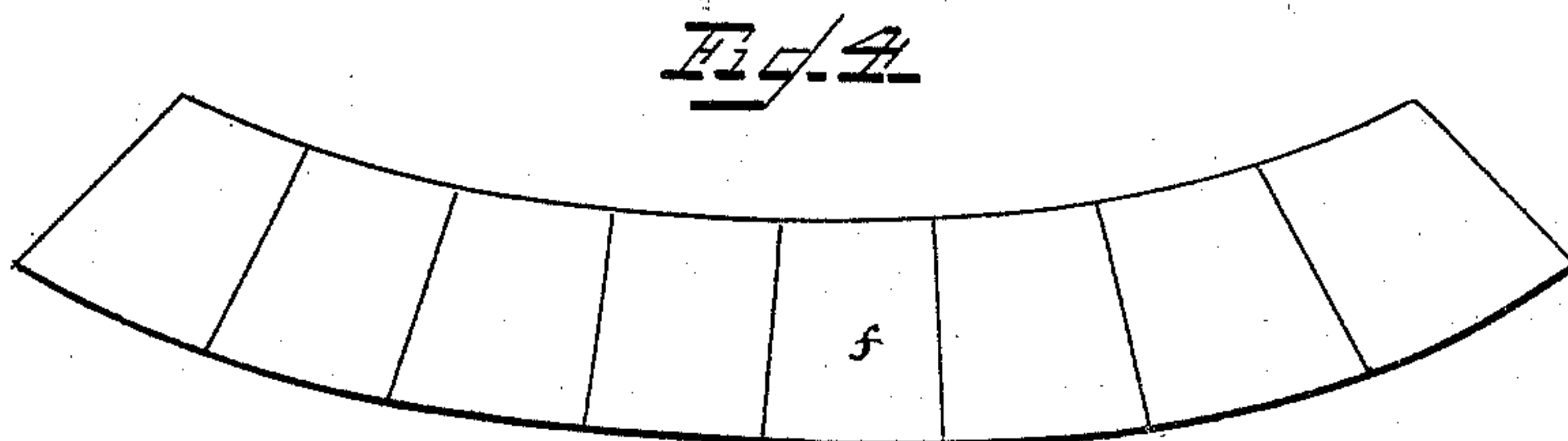
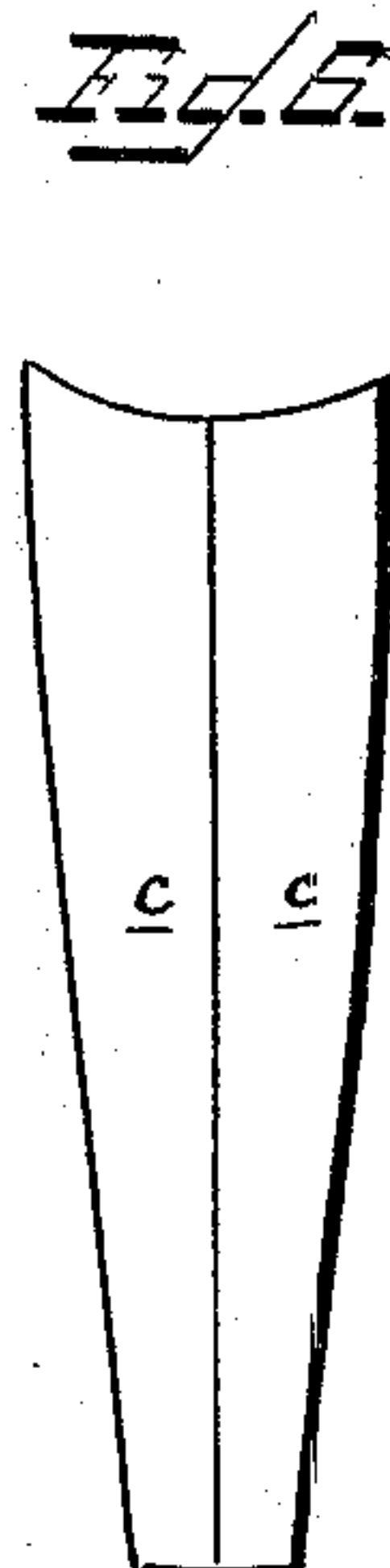
