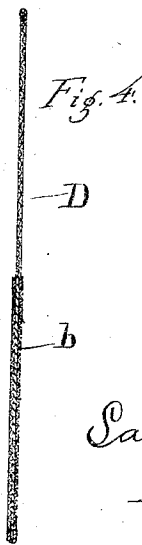
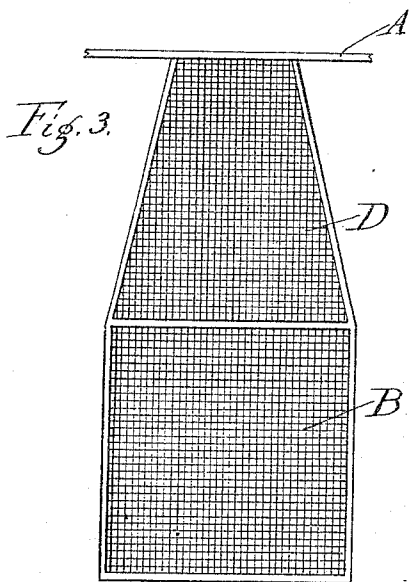
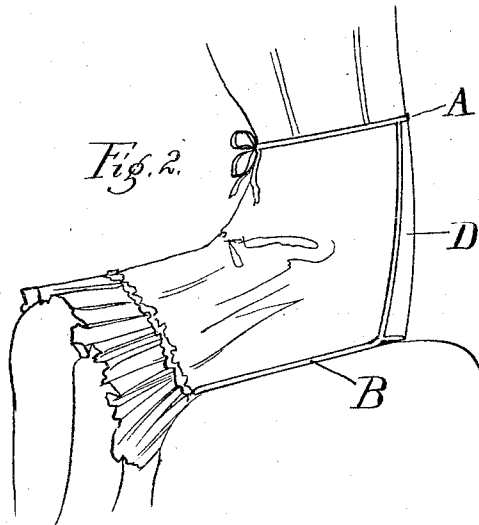
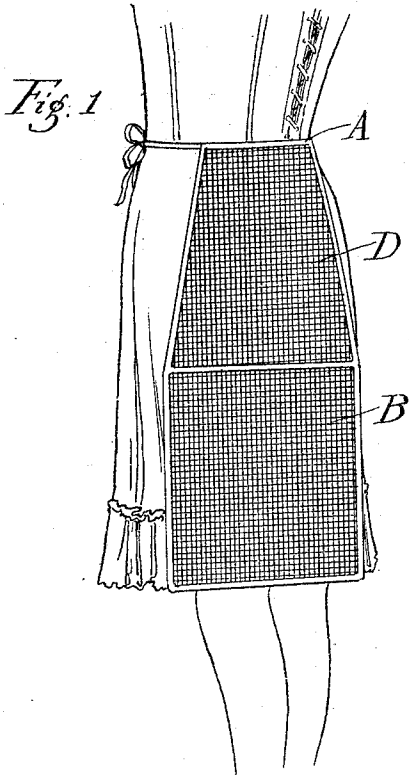


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SALLIE C. HANNAFORD, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dress-Skirt Shields, of which the following is a specification.

Women's dress skirts are prone to become wrinkled in the rear from their sitting upon them. This is particularly true of silk skirts. This tendency likewise is noted either from sitting in a heated room or in hot weather.

It has been attempted to overcome this defect in dress skirts, by means of a shield of rubber sheeting, which is hung from the waist of the wearer, and extends to a point adjacent to the knees. However it has been found that this sheeting has a tendency to become crumpled up and this crumpled condition of the sheeting is imparted to the goods of the skirt. Moreover this rubber sheeting is very uncomfortable and also unhealthy, because it covers the portion of the body over the kidneys of the wearer.

An object of my invention is a shield that will protect the back of a dress skirt from the perspiration of the wearer, and prevent the skirt from being wrinkled by the wearer's sitting upon it, without causing her any physical discomfort.

Figure 1, is a perspective view of my dress shield, showing it in the position it assumes when the wearer is standing.

Fig. 2, is a side view of my shield in its position when the wearer is in a sitting posture.

Fig. 3, is an elevation of my shield.

Fig. 4, is a sectional view thereof.

My dress shield comprises a waist band, A, a seat portion B, and an intermediate portion D.

The waist band is composed of a strip of tape, or other suitable means for encircling the waist. Extending from the waist band to the bottom of the seat portion is a strip

of netting which tapers from the waist band to the top of the seat portion B. Within the netting, which is doubled upon itself in the seat portion, I place a rectangular piece of rubberized or waterproof material *b*. I prefer to bind the edges of the intermediate portion D and of the seat portion B, with tape.

In use the wearer places the waist band around her waist and permits the seat portion to be hung from the rear of the waist band. The intermediate portion being soft and pliable will conform to the shape of the back of the wearer and permit the seat portion to hang in a flat unwrinkled condition in the rear of the limbs of the wearer. Hence when the wearer assumes a sitting posture, the seat portion takes a flat unwrinkled position beneath her, and between her underskirt and her dress skirt. This prevents any moisture from her body from reaching the dress skirt and therefore, since the skirt will be held in a comparatively straight condition by the seat portion of the dress shield, will prevent the skirt from becoming wrinkled.

It is to be noted that the portion of my dress shield lying above the kidneys is porous and flexible and hence will cause the wearer no discomfort.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

A dress skirt shield comprising a waist band, a seat portion and an intermediate portion, the seat portion and the intermediate portion having in common a strip of netting which is co-extensive with the seat and the intermediate portions and is doubled in the seat portion, and a piece of waterproof material which is co-extensive with the seat portion and is interposed between the layers of the netting, leaving the interstices of the netting open.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 24th day of April, 1919.

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