

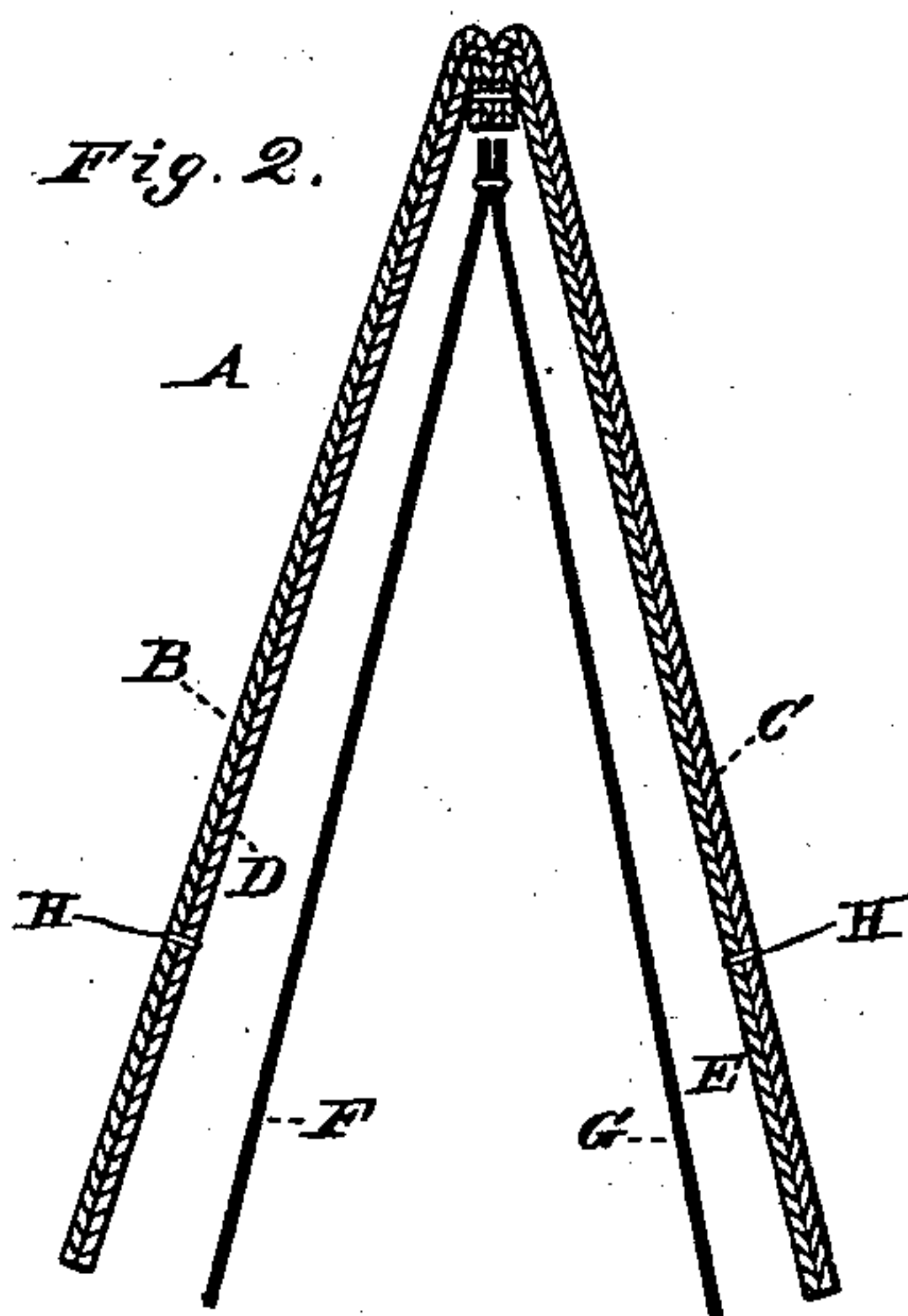
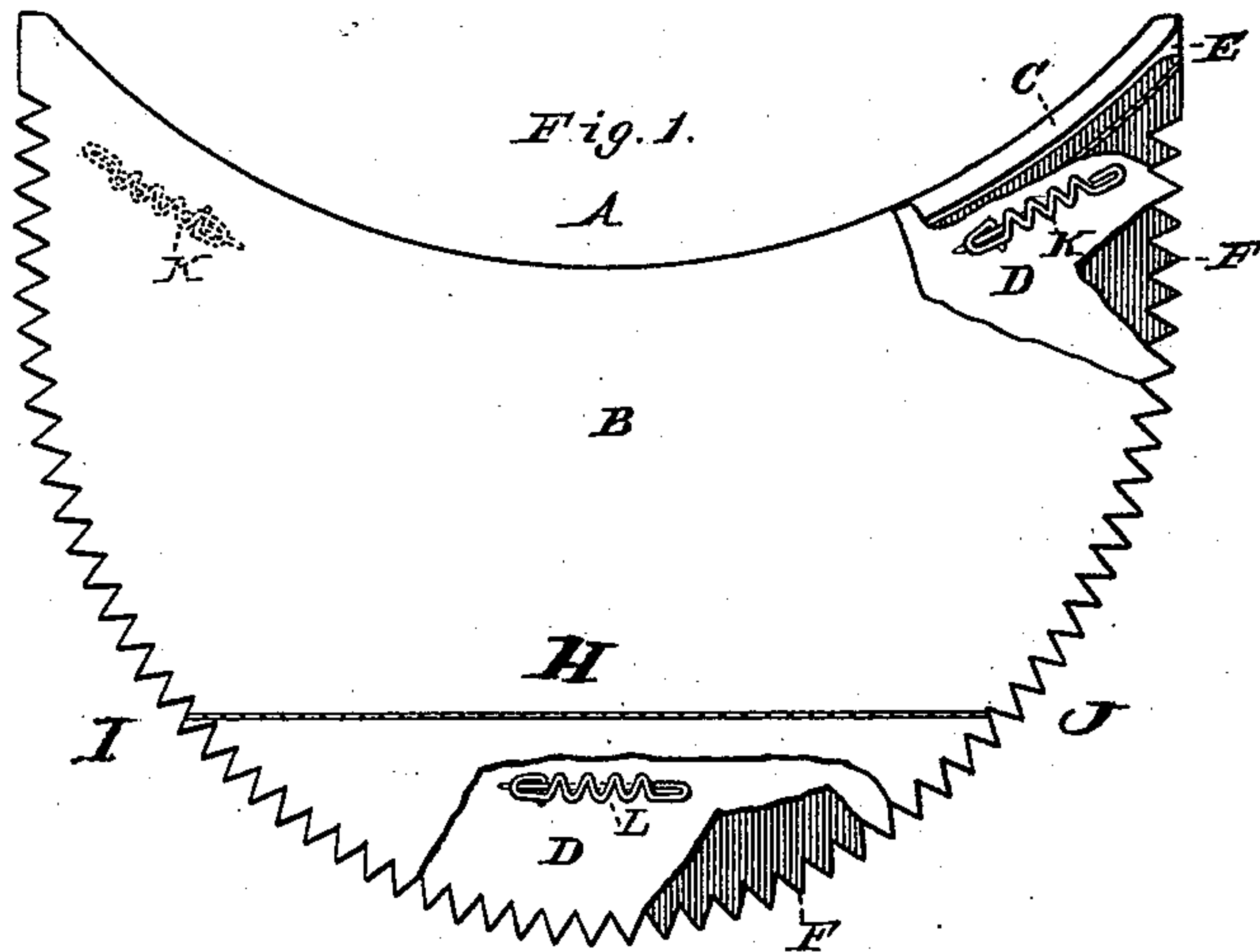
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HATTIE S. COFFEEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Homer, in the county of Champaign and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress Shields; 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 ap-
10 pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation
15 of this invention, and is a side view broken so as to show the second layer of cloth and the rubber cloth, oil skin, or whatever is used as a protector. Fig. 2 is a vertical section before being fastened together.

