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Fig. 1.

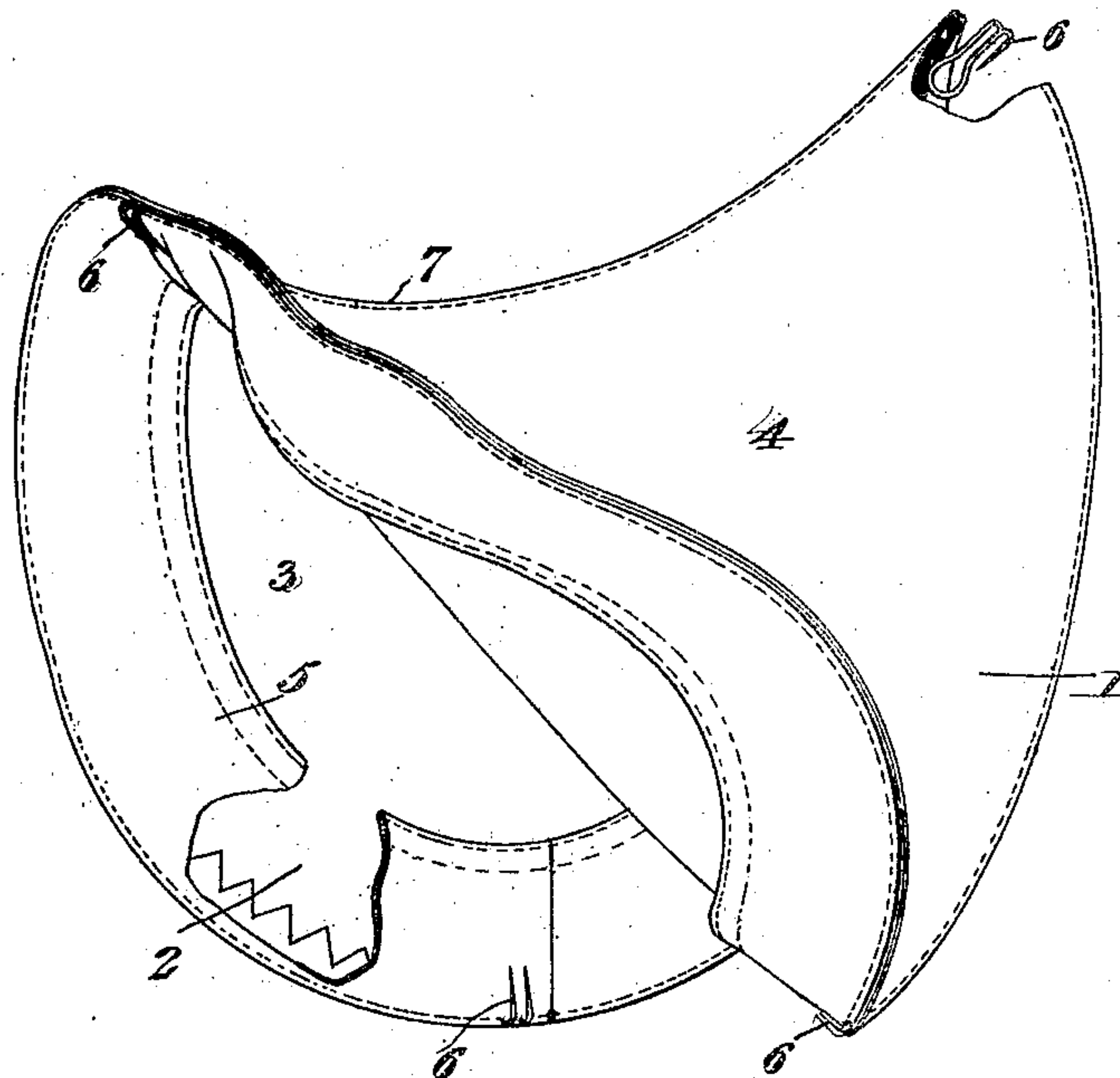
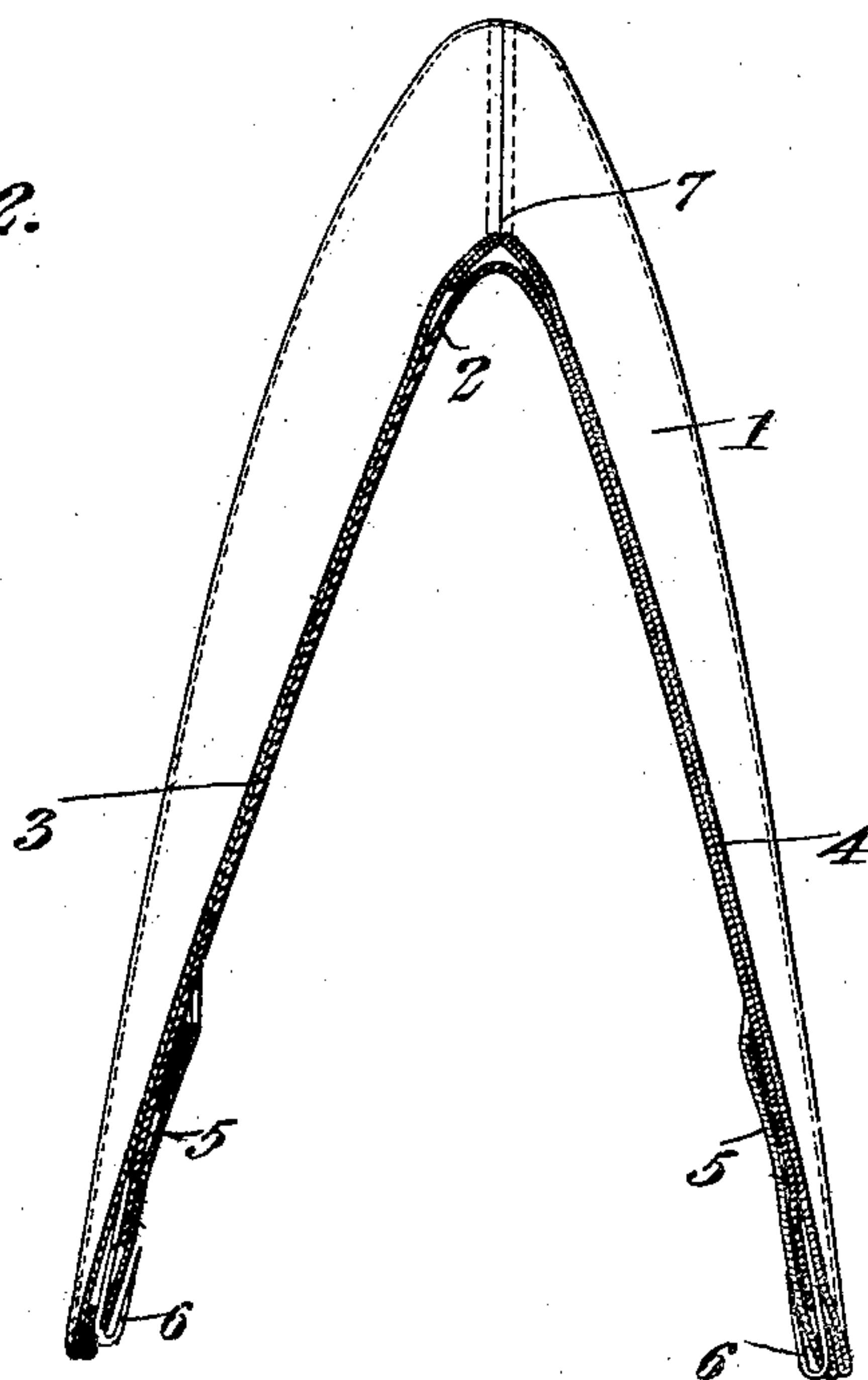


