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DRESS FORM.

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Fig. 1.

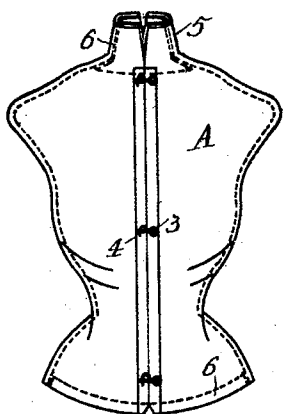


Fig. 2.

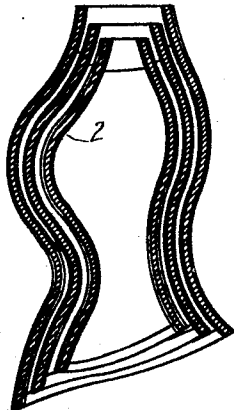
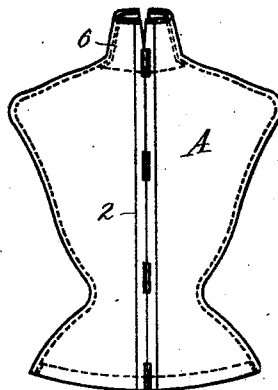


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMINE BAER, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Forms; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to improvements in the dress-forms used by dressmakers for displaying and fitting garments. In large establishments of this character it is necessary to keep constantly on hand a number of such forms of different sizes. They are usually mounted upon separate stands or pedestals, and hence take up a great deal of valuable space.

The object of my invention is to construct these forms so that a number of them of different sizes may be placed in a series within one another and mounted upon a single stand, so that the entire series only occupies the space ordinarily required for one.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of one of my dress-forms. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section showing a number of forms inclosed one within the other.

A represents the form as a whole, made generally from papier-maché, although the material used is not an essential part of my invention, and any other which is suitable may be substituted.

The form is constructed in two parts or sections, each one forming a half of the completed article. These sections are hinged to-

gether on the central line of the back, longitudinal strips 2 being secured to the edges to stiffen them and afford a better support for the hinges. The edges of the sections on the central line of the front are stiffened in a similar way, as shown, and are removably secured together by pivoted hooks 3 and staples 4 or in any other suitable way.

In making these forms I prefer to secure to the collar-section 5, and also to the bottom of the waist, stiffening-pieces 6, of sheet metal or other suitable material, which may be hinged together at the back, if desired.

By reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen that a number of these forms so constructed may be placed in a series within one another and mounted upon a single stand. Ordinarily the stand supports a skirt-form, upon which the waist-form rests. Any particular form required for use is readily accessible by opening the outer form until the right one is reached.

The advantages of my device in economizing space which would otherwise be wasted in storing these forms when not in use are so obvious as to require no detailed recital.

What I claim is—

A nest or series of sectional dress-forms of different sizes contained one within the other, each of said forms being composed of two sections hinged together, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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