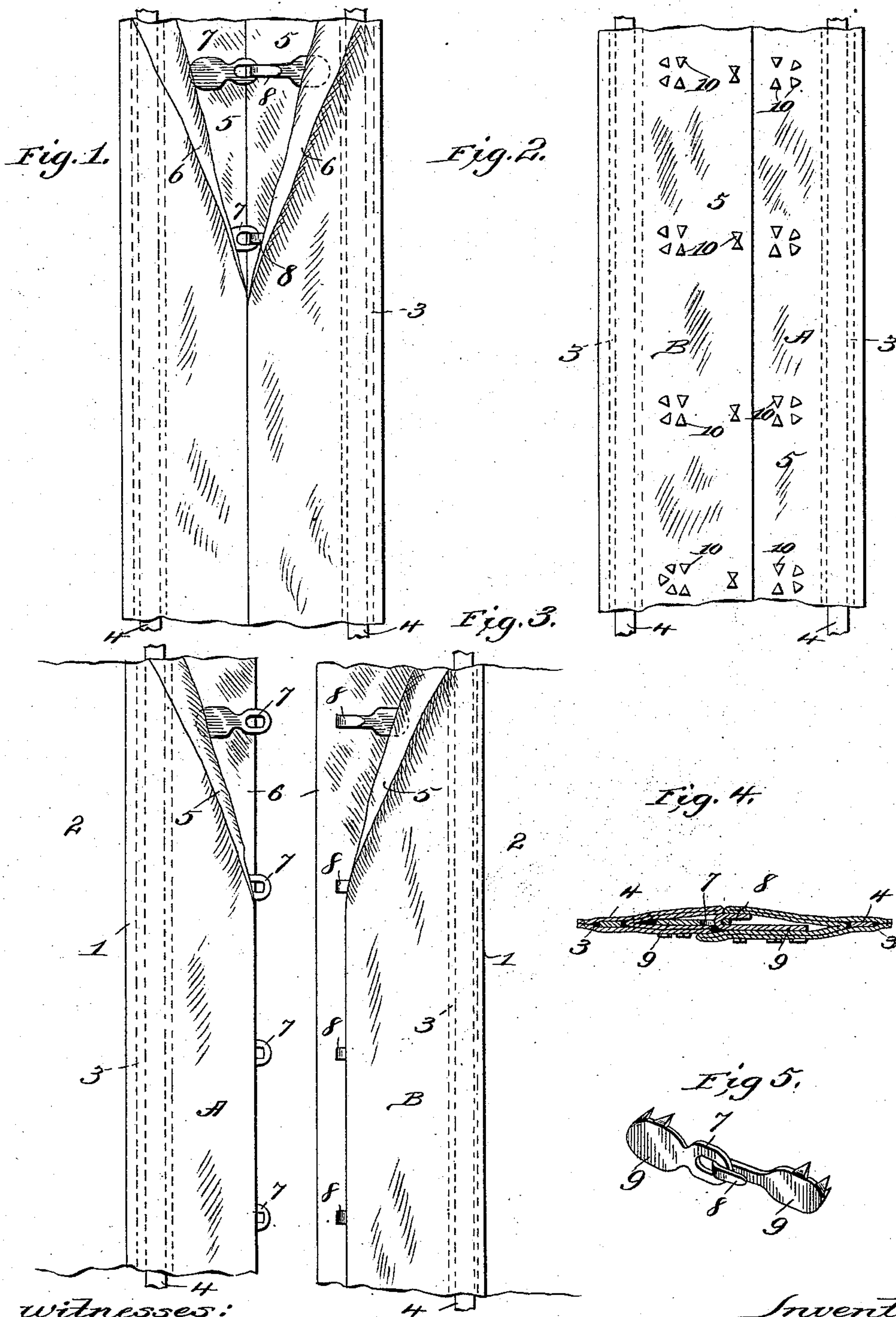


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DELL EVA WASSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Versailles, in the county of Woodford and State of Kentucky, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dress-Waist Facing, Stay-Casing, and Fastening Attachment, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide for dressmakers' use an improved article of manufacture consisting of a combined dress-waist facing with fastening attachments and casings for stays in complete readiness for stitching to the front of the garment in any length required.

