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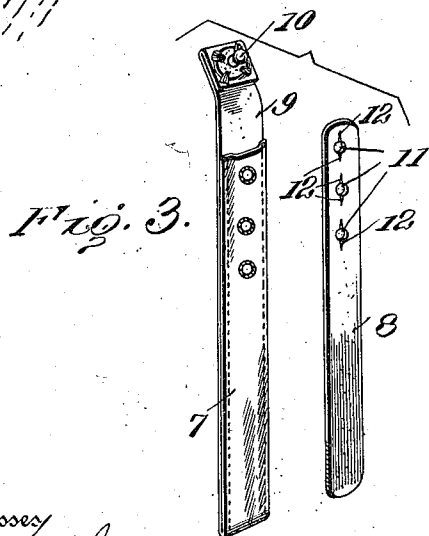
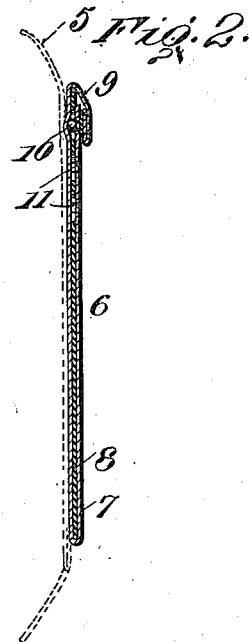
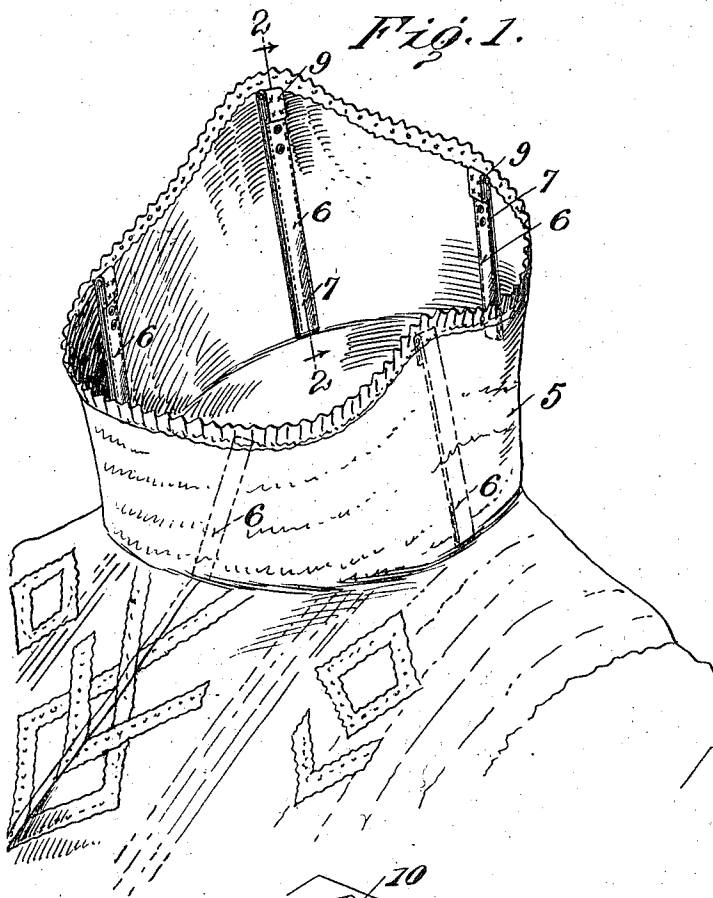
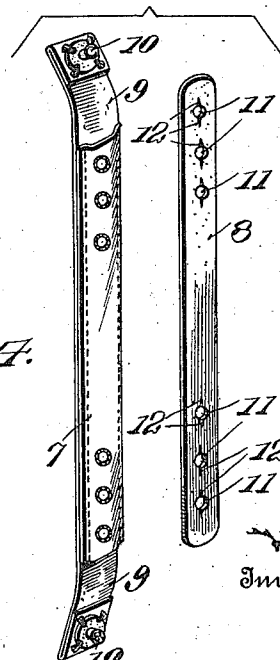


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE B. LARIDON, of New York city, New York, have invented a new and useful Garment-Stiffener, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification.

