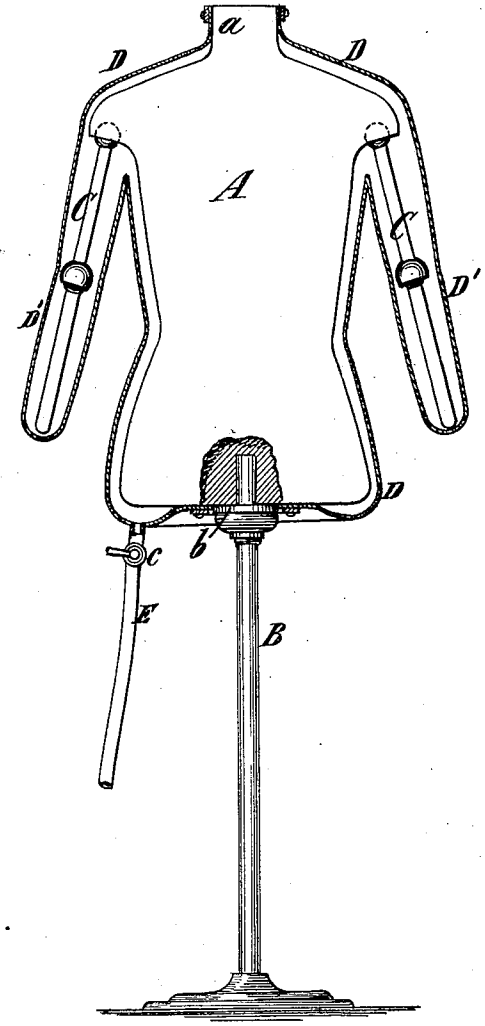
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH EAVESTAFF, of 36 Upper Berkeley Street, Portman Square, in the county of Middlesex, England, have invented a certain new and Improved Dress-Stand, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a dress-stand which can be readily expanded so as to adapt it to the shape of the human form, to enable dresses of different sizes to be accurately fitted to the shape without the necessity of personal attendance of a customer after a correct measure is once taken.

The invention consists in the combination, with an ordinary dress-stand made in the form of the trunk of the human body, of an air-tight envelope or covering of flexible material, such as rubber, inclosing said stand, and an inlet pipe, tube, or nozzle for air to inflate said envelope or covering. The stand is preferably provided with arms, which are also inclosed by bag-like portions attached to the envelope or covering.

The accompanying drawing represents a side view of a stand embodying my invention, the envelope or covering being shown in section.

A designates a dress-stand, made of wood or other suitable material in the usual way, in the form of the trunk of a human figure, and supported upon a standard or upright, B.

C designates arms, with which the stand is provided.

D designates an envelope or covering of any suitable flexible material which is impervious to air—such, for instance, as rubber or rubber cloth—and which is secured about the neck *a* of the stand and also at the bottom, so as to render it air-tight. As clearly shown, the envelope or covering is clamped between a flange, *b*, and the bottom of the stand A. The envelope or covering D is provided with bag-like portions D′, which inclose the arms, and if it is composed of elastic material, such as rubber, it will stretch sufficiently to adapt itself to a larger dress than that for which it is originally designed.

E designates a pipe or tube which is provided with a cock, *c*, and through which air may be forced to expand or inflate the envelope or covering.

Any suitable air nozzle or inlet might be employed instead of the pipe E.

The manner of using the stand is as follows: The pattern of a dress is made in the ordinary way by measurement, and then put upon the stand before it is inflated. The envelope or covering is then inflated until it exactly fits the pattern, by which means I obtain an accurate representation of the figure to be fitted.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a dress-stand made in the form of the trunk of a human body, of an air-tight envelope or covering of flexible material inclosing the same, and an inlet pipe, tube, or nozzle for air to inflate said envelope or covering, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination, with a dress-stand made in the form of the trunk of a human body and having arms, of an air-tight envelope or covering of flexible material inclosing said stand, and having attached bags for receiving the arms of the stand, and an inlet pipe, tube, or nozzle for air to inflate said envelope or covering, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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