My invention consists in a combined facing, stay-casing and fastening attachment for dress-waists and similar garments, consisting of two strips of fabric each provided with a double front flap, a double rear flap which in one strip is wider than the front flap, and a longitudinal pocket or casing formed between a single front and rear thickness of the strip which extends beyond the outer edges of the double front and rear flaps, said casings being adapted for reception of a stay, and a series of fastening devices secured to one double flap of each strip and adapted to be engaged with the corresponding series of fastening devices secured to a double flap of the opposite strip, said fastening devices on each strip being covered by and concealed between the said front and rear flaps.

In the annexed drawings illustrating the invention—Figure 1 is a front view of a portion of my improved dress-waist facing which is designed to be sold by the yard and is provided with stay pockets or casings and fastening devices, ready for immediate use by cutting the facing into suitable lengths and sewing it to the garment. Fig. 2 is a rear or underside view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view of a portion of a dress-waist with the combined facing, stay-casing and fastening devices attached thereto and showing the oppositely arranged fastening devices disconnected from each other. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the combined facing, stay-casing and fastening devices. Fig. 5 is a view of two engaged fastening devices.

Referring to the drawings the letters A and

B designate the two parts of a combined facing, stay casing and fastening attachment for the front of a dress-waist or similar garment. Each facing strip A and B is composed of a stout textile fabric of the required color or shade to correspond with the dress goods. Along the outer edge of each strip A and B is an attaching margin 1 through which the facing can be stitched to the dress-waist as shown in Fig. 3. Adjacent to this margin 1, in each facing strip, is formed a longitudinal open ended pocket 3 that serves as a casing for a stay 4, Fig 3, which can be inserted after the facing has been attached to the waist. As clearly shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 4 each facing strip is constructed with double flaps 5 and 6 that extend from the stay-casing 3 to the free edge of the facing. In one of the strips, as A, the flaps 5 and 6 are of substantially the same width while in the other strip, as B, the rear flap 5 is preferably somewhat wider than the front flap. To the front of the rear flap 5 in the strip A is attached a series of eyes 7 that project slightly beyond the margin of said flap in position to be engaged by a corresponding series of hooks 8 that are attached to the front of the rear flap 5 in the strip B. The greater width of this rear flap 5 in the strip B enables it to lap by and cover the rear sides of the engaged hooks and eyes. At the front of the facing these hooks and eyes are covered and concealed by the front flaps 6 of the facing strips, when the strips are brought together. I prefer to construct the attaching ends or shanks of the hooks and eyes, Fig. 5, with broad bases 9 provided with prongs 10 whereby they can be firmly secured and clinched onto the facing fabric, as shown in Fig. 2, without sewing. By this manner of attaching the fastening devices to a stout and durable facing fabric a firm and secure means of fastening is provided that will permit a tight and close fitting of the garment without liability of breaking or detaching the fastenings.

It will be seen that in this combined facing, stay-casing and fastening attachment for dress-waists the durable and firmly secured fastening devices, or hooks and eyes, are effectually covered and concealed by and between the front and rear flaps, and conven-

ient longitudinally arranged pockets or cas-
ings are provided for the insertion of stays
adjacent to the fastenings. This combined
facing, stay-casing and fastening attachment,
5 having the characteristics described, is de-
signed to be furnished to the trade as a com-
plete article of manufacture in readiness for
immediate use in dress making, when cut to
suitable lengths, and will greatly facilitate
10 the making and fitting of dress-waists besides
affording a neat and durable fastening for
such garments.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combined facing, stay-casing and fas-
15 tening attachment for dress-waists and simi-
lar garments, consisting of two strips of fab-
ric each provided with a double front flap, a
double rear flap which in one strip is wider
than the front flap, and a longitudinal pocket
20 or casing formed between a single front and

rear thickness of the strip which extends be-
yond the outer edges of the double front and
rear flaps, said casings being adapted for re-
ception of a stay, and a series of fastening
devices secured to one double flap of each 25
strip and adapted to be engaged with the cor-
responding series of fastening devices secured
to a double flap of the opposite strip, said
fastening devices on each strip being covered
by and concealed between the said front and 30
rear flaps, substantially as shown and de-
scribed.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand in presence of two subscribing wit-
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