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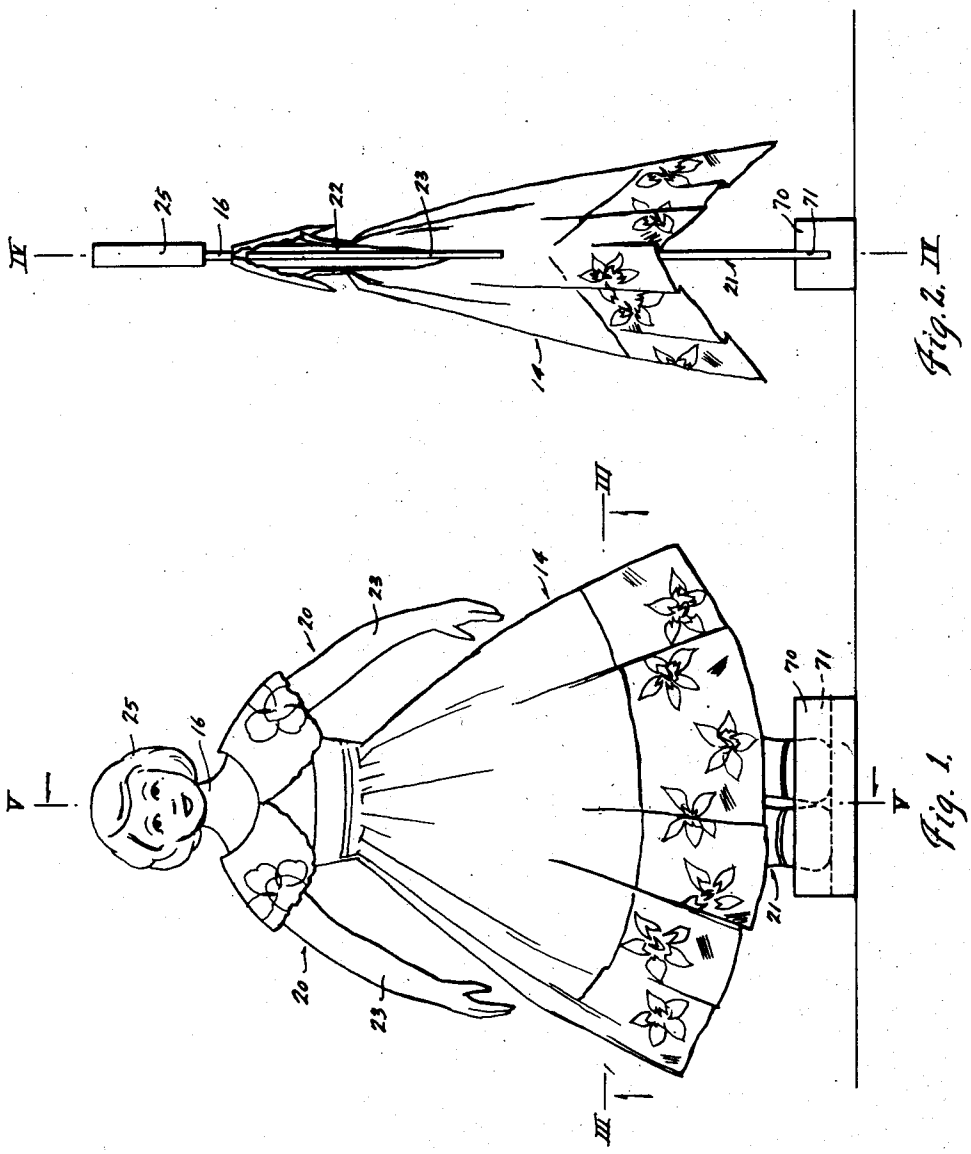


