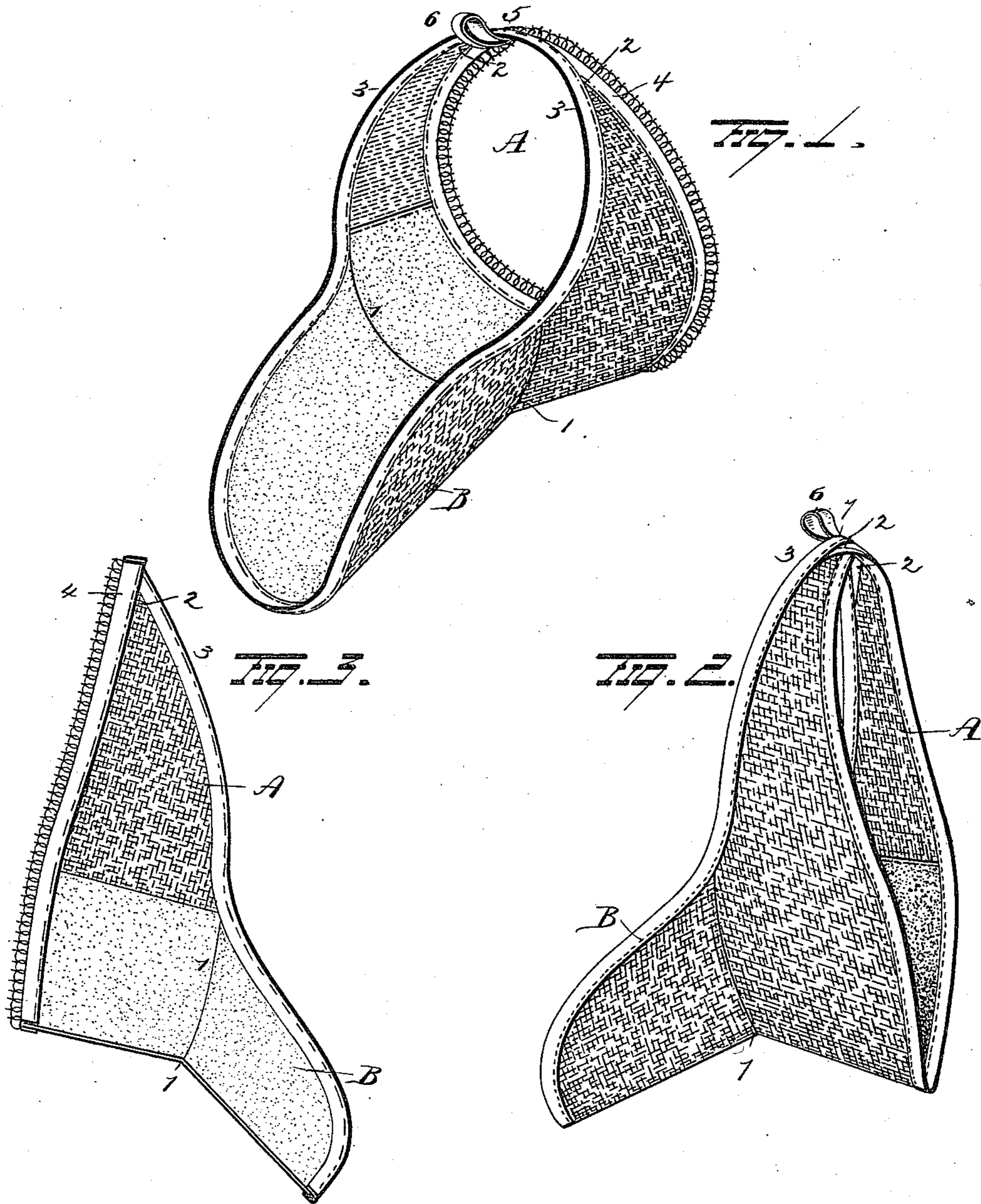


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ARMPIT-SHIELD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGIA M. SIGSBEE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Armpit-Shields; and I do hereby 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in armpit-shields for dresses, the object being to provide a light and simple shield for attachment to dresses which will occupy but little space, fit the arm and dress-waist neatly, and one which will yield with every movement of the arm, so as to be perfectly comfortable to the wearer without ever becoming tight and binding upon the arm or furnishing the slightest obstruction to its free movement and without drawing the sleeve out of shape.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, as will be herein- after fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective of my improved shield. Fig. 2 is a modification, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view.

A represents the sleeve portion of the shield, which fits the arm at the shoulder, and B is the flap, which rests next to the body of the wearer. The two pieces are preferably stitched together along the line 1 1, as shown, and the flap and the lower portion of the sleeve A are lined with a thin rubber tissue or similar material for preventing the passage of perspiration into the garment which the shield is designed to protect. The sleeve portion tapers to small ends 2 2 at their upper ends, and these points are held together by the binding strips or tapes 3 and 4, which are secured to the outer edges of the sleeve and flap, and one of which forms a means of connection between the restricted ends 2 2 of the sleeve portion at point 5; also, at this point a small loop 6 is attached to the shield, and this loop serves as a means of attachment to the garment at this point. The outer edge of the shield may

be finished with some ornamental material, such as lace or the like, to give the proper finish to the article.

Shields of this construction may be easily applied to any dress-waist, and not only serve for dresses of ordinary construction, but are particularly applicable to full-dress gowns in which no sleeves are employed or in which the sleeves at best are very short, especially at the top.

The efficiency of this article has been demonstrated by its use, and it is found that besides being small and out of the way it is comfortable for the wearer and presents no hinderance whatever to the free movement of the arm.

In the modification a difference exists merely in the manner of connecting the restricted ends 2 2 of the material forming the sleeve. In this shield these ends, instead of being connected at the extreme points, are lapped for a short distance, and the binding strip or tape 3 holds them together along the line 7 7. This allows the shield to yield with every movement, especially at the outer edge, where all the strain comes, and, in case it does not exactly fit the wearer at the start, allows it to quickly adjust itself to the contour of the arm upon which it is placed.

It is evident that other slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the particular construction herein set forth; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An armpit-shield consisting of a sleeve portion and a flap, the two being lined or partially lined with non-absorbent tissue, the sleeve portion being wide at the bottom and tapering to points at its ends, and binding-strips extending around the edges of the shield and one of the strips holding the ends of the sleeve portion together, substantially as set forth.

2. An armpit-shield consisting of the sleeve portion and flap, the former tapering from

the lower portion to the upper ends, said ends
being lapped over each other for a short dis-
tance, a binding around the edges of the
shield and holding the ends of the sleeve por-
5 tion together, and a loop at the point of con-
nection between the ends of the sleeve por-
tion, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed this
specification in the presence of two subscrib-
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