20 My invention relates to dress-shields designed to be worn inside of the dress-sleeve and inside of the dress-waist at the armholes, to absorb the perspiration of the body at these points and prevent it from soiling or saturating the dress fabric; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates one of the dress-shields,
30 two shields comprising a set. As the shields are similarly constructed, a description of one of them will answer for both.

The shields are preferably made in three-
ply form, or of three thicknesses of material.
35 Each layer or thickness is made of two crescent-shape pieces. The outer pieces, B C, and the intermediate pieces, D E, are all of cloth, linen, or other suitable woven fabric. These four pieces are stitched together along their
40 concave edges. The two inside pieces, F G, are of gossamer-cloth and have their cloth faces or woven faces placed together. The pieces B C are stitched together along the chord-lines H of their arcs I J, so that the thick-

nesses below the chord-lines H may be separated to permit the introduction of safety-pins L, or other suitable fastenings, for securing the gossamer-cloth to the intermediate thicknesses of woven fabric and also to the dress-waist and dress sleeve. Two other safety-pins or other
50 suitable fastenings, K, are employed to secure the woven fabric to the gossamer-cloth near the ends of the crescent-shape pieces. By this means the woven fabric is removably secured to the gossamer-cloth and to the dress-waist
55 and dress-sleeve, so that when the woven fabric becomes soiled it can be easily removed from the dress and from the gossamer-cloth and washed and ironed and again replaced. The free edges of the several thicknesses both
60 of gossamer-cloth and the woven fabric are preferably pinked, as it gives a neater appearance and prevents raveling.

As the dress-shields can be easily kept clean, one set of shields will answer for several
65 dresses, as the shields can be changed from one dress to another when desired.

The shields are fastened to the seam of the dress and the lining of the dress-sleeve.

Having described this invention, what I
70 claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the lower thickness of gossamer-cloth, formed of two crescent-shape pieces stitched together along their concave
75 edges, and the intermediate thickness and outer thickness, formed of four crescent-shape pieces of woven fabric stitched together along their concave edges and also along the chord-lines H, and detachably secured to the gossamer-cloth by removable fastenings, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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