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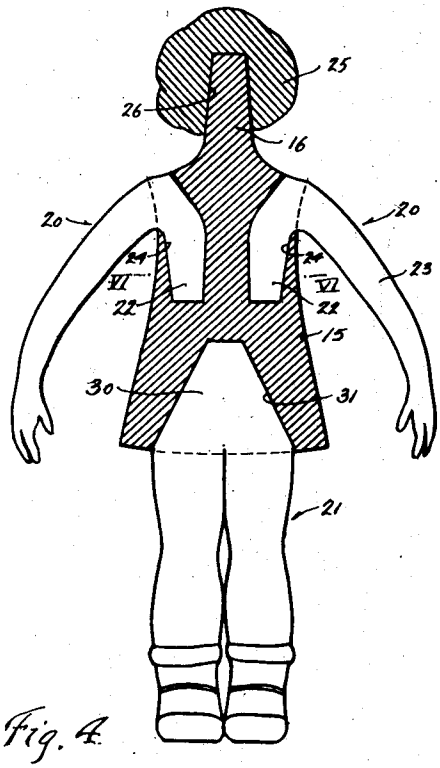


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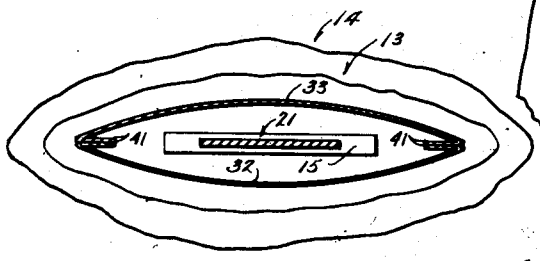


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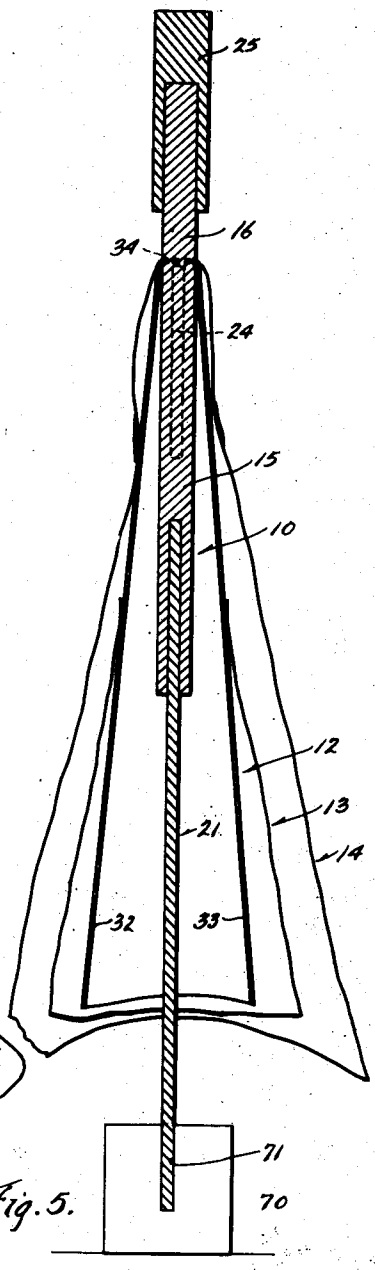


