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SKIRT MARKER.

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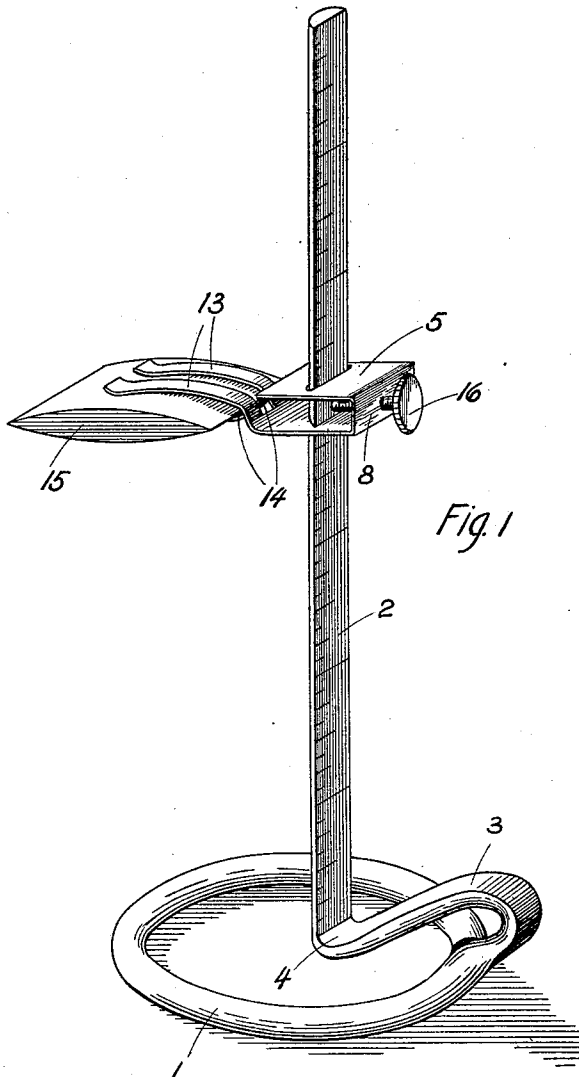


Fig. 1

Fig. 4

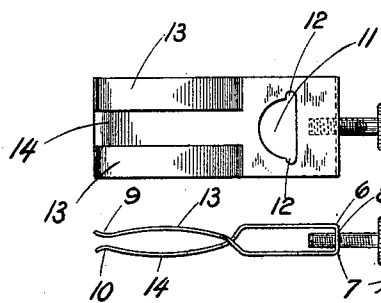


Fig. 2

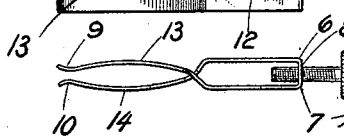


Fig. 3

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FREDERICK H. DEKNATEL and CLIFFORD J. SPRUCE, citizens of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of our invention is to provide an improved design for skirt markers and similar devices, the special aim of our invention being an economical and efficient construction. Skirt markers, as usually constructed, consist of a base to which is attached an upright standard suitably graduated in inches and fractions and carrying an adjustable chalk holder. By means of this device, skirts, and other garments, are marked when tried on for the purpose of indicating the proper length at all points. As previously constructed, the standard has been formed separately from the base and secured thereto by various means. By our improved construction, the manufacture of the base and standard is effected at a lower cost, while retaining all of the advantages of previous structures. We have also devised an improved chalk holder, especially adapted for use with our improved base and standard, and also adapted for use with other forms of standard.

In the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the complete device. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the chalk holder. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the same. Fig. 4 is a cross section of a standard formed from a flat strip of metal, this form of standard being sometimes used.

The base 1 and standard 2 are formed from a single piece of half-round wire, that is wire semi-circular in cross section. The precise semi-circular form, of course, is not essential, but the wire should be substantially semi-circular having one flat and one curved face. The wire may be bent in circular or any other desired form, with the flat side down, to form the base, and is then bent inwardly and upwardly, as indicated at 3 and 4, the standard 2 rising from about the center of the base in order to secure stable equilibrium. Upon its flat side, the standard is provided with graduations in inches and fractions of an inch, indicating the dis-

tance from the plane of the lower side of the base, in order to afford means for marking the garment at any desired distance from the floor.

Slidably mounted upon the standard 2 is the chalk holder 5 which we form by bending a flat plate of metal at 6 and 7 to form two arms joined by a transverse part 8. The bases of the arms adjacent the transverse part 8 are parallel and provided with a perforation 11 to embrace the standard 2. This perforation is semi-circular in form, in order to have a nonrotatable fit with the standard 2, and at the ends of the straight side of the semi-circular perforation there are notches 12 which afford means for a nonrotatable fit with a flat standard of the cross section shown at 2' in Fig. 4. One of the arms of the chalk holder is cut away at the center forming two gripping fingers 13. The other arm is cut away at the sides, forming a central gripping finger 14 adapted to be received between the fingers 13. At the termination of the parallel portions of the arms, the fingers 13 and 14 are bent to cross each other, and all of the fingers are outwardly turned near their ends, in order that a piece of chalk 15 of the usual form may be inserted by simply pressing the edge between the out-turned ends of the gripping fingers. If necessary, the insertion of the piece of chalk may be facilitated by pressing the parallel portions of the arms together, thus separating the gripping fingers.

In order to hold the chalk holder in its adjusted position on the standard 2, a screw threaded aperture is tapped in the transverse section 8 which connects the two arms, and a thumb screw 16 is threaded into the screw threaded aperture and at its end bears against the standard, thus securely holding the chalk holder in any desired position.

We claim:

1. A skirt marker comprising a base, a standard extending from the base perpendicularly to the plane thereof, said base and standard being bent from a single piece of wire, and a chalk holder adjustably mounted on said standard.

2. A skirt marker comprising a base, a standard extending from said base perpendicularly to the plane thereof, said base and standard being bent from a single piece of

half-round wire, said standard having graduations, and a chalk holder adjustably mounted on said standard.

3. A skirt marker comprising a base and
5 standard, and a chalk holder adjustably mounted on said standard, said chalk holder comprising spring arms joined at one end and crossing each other intermediate their ends.

10 4. A skirt marker comprising a standard, and a chalk holder comprising a metal plate bent to form two arms spaced apart at their bases, the bases of said arms being provided with perforations to embrace said standard,
15 said arms crossing each other at a point beyond said perforations.

5. A skirt marker comprising a standard, and a chalk holder comprising a metal plate bent to form two arms spaced apart at their
20 bases, the bases of said arms being provided with perforations to embrace said standard, said perforations being semi-circular in

form with notches at the ends of the straight side, and said arms crossing each other at a point beyond said perforations. 25

6. A skirt marker comprising a standard, and a chalk holder comprising a metal plate bent to form two arms spaced apart at their bases, the bases of said arms being provided with perforations to embrace said standard, 30 one of said arms being cut away at the center to form side projections and the other having a central projection, said central projection being received between and crossing said side projections adjacent the base 35 portion of said arms.

In testimony whereof, we have subscribed our names.

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