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Fig. 1

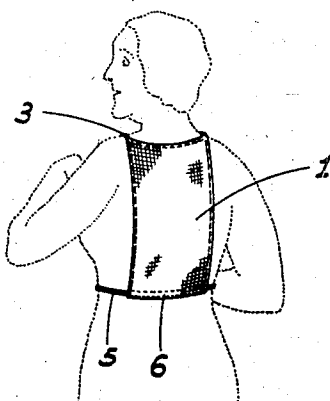
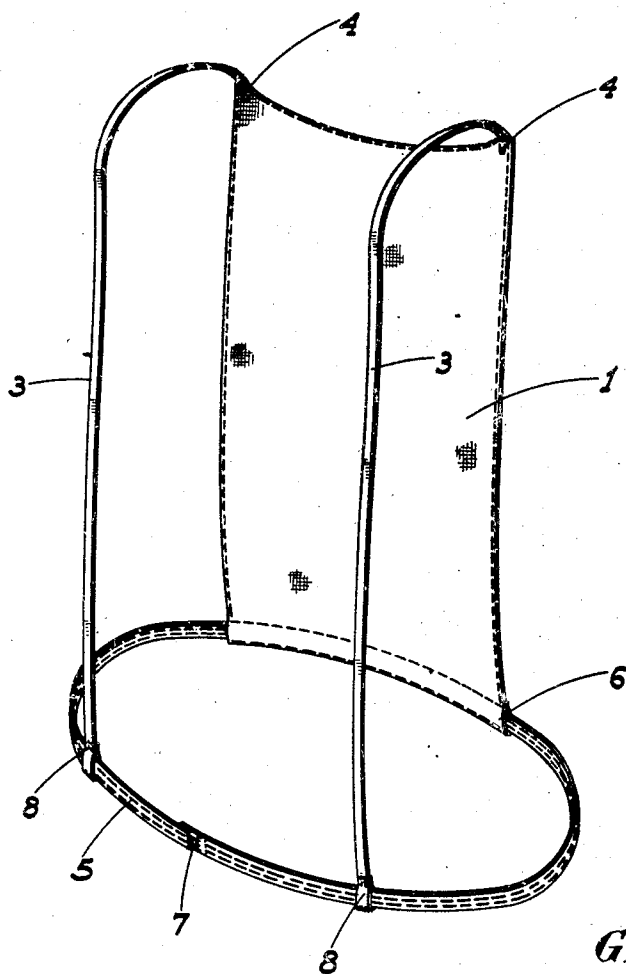


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to a dress protector and more particularly to a dress back protector which in use substantially protects the entire back of a wearer's dress. At the present time many women are annoyed by the perspiration of the back being absorbed by the dress and in many instances dresses are permanently stained by the mineral substances carried by such moisture, or the dress quickly becomes soiled.

The principal object of my invention is to prevent such saturation, staining or soiling of the outer garment, and to provide a protector which does not necessitate attachment as by sewing or stitching to the other garments worn and which may be readily laundered.

A further object of my dress back protector is to prevent the perspiration from reaching the dress of the wearer and the resultant fading of those portions of a garment subject to the moisture or perspiration.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purpose for which it is designed.

These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claim.

In the drawing similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Fig. 1 is a fanciful back outline of a female torso showing the protector in use.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the dress protector.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference on the drawing, the numeral 1 denotes the protecting panel of the dress protector. This is preferably made of fine muslin or batiste which are not so absorbent as linen. It could be made of silk. It may be made of flesh colored chiffon or net for wear under transparent dresses. In manufacture the vertical edges 2 of the protector panel may be picoted or hemmed, or they may be edged with lace as desired. The numeral 3 denotes the shoulder straps, which may be fine linen tape or any narrow thin tape, and these shoulder straps are sewn to the top corners

of the protecting panel, as at 4. An elastic strip 5 adapted to encircle the waist of the wearer slidably extends through a hem 6 along the lower horizontal edge of the back protecting panel and forms a circular belt, the two ends of the belt being attached by the use of the hook and eye 7 or similar catch device. Loops 8 on the lower ends of the shoulder straps 3 slidably engage the belt 5. By reason of these slidable loops 8 and the fact that the belt 5 removably extends through a hem 6 the elastic belt may be entirely removed whenever it is desired to launder the protector panel, but this is not necessary.

In use this dress back protector is slipped on by the wearer in a coat-like fashion with the arms placed into the shoulder straps 3 and the belt 5 fastened by the hook and eye 7. This of course is put on before the costume slip and before the dress. With the back protector thus in place each loop 8 on the lower end of each shoulder strap 3 may be slidably positioned at any point on their respective portion of the belt 5 to best conform to the wearer's comfort.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claim.

Having thus described by invention what I claim as new and useful and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A dress protector comprising a rectangular panel of a material adapted to resist permeation of body moisture and of a length to extend substantially from the shoulders to the waistline of the wearer, a hem along the lower edge of the panel, an elastic waist band extending through the hem, shoulder straps fixed at one end to the upper corners of the panel, and loops in the other ends of the straps, the waist band extending through such loops.

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