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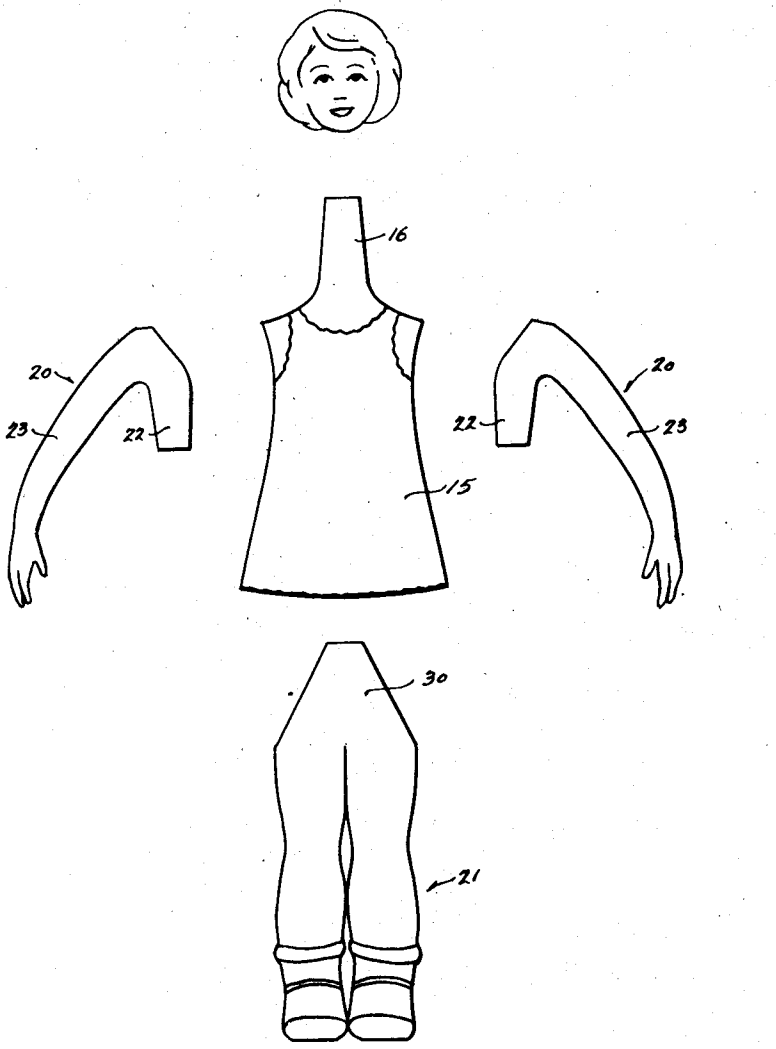


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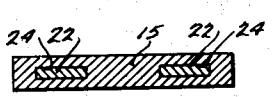


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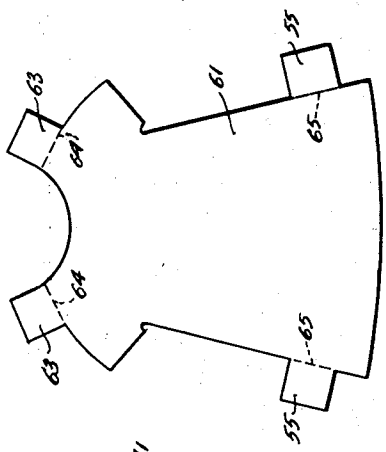


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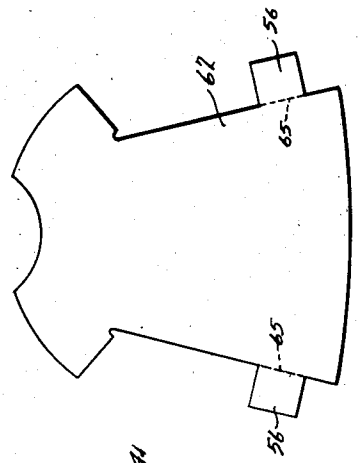


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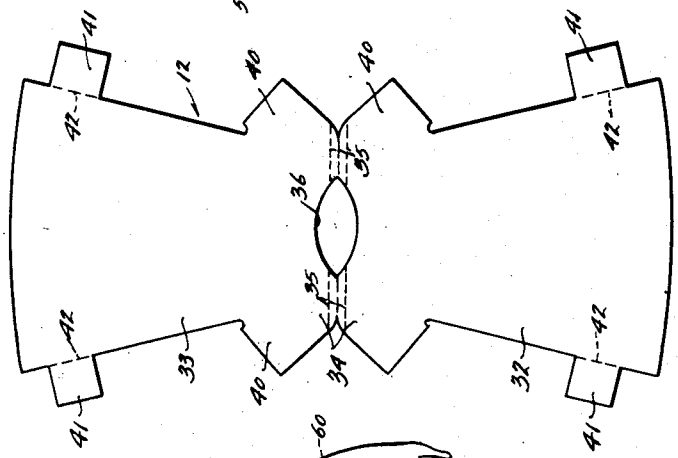


