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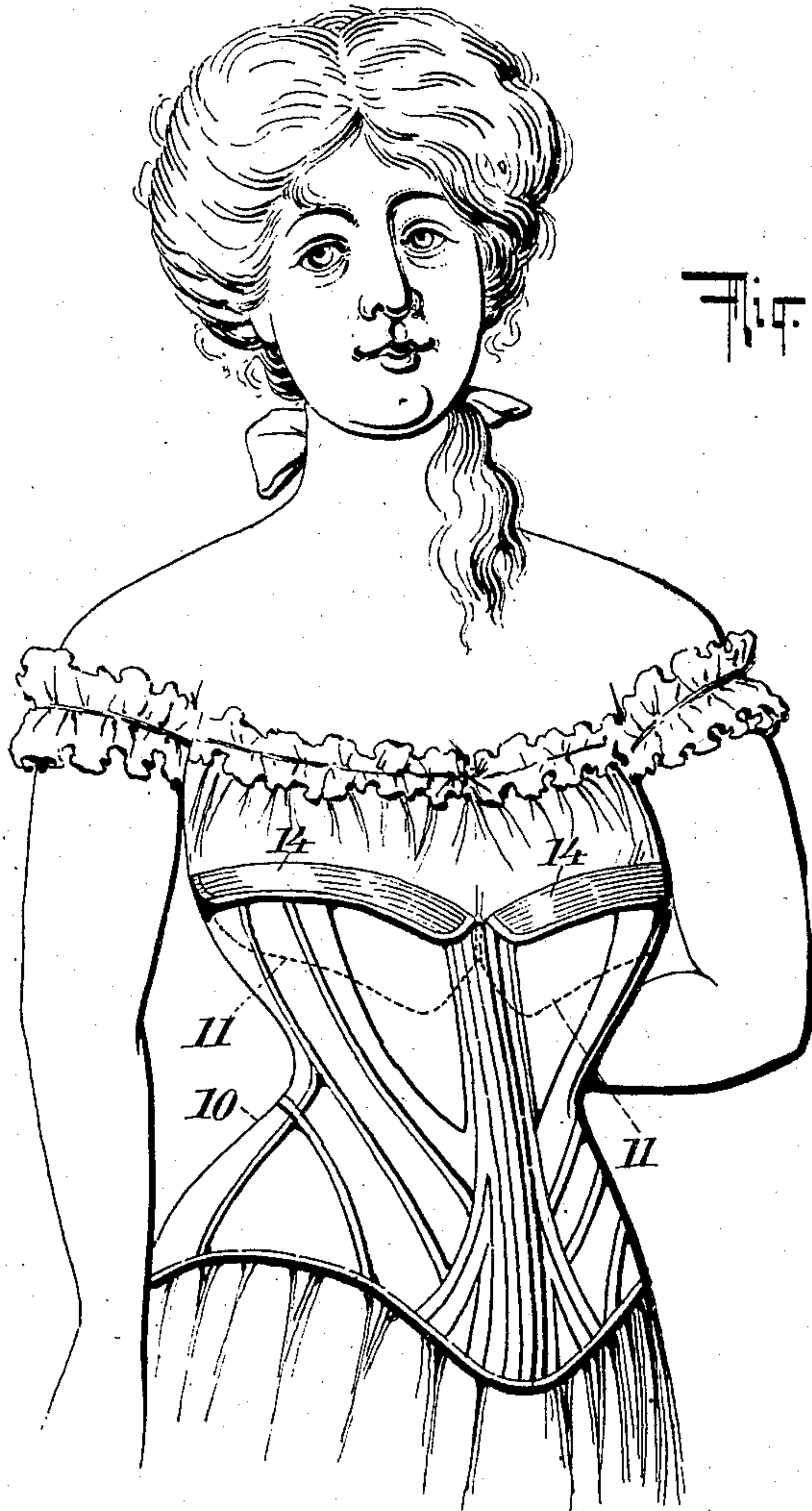


Fig. 1.

Fig. 3.

