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HOSIERY DISPLAY DEVICE

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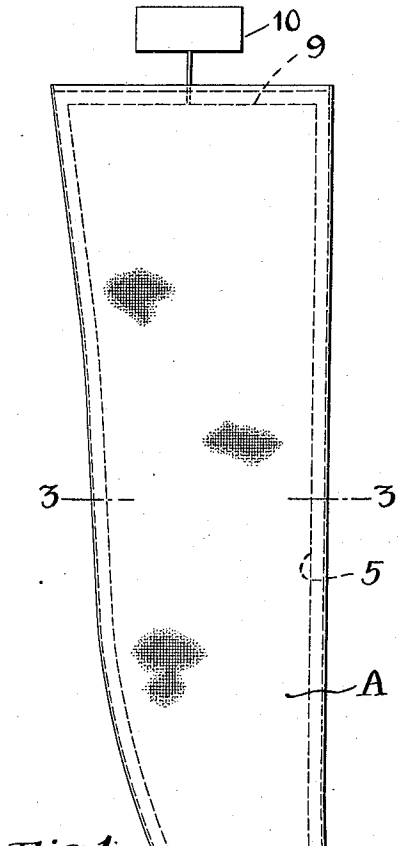


Fig. 1.

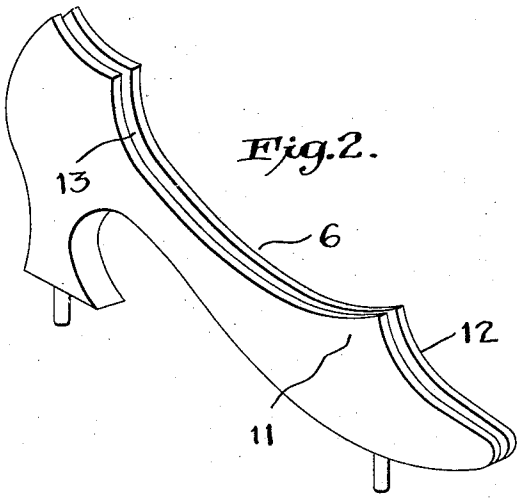


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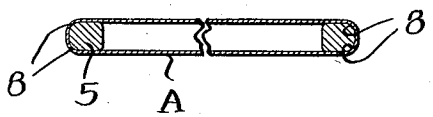
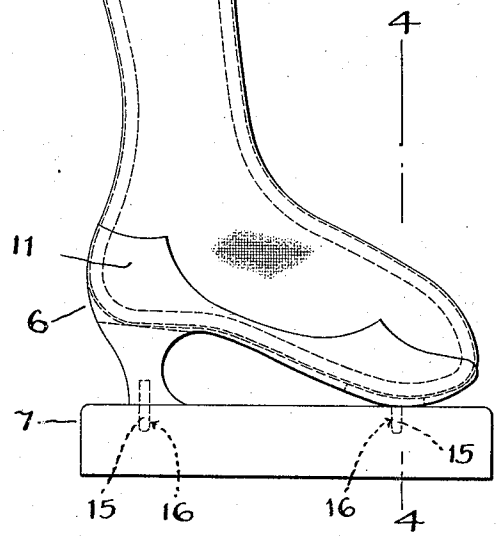


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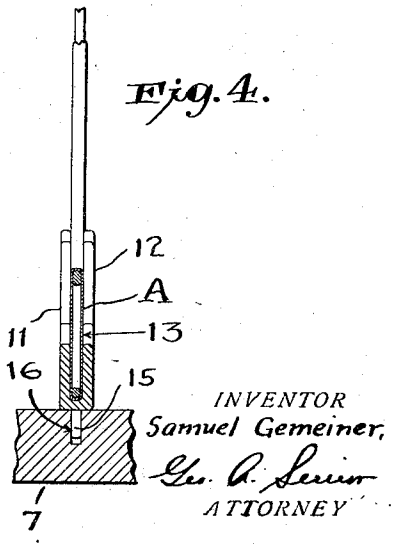


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The invention relates to a hosiery display device.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device of the utmost simplicity which will display hose in an efficient and artistic manner in store windows, on counters, tables or other places.

A further object is to provide a hosiery display device in which the sheer and color of the hose may be displayed to the best advantage.

Still another object is to provide a display device which will occupy a minimum amount of space in a store window or any place where the device is used.