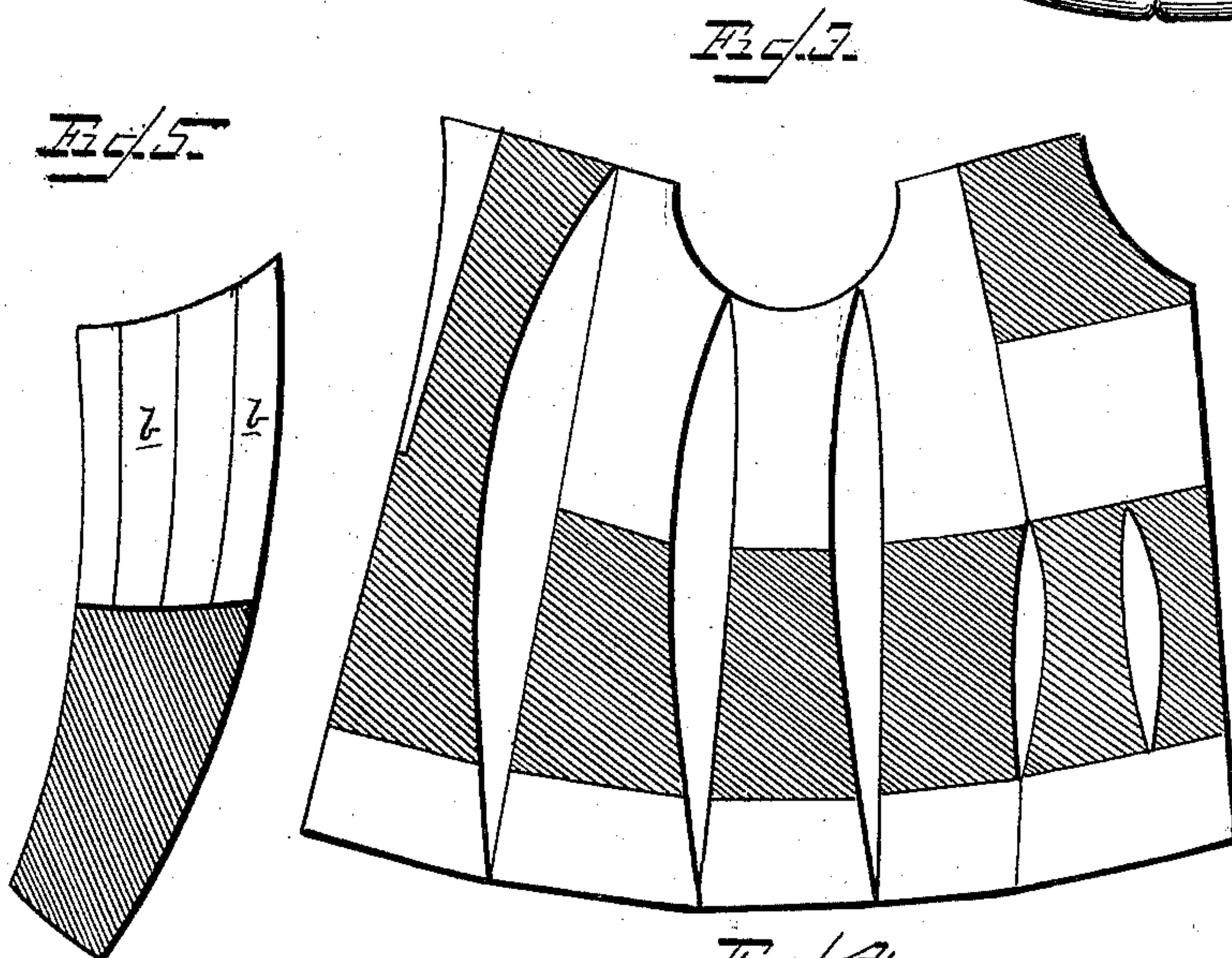
