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SKIRT MARKER.
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Fig. 1.

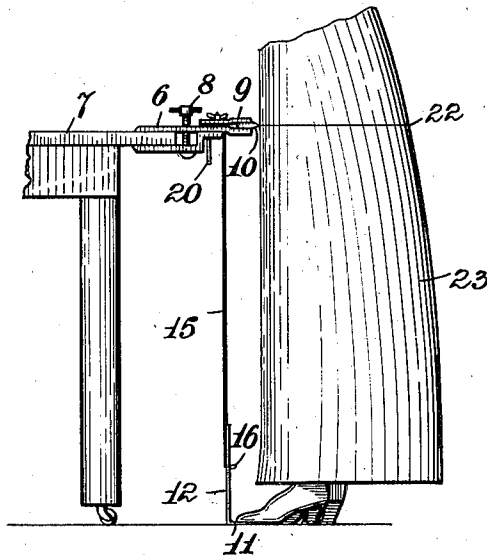


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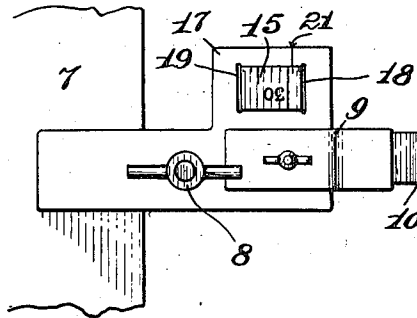


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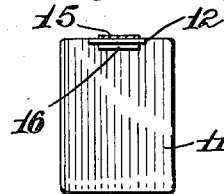


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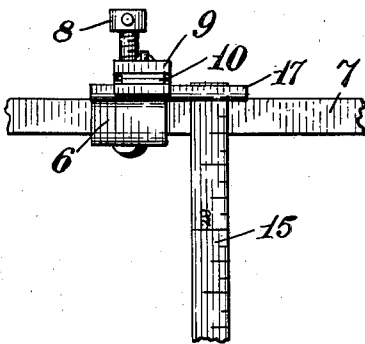
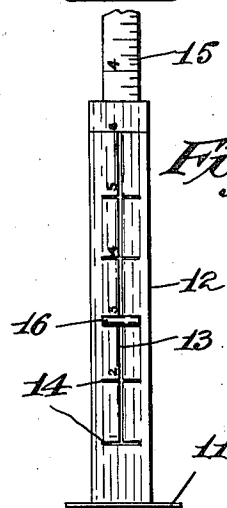


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLEMENTINE M. PADELFORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Canandaigua, in the county of Ontario and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Skirt-Marker, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for marking skirts for the purpose of having the bottom of the skirt at a uniform distance from the ground, or floor, throughout its extent; and the object of my invention is to provide a skirt marker which can be used by a lady making her own dresses without requiring an assistant; a further object being to provide a simple and efficient device with which the length of a skirt can be determined in an accurate manner, and with the expenditure of but little energy.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1, is a view of my device, in elevation, showing the same in use; Fig. 2, is a plan view of the upper part of the device; Fig. 3, is a front view of the part shown in Fig. 2; Fig. 4, is a plan view of the bottom part of the device; and, Fig. 5, is an elevation thereof.

In the drawing, like numerals of reference refer to the same parts in each of the views.

In practice I provide a skirt marker comprising a clamp 6, adapted to be secured to a table 7, by a screw 8, or in any desired manner; and this clamp is adapted to carry a second clamp 9, adapted to carry a piece of chalk, or other marking material, 10. I also provide a foot piece 11, carrying an upright 12, which is preferably graduated as a scale, as shown, and which is provided with a longitudinal slot 13, having laterally-extending communicating slots 14, preferably one at the end of each inch, or other unit of measure. I also provide a tape 15, preferably graduated in units of measure, as inches; and on the lower end of which is mounted a cross piece 16. The clamp 6, is provided with a portion 17, slotted, as shown at 18, and 19, so as to allow of the passage of the tape 15, therethrough in a manner to insure the tape being held somewhat firmly by friction, as will be readily understood.

The operation is as follows: When it is desired to ascertain how to trim the bottom

of a skirt in the process of making so that the bottom shall be even at all points; the clamp 6, is secured to any table, as 7, in a manner so that the chalk 10 shall project to be used as a marking object; the tape 15, is turned to slide longitudinally of the slot 13, and when the desired cross slot 14, is reached, being the distance above the floor the skirt is desired to hang, the tape is again turned to enter the cross slot 14, when the cross piece 16, will serve to hold the end of the tape in this slot, as will be readily understood. The foot piece 11, is then placed on the floor, and held in place by one foot, as illustrated in Fig. 1; the tape can then be drawn through the slots 18, and 19, by taking hold of the end 20, of the tape 15, and drawing on the same until the tape is taut between the part 17, and the standard 12. The point 21, on the part 17, will indicate the point on the tape to show the number of inches a skirt should be in length from a line 22, which may be drawn around the skirt 23, by the chalk 10, to the bottom. Thus, a woman can place the skirt on herself; adjust the chalk holder, and tape; turn around in contact with the chalk to plainly mark the skirt, which can be easily done as the marking will be done at the hips where the skirt is drawn tightly; then remove the skirt and mark from this line the number of inches called for by the tape to the bottom of the skirt all around, and the skirt, when finished, will be of uniform length, as will be understood.

With this device a lady can make her own skirts, and have the same uniform in length without requiring the assistance of anyone in ascertaining the proper length of the same. Then, too, as the marking is done around the hips where the skirt is drawn tight, the marking is likely to be more accurate than where it is done by an assistant around the bottom of the skirt with the skirt hanging loosely.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A skirt marker comprising a clamp adapted to hold a piece of marking material, means to secure said clamp to a table in a position so that said material will engage a skirt at the hips, a gage adapted to rest on the floor, a graduated tape, and means to hold one end of said tape at any

desired point of said gage, for the purpose set forth.

2. A skirt marker comprising a clamp adapted to hold a piece of chalk, a second
5 clamp adapted to secure said first clamp to a table, a piece of chalk secured in said first clamp in a manner to mark a skirt, a gage comprising a plate and standard, and a
10 tape adjustably mounted between said standard and said clamps, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The herein described skirt marker comprising a clamp adapted to be secured to a
15 table and having a slotted portion, a second clamp, or chalk holder mounted on said

first clamp, a foot plate carrying a graduated standard, and a graduated tape, said standard being slotted vertically and at several points transversely, and said tape being adapted to move in said slots and having a cross piece adapted to hold the same in any desired transverse slot, said tape being adapted to pass through the slotted portion of said clamp and to be held therein by friction, as and for the purpose set forth. 25

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