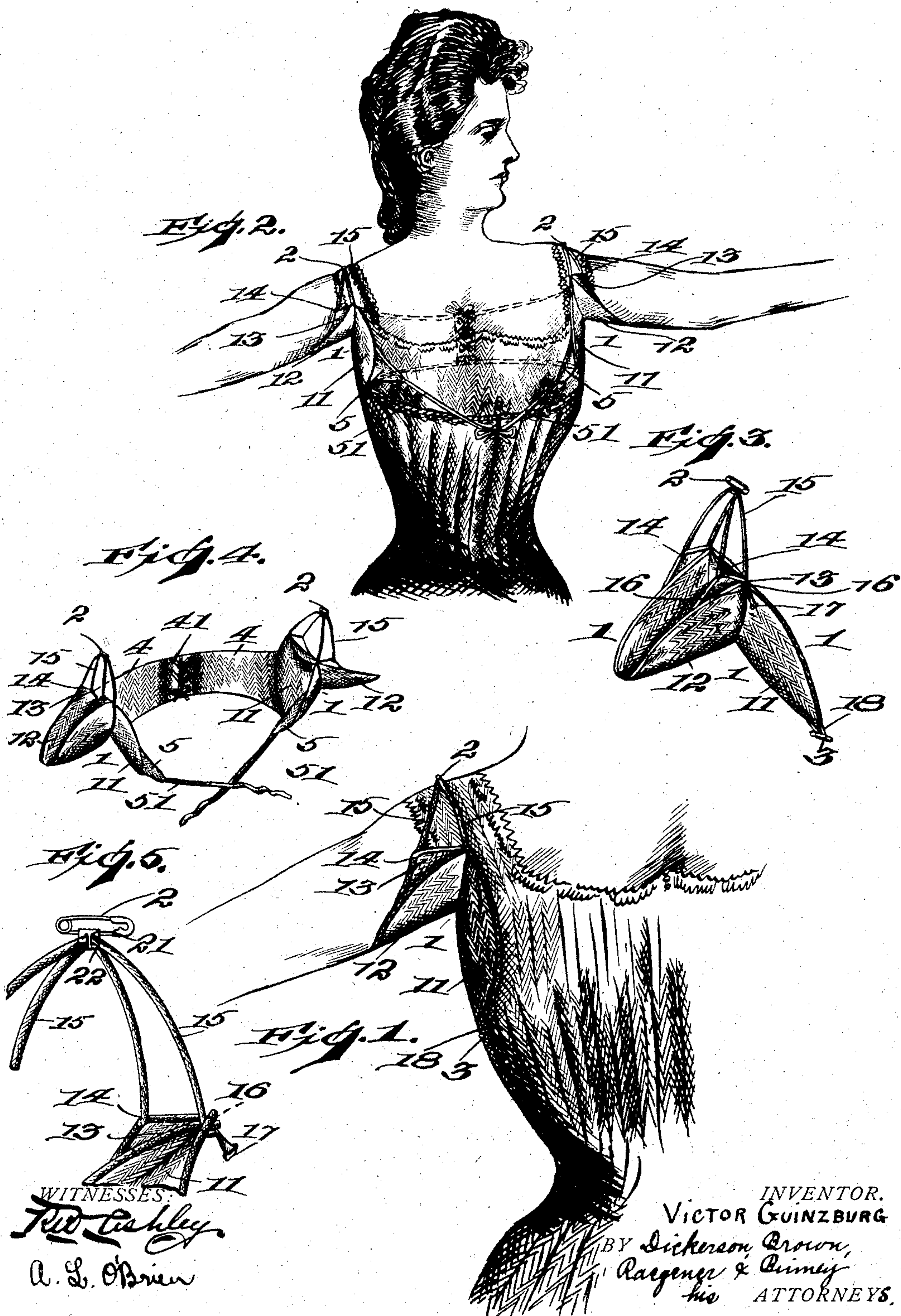


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## DRESS-SHIELD.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VICTOR GUINZBURG, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Shields, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in dress-shields, and particularly to those which are worn either separately or together as an independent article of attire which is not permanently secured to the dress or other garment and may be put on or removed independently of any other article.

It comprises improved means for holding the shield in position and for adjusting it to different figures, as well as other improvements in the construction and combination of parts, which will appear in the specification and claims.

Figures 1 and 2 represent different forms of my device as applied to the figure of a wearer. Figs. 3 and 4 represent in perspective the devices of Figs. 1 and 2, respectively. Fig. 5, on an enlarged scale, shows a detail common to both forms of the device.