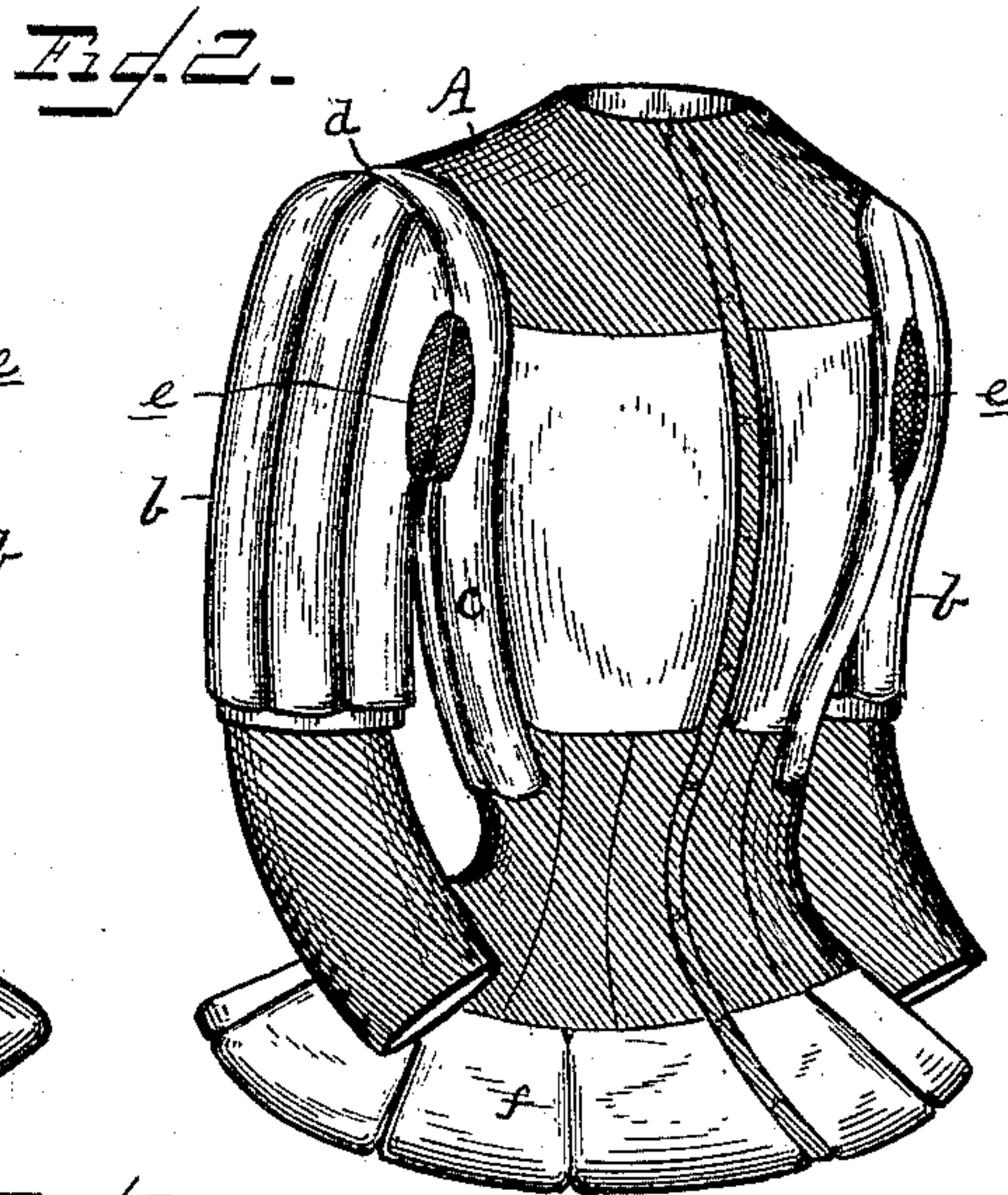
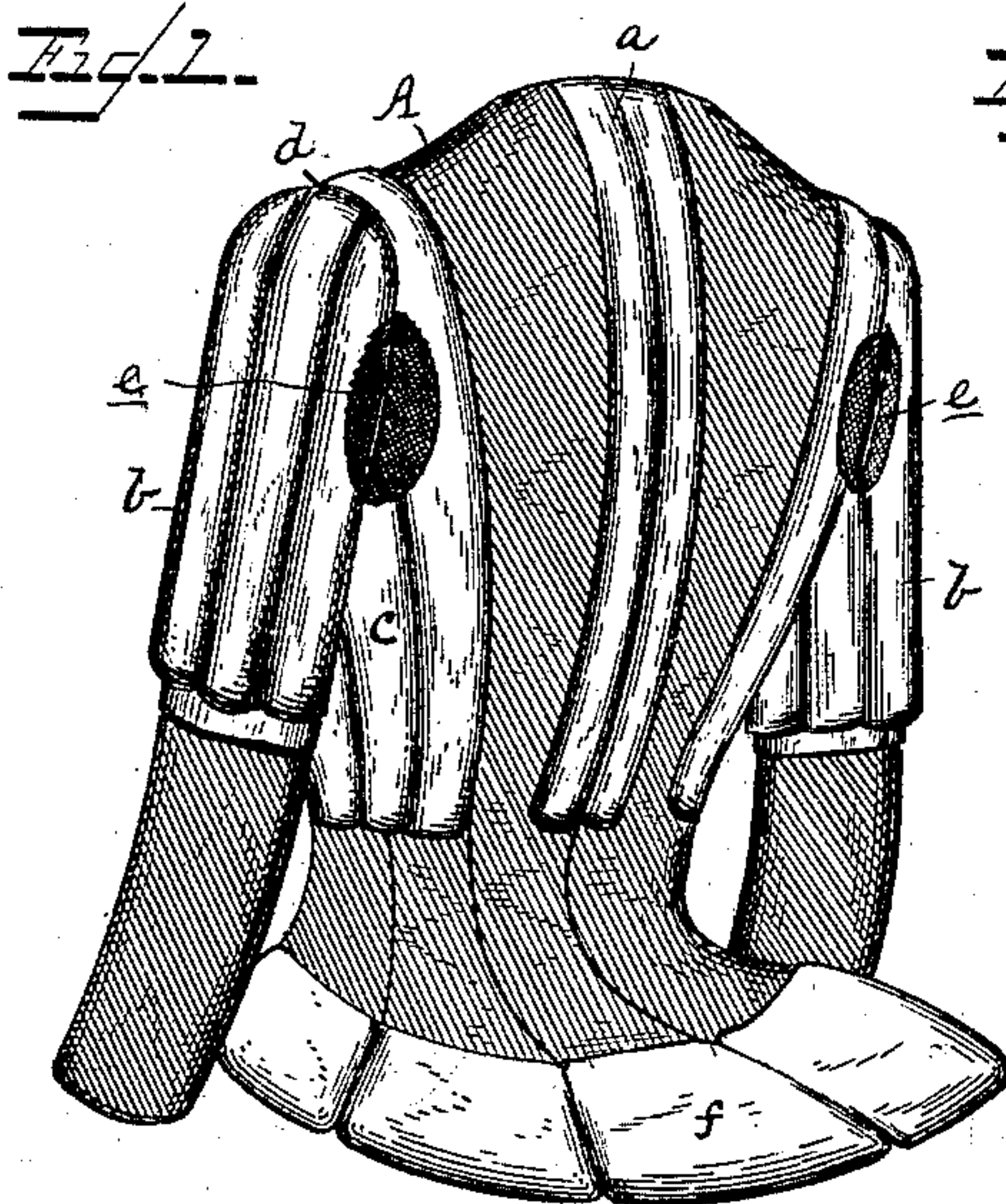


