and also its shape. The body portion 11, is provided with perforations 21, to enable the article 10 to be stitched interior the shoulder portions of the garment, with apex ends 12 towards the collar respectively.

In operation and use, the strap lengths are adjusted by engagement of the respective tongues 19 in proper slits 15, to effect raising of the shoulders or evening up shoulder slope.

This invention is capable of numerous forms and various applications without departing from the essential features herein disclosed. It is therefore intended and desired that the embodiment shown herein be deemed merely illustrative and not restrictive and that the patent shall cover all patentable novelty herein set forth; reference being had to the following claims rather than to the specific description herein to indicate the scope of this invention.

I claim:

1. In an article of the character described, a substantially triangular shaped member of springy stiff sheet material, adapted to line the interior shoulder portion of a bodice garment whereby a vertex of said member is near the collar and a side of said member is near the sleeve of the garment, a belt of a material fully non-resistant to changes in form, secured at one end to the underside of said member and means on said member spaced from the point of attachment of the belt along a line across the shoulder of the garment, adapted to detachably engage the belt at any of a plurality of positions along the belt, whereby upon pulling the belt to shorten its span between its secured end and the belt engagement means, said side of the member near the sleeve and the body of the member become arched; the altitude of the arch varying with each change of said engagement position.

2. In an article of the character described, a substantially triangular shaped member of springy stiff sheet material, adapted to line the interior shoulder portion of a bodice garment whereby a vertex of said member is near the collar and a side of said member is near the sleeve of the garment, a belt of a material fully non-resistant to changes in form, secured at one end to the underside of said member, provided with a plurality of spaced transverse slits; the sheet

member being provided with a slit forming a tab therein and a second slit near said tab; said tab being between said second slit and a second side of said sheet member and extending towards said second side; the tab and the point of attachment of the belt being spaced; the belt being adapted to be laced through the slits in the sheet member with the free end of the belt extending from the underside of sheet member,

and the tab being adapted to engage the belt in a slit in the belt, whereby upon pulling the belt to shorten its span between its secured end and the tab, the side of the sheet member near the sleeve and the body of said member become arched; the altitude of the arch varying with each change of said engagement of tab and belt.

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