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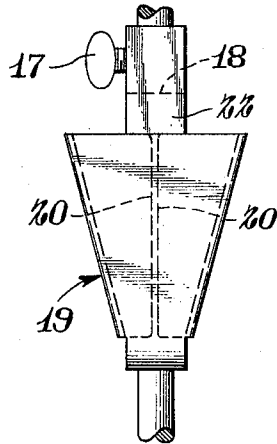
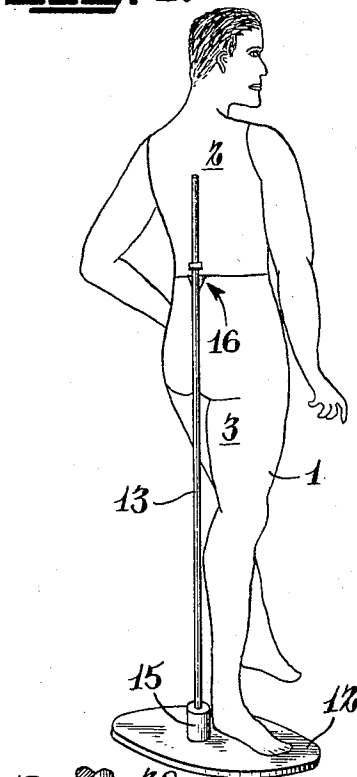


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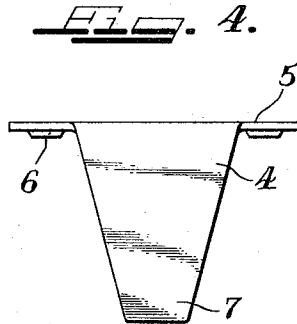


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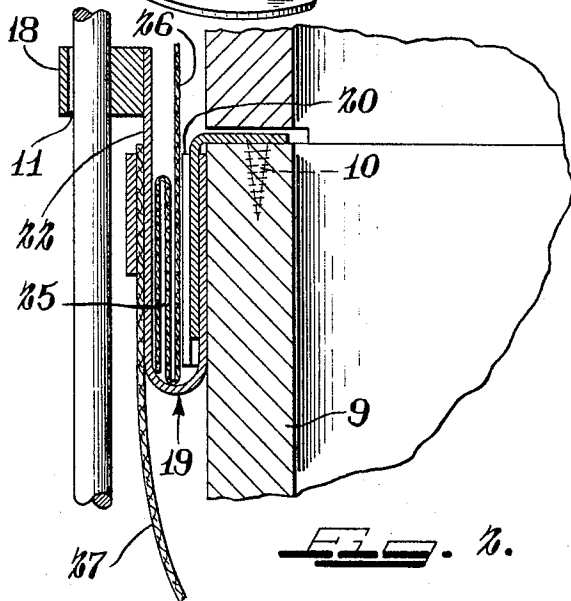
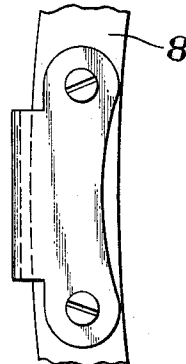


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to improvements in stands or supports for manikins or display forms simulating the human body of the type used for displaying articles of clothing.

Heretofore, such supports for display forms available have been objectionable either in that the same were unstable; as to risk falling and damaging the manikin, the garments, surrounding displays or the display window, or in that the same required opening a portion of most garments to permit attachment of the support to the manikin, or in that the same were obviously visible as to detract from the appearance of the garment on display, or in that the same required supporting attachment in such a way as to cause the drape of the garment to be distorted.

It is therefore the object of this invention to provide a display form support which will obviate the foregoing objections, which is simple in construction and easy to assemble and disassemble, which will afford substantial support for the manikin without detracting from its appearance or the appearance of the garment displayed, and which will allow the display of garments without damaging or mutilating the clothes.