Referring to Figs. 1, 3, and 5, 1 designates a dress-shield composed of body-flap 11 and arm-flap 12, united at their upper concave edges in the usual manner. The flap 12 is provided adjacent the upper ends of its convex edge with triangular tabs or ears 13. Attached to the apex 14 of each ear 13 is one end of a preferably elastic tape or cord 15, which passes through a slot 21 in a lug 22 on an attaching device or pin 2, the other end of the tape 15 being carried down and passed through an eyelet 16 at the extreme upper corner of the united flaps 11 and 12. The free end of the tape or cord 15 may be provided with any convenient means (shown as a clip 17) to prevent its disengagement from the eyelet 16.

At the lower end of the body-flap 11 may be provided a short loop of tape 18, to which is secured a safety-pin or similar attaching device 3.

The operation of my device will be clearly understood from an inspection of Fig. 1 of the drawings. It will be seen that by means

of the cords 15 the shield 1 may be drawn very snugly under the arm of the wearer, the body-flap secured in position at its lower edge by means of the safety-pin 3, and the arm-flap 12 properly concaved and held against the lower side of the arm of the wearer by reason of the attachment of the end of the cord 15 to the apex of the triangular tab 13. It is obvious that the safety-pin or like device may be attached to the corset-cover or other garment at the top of the shoulder of the wearer and that the device may be held snugly under the armpit, as required, by shortening the tape 15 and making a knot therein below the eyelet 16, as shown in Fig. 5. By making the cord 15 pass freely through the slot 21 of the attaching device 2 an equal strain is kept on both ends of the cord, so that the tab 13 is always retained in its position, as shown in Fig. 1, whereby the arm-flap 12 is properly concaved and securely retained against the arm of the wearer.

In the form of my device shown in Figs. 2 and 4 of the drawings two shields 1 are attached together by a brace 4, shown as in two pieces, each connected to the rear convex edge of the body-flap 11 and joined together at their free ends by an adjustable lacing 41 or the like. Secured to the lower forward portion of the convex edge of each body-flap 11 is a second tab 5 of triangular form and having attached to its apex a tape or cord 51. As shown in Fig. 2, the ends of the cords may be secured together and, if desired, held in position by slipping them under a hook or other attachment on the corset or other garment. By securing the tabs 5 to the lower front edges of the flaps 11 the tapes 51 are positioned below the bust of the wearer, so as to cause no inconvenience. By engaging them, as shown, with a hook of the corset or other garment the downward draft on the forward edge of the flap 11, in connection with the rear brace 4, acts to hold the shield very closely in contact with the body of the wearer.

Having thus described my invention and without limiting myself to details nor enumerating equivalents, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—



1. A dress-shield comprising a body-flap and an arm-flap united at their upper concave edges, tabs secured to the convex side of said arm-flap adjacent its upper corners, tapes or  
5 cords each secured at one end to one of said tabs and at its other end adjacent the extremity of the line of juncture of said flaps, and means providing an aperture through which  
10 said tapes pass and by which they are approximately brought together intermediate of their ends.

2. A dress-shield comprising a body-flap and an arm-flap united at their upper concave edges, tabs secured to the convex side of said  
15 arm-flap adjacent its upper corners, tapes or cords each secured at one end to one of said tabs and at its other end adjacent the extremity of the line of juncture of said flaps, and garment-attaching means providing an aper-  
20 ture through which said tapes pass and by which they are approximately brought together intermediate of their ends.

3. A dress-shield comprising a body-flap and an arm-flap united at their upper concave  
25 edges, tabs secured to the convex side of said arm-flap adjacent its upper corners, tapes or cords each secured at one end to one of said tabs and at its other end adjacent the extremity of the line of juncture of said flaps, means  
30 for adjusting the length of said tapes or cords, and means providing an aperture through

which said tapes pass and by which they are approximately brought together intermediate of their ends.

4. A dress-shield comprising a body-flap 35 and an arm-flap, a triangular tab secured at each convex side of said arm-flap adjacent its upper corners, an elastic cord secured at one end to the apex of said tab and having its other end passing through an eyelet adjacent 40 the extremity of the line of juncture of said flaps, means for preventing the disengagement of said cord from said eyelet, and a garment-attaching pin provided with apertures through which said cords freely pass. 45

5. An article of apparel comprising two dress-shields, each consisting of a body-flap and an arm-flap united at their upper concave edges, a longitudinally-adjustable band connecting the body-flaps of said shields at their 50 rear sides, tabs projecting forwardly and downwardly from the front side of said body-flaps, and means for adjustably connecting said tabs.

In testimony whereof I have signed this 55 specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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