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARGARET L. McCONN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arkansas City, in the county of Cowley and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Dress-Shield Covers, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to dress shields and relates more particularly to a cover for a dress shield to be made of serge, satin, silk, or other material, preferably of the same color of which the coat or cloak is lined. The cover is constructed to form a pocket or envelop into which a rubber shield of any kind readily found in the market can be removably held, the object being to permit the covering to be removed from the shield and laundered when desired. The cover may also be provided with suitable fastening means around the edges thereof or any other suitable points by which the shield and cover can be removably secured to the garment.

For a further understanding of the invention as to the details of construction and features of novelty, reference is to be had to the following description and to the claims appended thereto.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates one embodiment of the invention:— Figure 1 is a perspective view of a dress shield and cover showing one edge turned back and a portion broken away to more clearly illustrate the details. Fig. 2 is a central transverse section.

Referring to the drawing, 1 represents the cover that is shaped to follow the outline of the shield 2. The shield itself is not permanently attached to the cover and it may be of any approved construction such as can be purchased in the market. The cover is preferably made in halves stitched together over the crease of the shield. 3 represents the sleeve portion of the cover and 4 the body portion. On each of these portions is an edge piece 5 which may be part of the outside portions and turned under, or as shown in the present instance, they are preferably segmental strips of cloth stitched to the portions 3 and 4 along the edges. These edge pieces are disposed under or along the inner surfaces of the two portions and form with the latter pockets for receiving the edge of the rubber shield 2 and securely hold the same in position.

The shield and cover may be attached to

the garment by sewing the same thereto, but by preference I employ suitable fastening devices which permit of the shield being readily attached or removed so that the cover can be laundered from time to time and thus kept sanitary. As shown in the present instance, the cover is provided with hooks arranged at a number of points on the inner surface of the cover and projecting inwardly from the marginal edges thereof. I have found in practice that four of such fastening devices are sufficient, one being arranged at the bottom of each of the portions 3 and 4 and one at each end of the fold 7.

The covered shield is placed in the garment in the usual manner, the portion 3 extending into the sleeve and the portion 4 along the inside of the body of the garment. The two hooks at the end of the fold 7 are fastened to the garment at the seam between the sleeve and body and the other two hooks are fastened to the sleeve and body respectively of the garment. This securely holds the cover in place while the pockets of the cover securely hold the rubber shield. When it is desired to launder the covering, the hooks are unfastened so that the entire shield can be removed from the garment. The rubber shield 2 is then removed from the cover so that the cover can be washed without subjecting the rubber portion of the shield to the injurious effects that would be produced if the same were washed with the cover.

It will be observed that with a protective device of the character herein described, a man or woman can take a pair of covers and insert the rubber shields, and attach them to his or her cloak or coat in an easy manner and thereby save the latter from the effects of perspiration and wear. Coats very soon become rotted out under the arm from perspiration, so that the finest silk or satin linings become ragged under the arms after a short time, leaving the outside and rest of the lining perfectly good. It will thus be seen that to re-line the garment is extremely expensive, both as to service and material wasted and renewed. With my invention, however, these objections are entirely overcome, since the shield covers are subjected to all the wear and the ill effects of perspiration, and when they are worn out, they can be readily and inexpensively replaced.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A dress shield composed of a cover made of



a fabric pervious to moisture and folded to form a pair of side portions, the peripheral edges of the latter being doubled inwardly parallel to the inner surfaces of the respective side portions and forming a pair of marginal pockets facing one another between the side portions, an invisible sheet of soft rubber covering the inner surface of the cover and having its peripheral edges cut to conform to the shape of the side portions and fitting into the marginal pockets formed at the inner sides thereof, and sets of securing hooks at-

tached to the marginal pockets at the point where the cover is folded, and at the free edges of the side portions for detachably securing the shield to a garment with the rubber sheet in engagement therewith.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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