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Fig. 1.

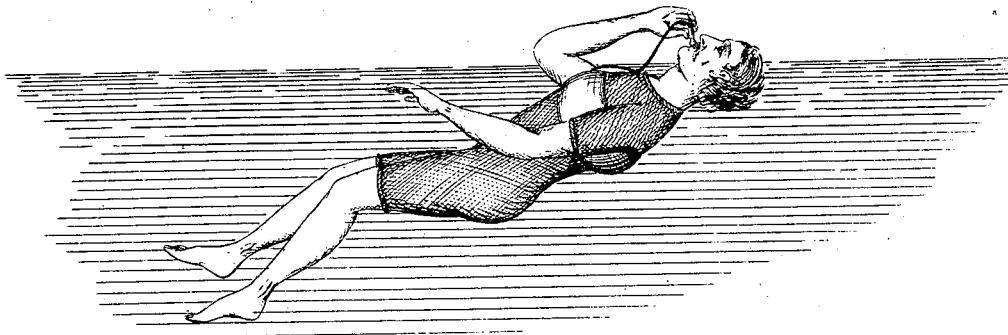
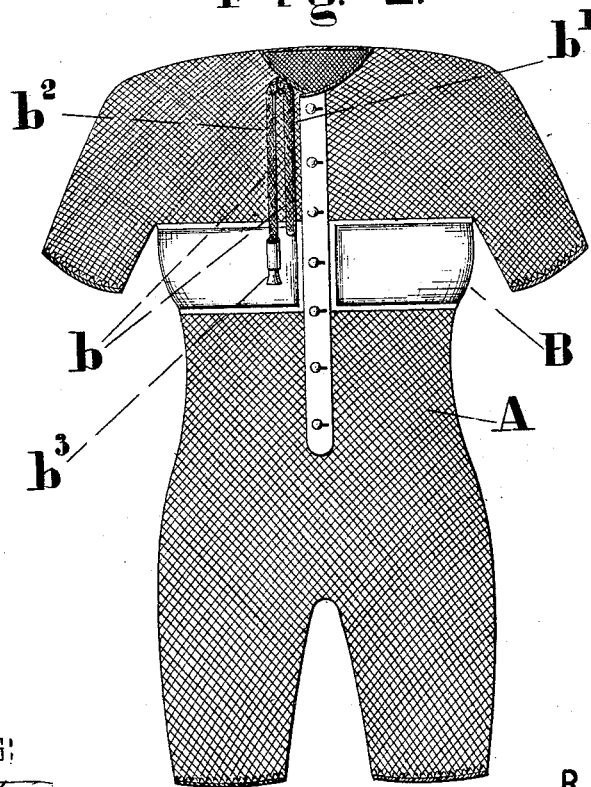


Fig. 2.



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LIFE-PRESERVER BATHING-SUIT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD C. SIBLEY, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful
5 Improvements in Bathing-Suits; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

10 This invention consists in providing an ordinary bathing-dress with such a life-saving appliance that while it in no wise incumbers the dress or the wearer, adding nothing appreciable in weight or bulk to it, it is at hand in
15 any emergency, ready for use at the will of the wearer, whether to rest and relieve the bather in moments of fatigue or to rescue him in moments of peril.

While the various life-preservers now in use
20 are in other ways good and useful, let us say all such and other bathing-dress life-saving appliances are so cumbersome and unwieldy that they are practically useless, for the reason that bathers are unwilling to encumber them-
25 selves with cork-jackets or any other weighty or bulky contrivances, even though they may be satisfied of their life-saving properties.

A bathing-dress with my appliance is the same, as far as weight or bulk is concerned,
30 as a bathing-dress without it, yet the appliance is ever at hand at moments of need.

In the drawings, Figure 1 represents my improved bathing-suit as worn by a person in the water, and Fig. 2 the suit alone.

35 To enable others skilled in the art to make my improved bathing-suit, I will now proceed to describe fully the construction of the same.

A represents a bathing-suit of the usual well-known or any other proper construction.

40 B represents a belt, which may be composed of a suitable length of air-proof cloth, folded

upon itself laterally and cemented at its edges, which is placed in position about the garment around the body under the arms, as shown, and is strongly secured thereto in any proper
45 manner.

b represents a small tube, properly connected to the sleeve B, one portion, *b'*, of which extends up the front of the garment, as shown, and is firmly secured thereto in any proper
50 manner. Another portion, *b''*, is left pendent and unattached to the garment, and is provided at its end with a mouth-piece, *b'''*, as shown.

The operation is substantially as follows: The bathing-suit is worn in the usual manner
55 without regard to the life-saving appliances until occasion shall arise for the use of the same. The wearer then lying on his back in the water inflates the flat belt by means of the tube and is at once buoyed in the water beyond
60 the possibility of sinking.

The great advantage arising from this special construction is that this bathing-suit may be used ordinarily like any other suit without the slightest discomfort resulting from its at-
65 tachments, while it possesses the life-saving capacity for employment when occasion shall require.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by
70 Letters Patent, is—

In combination with a bathing-suit, the flat belt B, having the tube *b*, the belt being attached to the garment directly under the arms, substantially as described.

This specification signed and witnessed this
75 16th day of June, 1881.

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