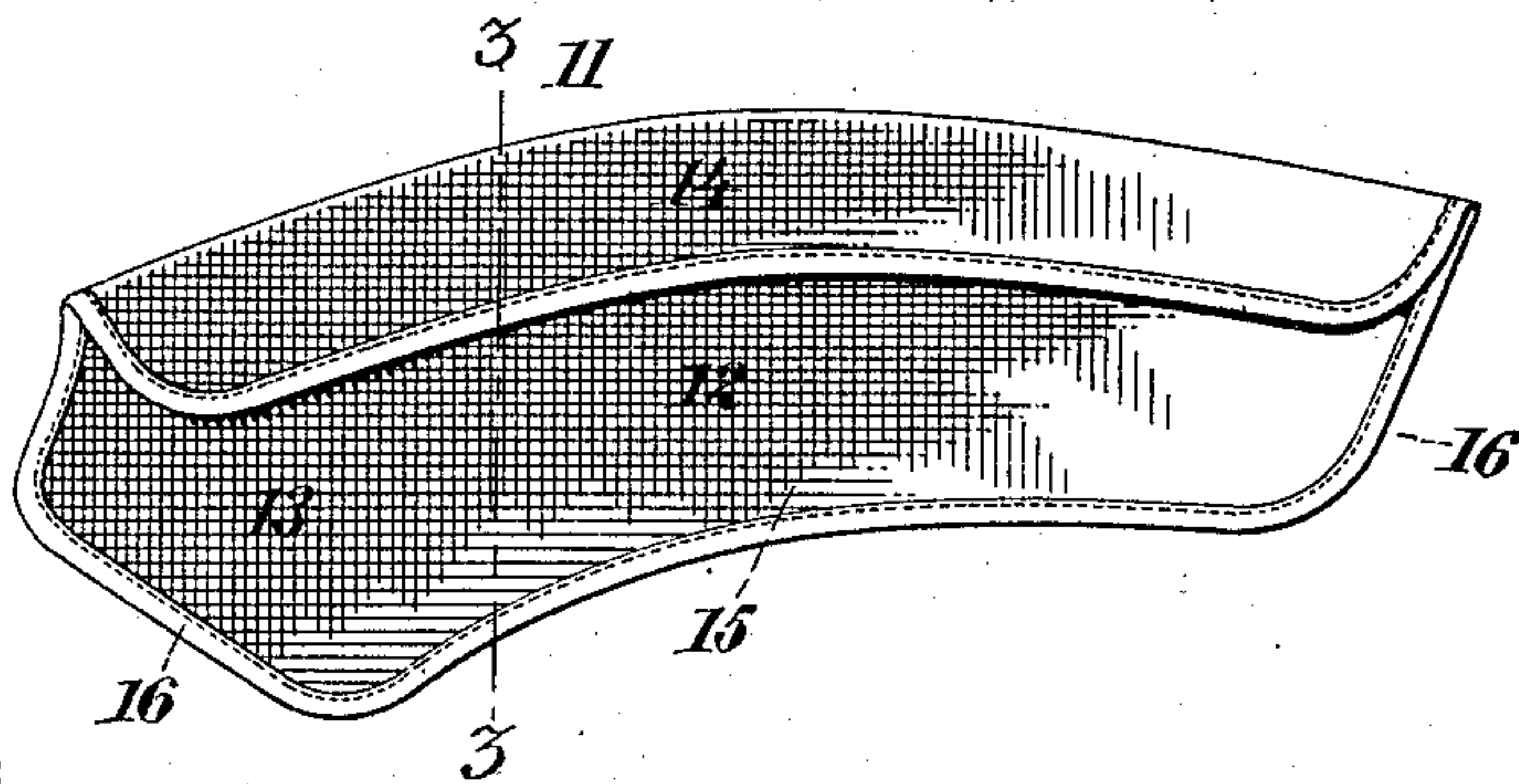
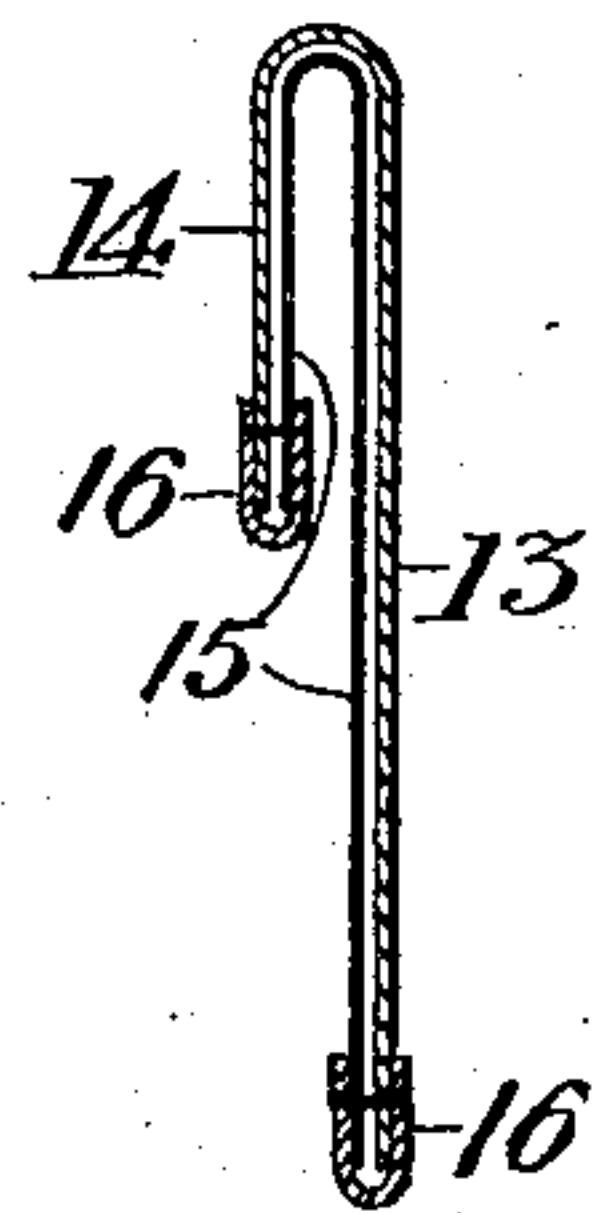


