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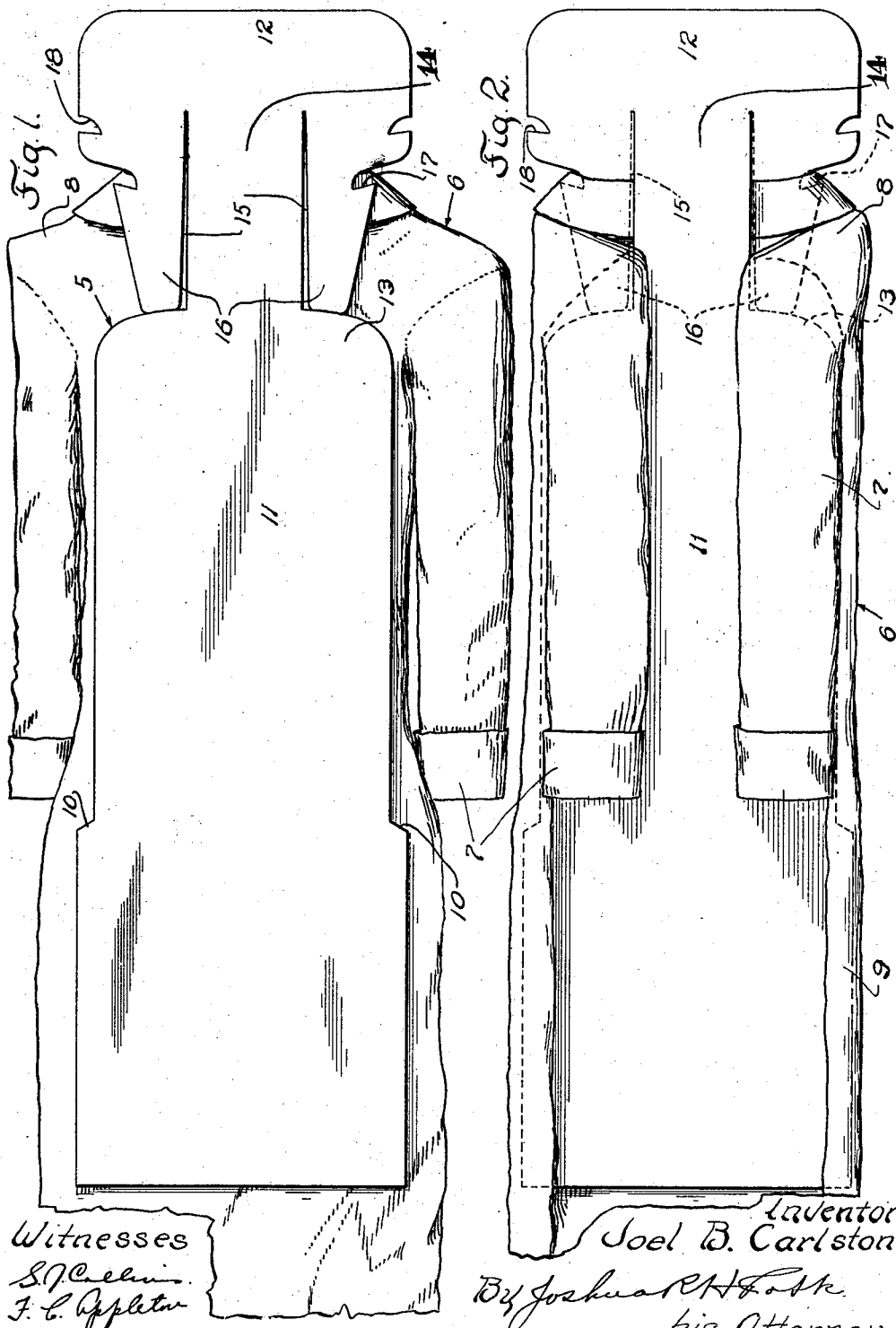
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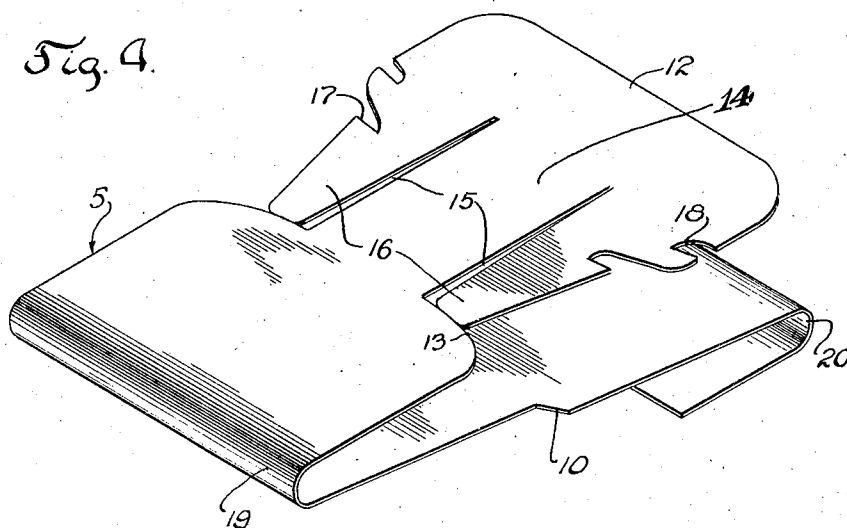
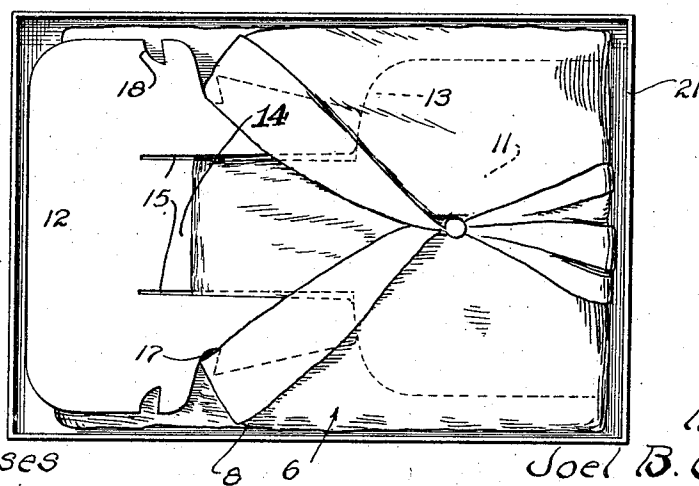