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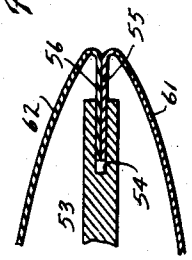


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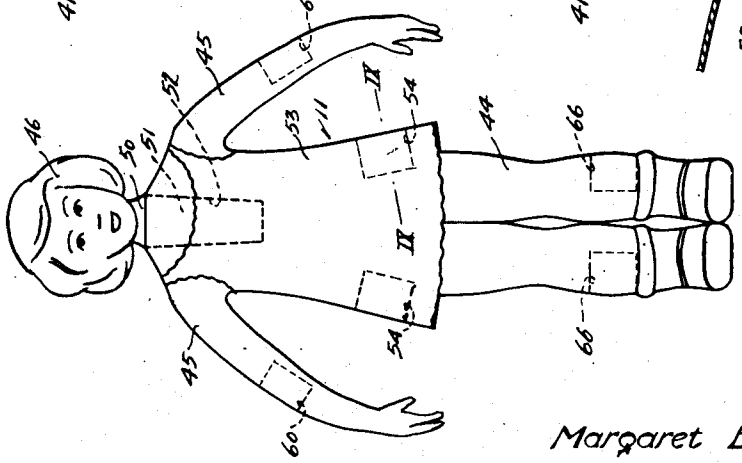


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My invention relates in general to educational toys, and particularly to a toy kit of the paper doll type.

It is well known to those skilled in the art that most paper dolls which are to be dressed by a child are sold in kits with a number of printed and colored dresses which are to be cut out by the child and fastened to the doll body either by paste, clips, or cord. In the prior art, if a base pattern is used, the dress is usually of a single flat piece of material which is fastened to the base over substantially its entire area by some suitable adhesive, thereby making the dress totally devoid of any three dimensional appearance.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a kit having a doll, a plurality of three dimensional foundation members, and a variety of materials of paper or cloth from which dresses may be made by the child.

Another object is to provide a kit by which the child may make any number of permanent dresses, each permanently attached to a separate foundation member and placed upon or removed from the doll at will.

A further object is to provide a doll body having a detachable head, arms, and leg portions, whereby the child may change the type of doll as to hair style and facial expression, the posture of the arms, and the kind of shoes and socks.

Moreover, my invention permits the child to make complete dresses, petticoats or slips, which may be permanently attached to the foundation member at their upper ends, thereby permitting the lower ends to extend outwardly beyond the body of the doll and thereby give a much desired three dimensional appearance.

Furthermore, my invention because of its detachable head and arm sections, permits the base member and the dress carried thereby to have the front and back portions permanently connected together.

It will be apparent that since, in my invention, the dress and/or petticoat or slip are attached to the base preferably only at the upper edge, the material may be shirred or pleated and thus more nearly simulate the dressmaker's art.

The above objects and advantages have been accomplished by the doll shown in the accompanying drawings of which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a doll completely dressed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the doll shown in Fig. 1 and is taken on line III—III of that figure;

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Fig. 4 is a sectional elevation of the doll body taken on line IV—IV of Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is an enlarged vertical sectional elevation of the doll completely dressed as shown in Fig. 1, taken on line V—V;

Fig. 6 is a sectional view of the doll body taken on line VI—VI of Fig. 4;

Fig. 7 is an exploded view of the doll body of my invention;

Fig. 8 is a front elevation of a doll body of modified form;

Fig. 9 is an enlarged fragmentary sectional view on line IX—IX of Fig. 8 showing the method of attaching the foundation member to the doll body of the form of Fig. 8;

Fig. 10 is a face view of a foundation member to be used where the front and the back of the dress are to be fastened together or made of one piece;

Fig. 11 is a face view of a foundation member to be used where the dress is to cover only the front of the doll; and,

Fig. 12 is a face view of a foundation for the back of a dress, and is used in conjunction with the foundation member shown in Fig. 11.

Generally speaking my invention comprises a doll body 10 of the form of invention shown in Figs. 1 to 7 inclusive, or a body 11 as shown in the form of invention in Fig. 8, about which may be placed a foundation member 12 and to which a petticoat 13 and/or dress or finishing garment 14 may be permanently attached.