Fig. 2.

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CORSET-SHIELD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. THAYER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, Los Angeles county, in the State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Corset-Shields, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to improvements in garment-protectors; and the same has for its object more particularly to provide a neat, simple, and efficient shield which may be readily applied to a corset to prevent the same and the outer garments from being soiled by perspiration.

Further, the invention has for its object to provide a shield which will also protect or incase the upper edge of the corset, so that the ends of the stays will not injure the garments or the person of the wearer.

The shield is further so constructed that the same may be readily removed from or applied to the upper edge of a corset and adjusted in position thereon and held to its adjusted position without any additional or separate fastening means or devices.

To these ends my invention consists in the novel details of construction and in the combination, connection, and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described and then pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, wherein like numerals of reference indicate like parts, Figure 1 is a view showing a corset-shield incorporating my invention in position upon the body of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a front view, on an enlarged scale, showing one of the shields; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged section taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2.

In said drawings, 10 designates a corset of usual form, and 11 11 denote the shields arranged in position along the upper edges of the corset and interposed between the inner surface thereof and the body of the wearer. The two shields are exact duplicates of each other in construction, except that one is the reverse of the other.

Each shield is composed of shield portion proper, 12, which may be made of suitable soft

pliable fabric or material and preferably curved along its upper and lower edges and provided with a relatively large portion 13 at one end and tapering therefrom toward its other end. Along the upper edge of the shield 13 is secured, by sewing or otherwise, a relatively narrow flap 14, of similar material, whose lower edge conforms in curvature with the upper edge of the shield, and 15 denotes a sheet or layer of material which conforms in outline with that of the shield 12 and flap 14, and said shield 12, flap 14, and layer 15 are secured together along their edges by a binding 16, which is stitched thereto. The layer 15 may be made of fabric or material which may be absorbent or impervious to moisture, as desired.

The construction of the entire shield is such that its one end when in position upon a corset on the wearer should extend from a point adjacent to the arm, while the end of its enlarged forward portion 13 should terminate at one of the meeting edges of the corset, as shown at Fig. 1.

It will be noted that by constructing the shields as herein shown and described the largest portions thereof—viz., the portions 13—substantially meet at the front of the body of the wearer and serve to protect the corset and garment at that point and prevent the soiling thereof by perspiration, while that portion of the body intermediate the enlarged portion 13 of the shield and the arm being less subject to perspiration is sufficiently protected by the narrower portion of the shield.

It will of course be understood that I do not wish to limit or confine myself to the precise shape of the shield, since it is obvious that slight variations must be made to adapt the shields to different forms of corsets.

Without limiting myself to the precise details of construction, which may be varied within the scope of the invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A corset-shield comprising an elongated shield portion proper having an enlarged end and tapering or diminishing in width from said enlarged end toward its opposite end, a relatively narrow flap coextensive in length with said shield and secured to the upper edge

thereof, and depending therefrom, and a layer of material impervious to moisture secured to said shield portion and flap, substantially as specified.

- 5 2. A corset-shield comprising an elongated shield portion proper having an enlarged end and tapering or diminishing in width from said enlarged end toward its opposite end, a
10 relatively narrow flap coextensive in length with said shield and secured to the upper edge

thereof, and depending therefrom, and a layer of protective material secured to said shield, substantially as specified.

Signed at the city of New York, in the county and State of New York, this 6th day 15 of May, 1904.

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