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY D. McDOWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denton, in the county of Denton and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Padded Waists; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in padded waists; and it has for its object to provide a waist to be worn by persons who are thin or emaciated, to beautify the appearance, to increase the breadth from shoulder to shoulder, and to make the form look plump and round.

The invention consists in the peculiar combinations and the construction, arrangement, and adaptation of parts, all as more fully hereinafter described, shown in the drawings, and then particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the letters of reference marked thereon, form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective back view of my improved waist turned inside out. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the front side. Fig. 3 is a diagram of one-half of the waist. Fig. 4 is a similar view of the portion around the lower edge. Fig. 5 is a similar view of one of the sleeves. Fig. 6 is a like view of one of the pockets.

Referring now to the details of the drawings by letter, A designates the waist, the material of which is preferably white cotton; but of course this may be according to the taste of the wearer. It is cut and fitted to the proper shape, and is provided upon the inner side next to the body of the wearer with pockets *a*, which extend vertically down the middle of the back nearly to the waist-line. Pockets *b* are also arranged down the sleeves, terminating about at the elbows or slightly below the same.

c are pockets extending down the side under the arms, and united to the pockets in the sleeves, as shown at *d*. Beneath the armpits I provide rubber or other suitable shields *e*.

Around the lower edge of the waist I also provide a series of pockets *f*, as shown best in Figs. 1 and 2. All of these pockets are stuffed or padded with suitable material, such as hair, moss, fiber, or any other like material adapted to the purpose.

The quantity of material in the pockets may be varied according to the proportions of the wearer and the appearance it is desired to give her.

The placing of the pockets under the arms allows me to give to the form of the wearer that beautiful tapering appearance so desirable among women. Sometimes some parts will require to be filled out more than others, in which case more stuffing must be placed in the pockets at the point where it is needed. The stuffing may be taken out when it is desired to wash the waist by simply ripping a few of the stitches of the pockets, which may be readily sewed up again after the waist has been washed.

Besides the filling out of the form, the waist constructed as above described will be found very warm in winter, and will dispense with the use of flannels.

By arranging the pockets upon the inside of the waist the padding does not show from the outside, as when the wearer has the waist on.

I am aware that under-garments have been provided with pockets to receive stiffeners, and that hip-pads, shoulder-pads, and under-arm pads are not new, and do not seek to cover such constructions.

What I claim as new is—

As an improved article of manufacture, a waist provided upon its inner surface with pockets extending down the middle of the back, on the breasts, around the lower edge, down the sleeves, and down the sides beneath the arms, the pockets down the sleeves and beneath the arms being united together, and all of said pockets provided with soft padding, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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