Fig. 3.



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My invention relates to a form for dresses, and more particularly to a flexible form on which a silk dress may be mounted for the purpose of securely packing the same in a box, and the object of my invention is to provide such a device on which a dress may be mounted and folded in order that the same may be packed in a delivery box and will retain its laundered condition for an indefinite length of time, as the form prevents creases across the dress and retains the material in a flat condition and prevents the dress from becoming crumpled to one side of the box when the box is thrown about or carried on edge.

My invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which,

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a dress lying face downwardly and having my flexible form member positioned on top of the same.

Figure 2 is a view similar to that in Figure 1 but having the dress partly folded upon the form.

Figure 3 is a view of that disclosed in Figure 2 but showing the form and dress positioned thereon, folded and placed in a box as for delivery or shipment.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the form shown in folded position in the same manner as when the dress is positioned upon it, as in Figure 3.

In the drawings I have shown the preferred form of my invention for the purpose of illustration wherein 5 represents my invention as a whole, and 6 represents a silk dress to be folded upon the same. In Figure 1 the dress is shown lying face downwardly and having the form positioned upon it, and in Figure 2 the arms 7 of the dress, the shoulders 8 and the edges 9 are shown folded backwardly over the edge of the form. Said form 5 is of uniform size from the shoulders to below the waistline and of somewhat increased size for the remainder of the length and being provided with the off-set portion 10 for increasing the width thereof.

The body of the form 11 and the extreme upper end of the form 12 may be utilized for advertising purposes, if so desired. From

the shoulder portions 13 a neck 14 stretches upwardly to a head 12 which is provided with a slot 15 through which the material of the dress is adapted to be passed and automatically locked thereon by means of the cooperating extension members 16, when they are positioned inside of the collar portion of the dress, as shown in Figure 2.

The extensions 16 are provided with notches 17 and 18 in which the upper portion of the dress collar may be positioned as shown in Figures 2 and 3, for holding the upper end of the dress in position and a plurality of said notches are provided for the purpose of accommodating dresses of various sizes and when the upper notch is utilized it is obvious that the dress material is positioned in approximately the upper end of the slot 15.

After the dress is positioned as shown in Figure 2 and having the extension 16 positioned inside of the collar, the form is folded as shown in Figure 4 with the dress remaining in position and it takes the form of that shown in Figure 3 with the dress material slightly stretched over the curved portions 19 and 20, for preventing the dress from shifting endwise on the form and for preventing wrinkling and crumpling of the dress. The width of the body portion 11 is such that sideways shifting of the form is prevented and although the box 21 in which the dress may be packed for delivery is very roughly handled, it is obvious that sideways or endways crumpling and mussing of the dress is completely avoided, and that the dress may be packed for a great length of time by means of the use of my invention and when the same is unpacked it will have its original, fresh laundered appearance.

Having described my invention in its preferred form, it is capable of variations without departing from the spirit of the invention and I do not desire to be limited to the precise details herein illustrated and described but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A dress form for supporting a dress folded thereon, having in combination a flex-

ible body portion; a head portion; a neck portion for connecting said body portion and said head portion; extensions depending from said head portion, providing slots between said extensions and said connecting neck portion for locking the upper end of said dress in position, the middle part of said body portion having offsets serving to maintain the configuration of the hip portion of said dress, the upper part of said body portion having shoulders adjoining the neck, said shoulders being immediately adjacent the projecting ends of said extensions.

2. A dress form for supporting a dress folded thereon, having in combination a flexible body portion; a head portion; a portion for connecting said body portion and said head portion; extensions depending from said head portion, providing slots between said extensions and said connecting portion for locking the upper end of said dress in position; and notches on the side of said extensions for retaining the outer edge of the dress collar in position thereon.

3. A dress form for supporting a dress folded thereon, having in combination a flexible body portion; a head portion; a portion for connecting said body portion and said head portion; extensions depending from said head portion, providing slots between said extensions and said connecting portion for locking the upper end of said dress in position; the lower portion of said body portion being of increased width for preventing sideways shifting of said form and preventing crumpling of the dress; and a plurality of notches on each of said extensions for securing the outer edge of the dress collar in position.

4. A dress form for supporting a dress folded thereon, having in combination a flexible body portion; a head portion; a portion for connecting said body portion and said head portion; extensions depending from said head portion, providing slots between said extensions and said connecting portion for locking the upper end of said dress in position; the lower portion of said body portion being of increased width for preventing sideways shifting of said form and preventing crumpling of the dress; and a plurality of notches on each of said extensions for securing the outer edge of the dress collar in position; said form adapted to be folded for providing curved portions to prevent the cross ways creasing of said dress when folded on said form.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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