Other objects of the invention will become apparent as this description proceeds, when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein like reference characters relate to like parts. In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a manikin illustrating one embodiment of the invention;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged sectional view showing the attachment of the novel support to a manikin having garments thereon;

FIGURE 3 is a front elevational view of part of the supporting and coupling mechanism;

FIGURE 4 is a rear elevational view of the manikin bracket; and

FIGURE 5 is a top plan view of the bracket shown in FIGURE 4 attached to the lower portion of a manikin.

For illustrative purposes, the most conventional kind of display form 1 is depicted, which is split in the vicinity of the waist, to form the upper portion 2 and the lower portion 3 thereof. An angle bracket 4, preferably a metal stamping, having an attaching portion 5, with mounting holes 6 countersunk therein, and a depending extension plate or leg 7, is mounted flat upon the upper surface 8 of the lower portion 3, of the display form, as by screws 10 countersunk in the mounting holes 6, so that the leg or plate 7, is spaced away from the vertical surface of the manikin.

The manikin support 11, comprises a base 12 and an upright standard 13 suitably attached thereto, as at 15. Fitted over the standard, and near its upper end, is the supporting and coupling socket mechanism 16, which may be slidably secured to the standard and held in a selected position by thumbscrew 17 threaded into an integral sleeve 18 as to bear against the standard 13 when tightened. The supporting and coupling socket mechanism 16 includes a bracket receiving socket 19. Socket 19 may be formed from a single piece of sheet metal bent inwardly at its sides to provide a pair of inverted opposed wings 20, defining with the main body portion 21, the socket 19. It has a straplike extension on its bottom that is bent rearwardly and then upwardly to define a connecting member 22, which may be suitably welded to or otherwise formed integral with sleeve 18. As shown the socket mechanism 16 comprises a unitary

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piece having an upwardly open wedge-shaped socket 19 therein of a configuration similar to bracket leg 7.

In use, the supporting and coupling mechanism is slidably moved along the upright standard 13 until it is of a height registering with the position of bracket 4, at which time the thumbscrew 17 is set and leg 7 is fitted into the socket 19, thus supporting the manikin, and the manikin is then dressed in conventional fashion. The tail 25 of a blouse or shirt 26 fitted over the manikin may be folded to fit within the space between the wings 20 and the connecting member 22, and the waist of a pair of trousers or slacks 27, fitted on the manikin, may be brought up into the space between the upright standard 13 and the connecting member 22 beneath the sleeve 18, all in such a manner that the display form is adequately supported without slitting, cutting, or destroying the clothes or affecting the natural drape of the garments.

Numerous changes and modifications may be apparent to those persons skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention, and I do not therefore wish to be limited to the exact construction, arrangement of parts or materials described in connection with the foregoing exemplary embodiment illustrated, except as limited by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A garment display form supporting and coupling assembly comprising, a display form, a bracket including a downwardly extending plate secured at its upper end to the form and spaced from said form, a socket to receive said plate, and a mounting portion integrally connected with the lower end of said socket and extending from its connected end, said mounting portion being spaced from the socket to permit a portion of a garment draped on said form to be admitted in the space between the form and mounting portion.

2. The structure recited in claim 1, in which the downwardly extending plate is wedge-shaped and the socket is similarly shaped.

3. The structure recited in claim 1, in which the mounting portion includes means for attachment to support means.

4. The structure recited in claim 1, in which the downwardly extending plate has a mounting flange on its upper edge disposed normal to its plane.

5. A combination standard and garment display form comprising, in combination, an upstanding standard, a bracket on said standard, said bracket including a mounting portion and an upwardly opening socket integral at its lower end with the lower end of the mounting portion and spaced therefrom to provide an upwardly opening space between them, a garment display form, a bracket mounted on said form and including a mounting portion and a downwardly extending leg spaced from the form, said leg and socket being wedge-shaped to be received one within the other to support the garment form on the standard in a manner to admit a portion of a garment draped on said form into the space between the socket and its mounting portion.

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