Further objects and advantages will become apparent as this specification proceeds. Referring to the drawings forming a part thereof and in which a preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the improved hosiery display device;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the member simulating a shoe;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1. This view is on a larger scale and has its intermediate part broken out for economy of space; and

Fig. 4 is a vertical section on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Silk hosiery is in practically universal use at the present time. It is a matter of vital importance to the merchant to display the hose in a manner so as to bring out the delicate colors and sheer. It is desirable to have this display attractive and pleasing and one that will readily catch the eye of the public. This is accomplished by the present invention.

Referring again to the drawings, it will be noted from Fig. 1 that the display device proper comprises two members, a frame 5 and a member 6 simulating a shoe. The display device may rest on or be attached to a suitable base 7.

The frame 5 is made to represent the leg and foot. It is flat and made of an appropriate size so that when the stocking A is placed thereon, it will be tautly stretched across the frame. The frame is rigid in order to maintain the stocking at all times in its stretched condition. The width of the frame members is made as shallow as possible commensurate with maintaining the rigidity of the frame.

A rigid flat frame of this description having the hose tightly stretched across it makes for a very pleasing effect when displayed. Due to its narrow width the frame is not noticeable and the quality, sheer and color of the stocking may be exhibited to a great advantage.

The edges of the frame coming in contact with the stocking are preferably rounded off as indicated at 8 in Fig. 3 so as to avoid injuring the delicate fabric of the stocking and enable the stocking to be more easily slid over the frame. The top cross member 9 of the frame may be provided with an opening into which may be slid the pin of a card 10. The card 10 may have suitable printed matter thereon such as the manufacturer's name, the brand of the hose or the color and price of the hose.

Cooperating with the foot portion of the rigid flat frame 5 is the member 6 which simulates a shoe. This member 6 is also preferably a substantially flat member and might be constructed in various ways. It comprises front and back parts 11 and 12 suitably spaced apart so as to form an opening or slot 13. If desired, this member 6 might be formed or cast in one piece or it might be made of a pair of plates with spacers in between. The foot portion of the frame 5 is slipped into the slot 13 and adequate support is thus given to hold the frame in an upright and natural position.

The front or exposed side 11 may be suitably decorated so as to imitate more closely a shoe or slipper that would match and be appropriate to use with various different colors or styles of stockings stretched over the frame 5. The effect given by the hose tightly stretched over the frame and cooperating with the member simulating a pretty slipper is most attractive and forms an ideal method for hosiery display.

If desired the display device might be considered complete in this form. Any suitable means could be utilized for supporting it or

the lower part of the member 6 might be somewhat broadened so as to act as a support.

However, it is preferable to supply a base for supporting the device. The base might be of any form or shape and means for securing the member 6 to the base might be widely varied. One simple means of accomplishing this is illustrated. The member 6 may be provided with a pair of pins or projections 15 which engage suitable apertures 16 in the base 7.

From the foregoing, it is thought to be apparent that a simple and effective hosiery display device is provided. Due to its simplicity the device may be economically manufactured and sold to the trade at a reasonable price. It forms a pleasing and attractive display and occupies very little window or counter space as compared with solid forms or complete figures. Naturally this is a great asset.

Applicant is aware that many forms of devices for stretching and drying hose have been devised. He is also aware that numerous solid forms or shapes have been in use for displaying hosiery but he believes it to be new and novel with him to provide a rigid flat frame over which the hose is tautly stretched and a member simulating a shoe which cooperates with the frame.

By altering the dimensions of the frame the device might readily be used for displaying men's or children's hose. Other changes might be made in details of construction and will be considered as coming within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A hosiery display device having in combination, a flat frame over which the hose is tautly stretched, said frame being shaped to represent a leg and foot, and a substantially flat member simulating a shoe, said member being longitudinally slotted substantially coextensive with its length, said slot having parallel sides to engage the foot portion of said frame, said display frame and said member simulating a shoe both being in substantially the same plane.

2. A hosiery display device comprising a rigid flat frame over which the hose may be tautly stretched, said frame being shaped to represent a foot and leg, a member simulating a shoe, said member being slotted to engage the foot portion of said frame and having a plurality of projections, and a base having a plurality of apertures, the projections on said member simulating a foot cooperating with the apertures in said base so as to support the display device in an upright position.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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