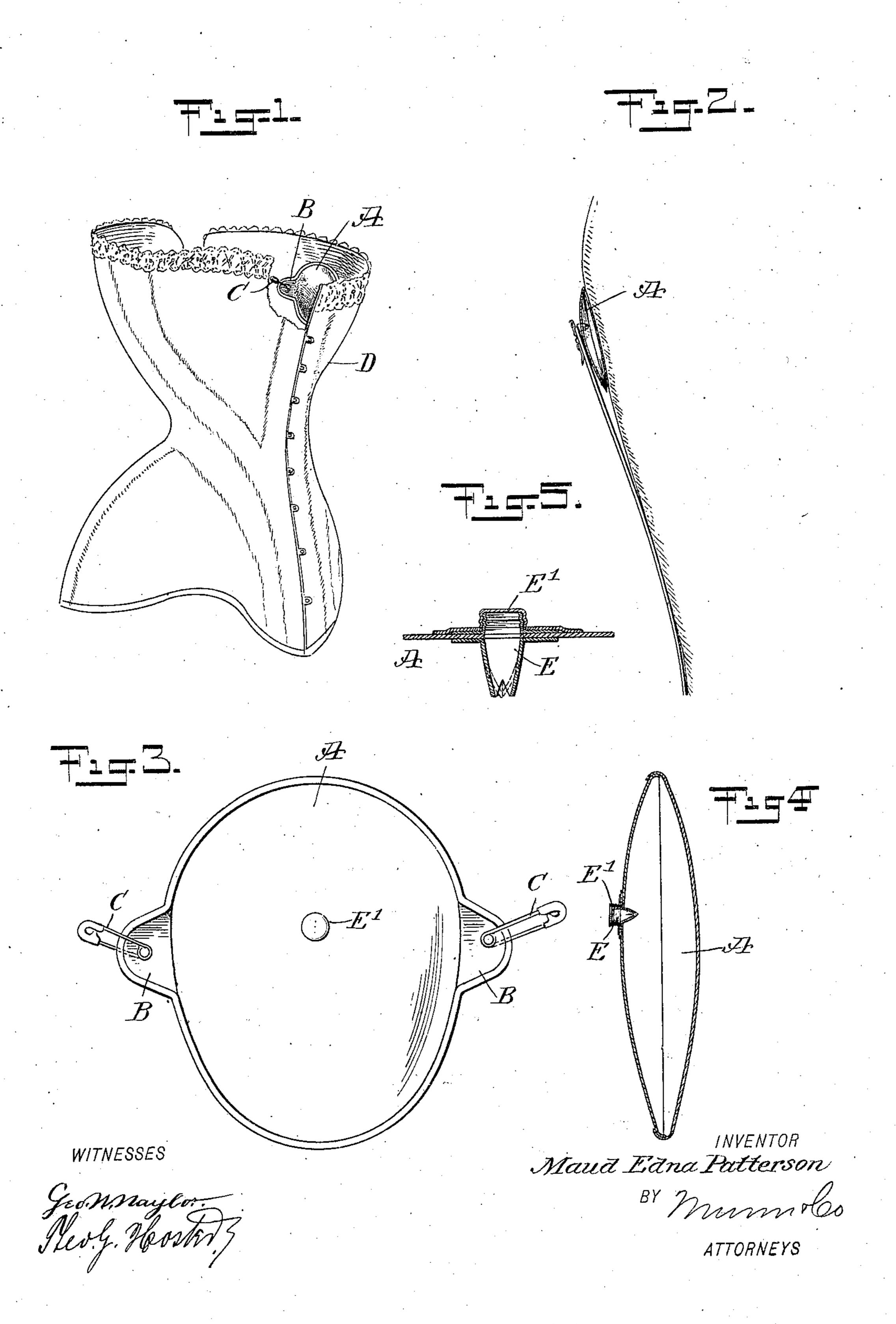
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Maud Edna Patterson, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented a new and Improved Shield, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to wearing-apparel; and its object is to provide a new and improved shield for attachment to a corset to prevent the upper ends of the busks from exerting an undesirable pressure against the wearer's body.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied, part of the corset being shown broken out. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same. Fig. 3 is an enlarged front elevation of the improvement. Fig. 4 is a transverse section of the same, and Fig. 5 is an enlarged sectional plan view of the nipple for inflating the shield.

The improved shield consists, essentially, of an air-cushion, preferably made of thin rubber or cloth and capable of being inflated, and the said cushion is provided on its sides with ears or lugs B for engagement by safety-pins or like fastening devices C to allow removable securing of the air-cushion A in place on the corset, preferably at the side thereof and at the upper front portion, so that the upper ends of the corset-busks rest on the outer face of the inflated air-cushion A, as will be readily understood by reference

to Fig. 2. The air-cushion A is provided at its front side with a suitable nipple E, normally closed by a cap E', which when removed allows a person to conveniently inflate the cushion to the desired degree, it being understood that after this has been done the cap E' is screwed in place to keep the air-cushion inflated.

The shield is very simple and durable in construction and can be readily fastened in place on the corset and disconnected from one side thereof whenever it is desired to open or close the corset. By the use of the 55 shield all undue chafing by the upper end of the corset-busks on the wearer's body is entirely removed.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 60 Patent—

1. The combination with a corset, of a shield arranged at the ends of the busks, said shield comprising a cushion of flexible material having a nipple whereby to inflate the 65 cushion and provided with oppositely-arranged ears on the edges thereof, said ears having openings therethrough and safety-pins engaging the openings and the corset whereby to secure the shield in place.

2. The combination with a corset, of a shield arranged at the ends of the busks, said shield comprising a cushion of flexible material, and provided with oppositely-arranged ears on the edges thereof, and means in connection with the ears and engaging the corset whereby to secure the shield in place.

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

-MAUD EDNA PATTERSON.

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