This invention relates to stiffeners for garments, and more especially to those for neckbands, waistbands, corsets, waists and the like, the object being to provide a stiffener, in which the rib or stiffening-element is removable, which is adjustable in length, and which is of simple, cheap and efficient construction.

Referring to the drawing for a more ready comprehension of the invention,—Figure 1 illustrates stiffeners according to my invention applied to a neckband or collar; Fig. 2 is a view of a section on line 2—2, Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the stiffener, and showing the rib or stiffening-element detached. Fig. 4 is an illustration similar to Fig. 3 of a slightly different expression of the same inventive idea.

In said drawing, numeral 5 designates the neckband, or other portion of a garment to which the stiffener is designed to be attached.

6 designates the stiffener as a whole, 7 the pocket, and 8 the rib or stiffening-element. This rib or stiffening-element 8 is made of any suitable stiff, though flexible, material, such materials as whalebone, celluloid, and the like being usually employed, and is normally inclosed and confined in the pocket 7. It is desirable, however, that this rib or stiffening-element be removable, and, for this purpose, one or both ends of the pocket is provided with a flap, or flaps, 9, and, in order that the flap may be fastened over the end of the pocket, there is provided a separable fastener.

The fastener of the present invention is in the form of a stud and eye connection, one member of which is attached to the flap and the other of which is formed in or on the rib or stiffening-element. In the drawing, the stud 10 is shown as attached to the end of the flap 9, and the eye 11 as formed in the rib or stiffening-element 8. An opening, registering with this eye, is formed in the pocket 7.

To provide an accentuated "hold" or re-

sistance between the two elements of the fastener, one or the other (or both) is made resilient,—in the drawing, the eye 11 being so illustrated. This is there shown as accomplished by forming short slits 12 at the circumference of the eye 11. Otherwise, the head of stud 10 might be made resilient.

In order that the stiffener may be adjustable in length, the flap 9 is preferably somewhat elongated and the rib or stiffening-element 8 provided with a plurality of eyes 11. When the stiffener is shortened, a shorter rib or stiffening-element can be used, or the one already on hand may be shortened.

As it may sometimes be desirable to have the rib or stiffening-element 8 removable from pocket 7 at either end, both ends may be provided with fastenable flaps 9, as illustrated in Fig. 4.

The stiffener is applied by sewing the pocket 7 upon or in the garment which it is desired to stiffen, and the rib or stiffening-element 8 may be removed or inserted (as when the garment is laundered) through the end of the pocket, which, when desired, may be fastened by the flap 9 and separable fastener 10 and 11.

What is claimed as new is:—

1. A stiffener for garments, consisting of a pocket, a rib or stiffening-element normally retained in said pocket, and means closing the end or ends of the pocket consisting of a flap, a stud attached to said flap, and an eye formed in the rib or stiffening-element.

2. A stiffener for garments, consisting of a pocket, a rib or stiffening-element normally retained in said pocket, and means closing the end or ends of the pocket consisting of a flap, a stud attached to said flap, and a resilient eye formed in said rib or stiffening-element.

3. A stiffener, adjustable in length, for garments, consisting of a pocket, a rib or stiffening-element normally retained in said pocket, and means closing the end or ends of the said pocket consisting of a flap, a stud attached to said flap, and a plurality of resilient eyes formed in said rib or stiffening-element.

4. A stiffener for garments, consisting of a pocket provided with an end-closing flap, a rib or stiffening-element normally retained

in said pocket, and a stud and eye fastening-device, the stud being on one of said elements and the eye on the other.

5 5. A garment provided with a pocket having an end-closing flap, a resilient rib or stiffening-element in said pocket, and a stud and eye connection between said flap and rib or stiffening-element.

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