Referring to the form of invention shown in Figs. 1 to 7 inclusive, the body of the doll of my invention is so shaped as to substantially simulate the form of the human body, thus adding to the realism of the doll, and it preferably comprises a torso 15 having a neck 16 attached thereto. Carried by the torso are two detachable arm portions 20 and a detachable leg portion 21. The thickness of the torso 15 is considerably greater than that of the component arm portions or leg portion as clearly shown in Fig. 5. Each of the arm portions 20 is provided with an arm 23 which is life-like in form and position. Each arm carries at a fixed angle an attaching member 22 which is tapered in width and which is extended downwardly for engagement with a substantially vertical tapered recess 24 formed in the torso. The recesses and the attaching members of the arms are so shaped (as shown in Figs. 4 and 7) as to extend vertically into the shoulders of the doll body, thereby providing for easy assembling and disassembling of the parts of the doll by relative vertical movement. By arranging the recesses 24

substantially vertical, the arms 20 when assembled will be maintained in fixed natural positions, and by forming these recesses in the shoulder portions of the doll, the normal shape of the doll body may be maintained.

The doll is provided with a detachable head portion 25 which, as shown in Fig. 5, is considerably thicker than the neck portion 16 and which is provided with a recess or slot 26 for the reception of the tapered upper end of the neck portion, whereby the child may change the head of the doll at will to a different type as to style and color of hair and whereby the head may be removed when placing upon the doll or removing therefrom a dress having a one-piece front and back portion.

In order for the child to change the style of shoes in accordance with the type of dress to be used on the doll shown in Figs. 1 to 7, it is desirable to make the leg portion 21 also detachable and to supply a number of leg portions having different styles or colors of shoes and/or of socks printed thereon. In order to accomplish this the upper part 30, which is tapered in width, extends upwardly into a tapered recess 31 formed in the torso. The arm portions and leg portions are so proportioned that there is sufficient frictional contact to keep these parts in assembled positions.

As hereinbefore stated, a foundation member is used as a base to which the complete dress and/or petticoat is permanently attached, no part of any of the garments being attached directly to the doll body. A number of such members are shown in Figs. 10 to 12 inclusive. Where, as is most desirable, the dress is to cover the front and the back of the doll, a foundation member similar to that shown in Fig. 10 is employed in which 32 is the front portion and 33 is the back portion thereof. These parts may be duplicates so that either portion may be used at the front or the back, and it is preferable that the two parts be fastened at the shoulder engaging portions 34 where they are folded along spaced lines 35, thus providing the foundation member with substantially horizontal shoulder-engaging portions of a width substantially equal to the thickness of the doll's shoulders, thereby insuring a neat fit of the foundation member upon the doll body as well as of any portion of the dress which extends across the shoulders. The assembled foundation member is provided with an opening 36 for passage over the neck 16 of the doll, and with short projecting sleeve portions 40. Tabs 41 are provided preferably on each part of the foundation member which are folded underneath the member along the dotted lines 42. These tabs are preferably fastened together by pasting or otherwise, so as to permanently hold the front and back portions together. Obviously, if desired, the foundation member may be made as a wrap-around (not shown). The longitudinal edges of the parts of the foundation member may be secured together by any suitable means, it being necessary only to provide an opening therein for passage over the neck and tapered portions 22 of the arms of the doll.

When using the foundation member illustrated in Fig. 10, the tabs 41 may be omitted if desired and the back and front portions of the foundation member permanently fastened together by being pasted or stapled. A foundation member such as that shown in Fig. 10 is illustrated upon the form of the doll as shown in Figs. 1 to 7 inclusive, and as shown particularly in Fig. 5 this pattern is extended up over the shoulders of the doll and the dress is secured to the member preferably at or above the waistline where, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it is gathered in usual manner. The complete dress which may be made of crepe paper or other soft material may be pleated or otherwise fashioned to simulate an adult dress; and, since each garment is preferably fastened at points above the waistline, the lower unattached portions thereof will flare outwardly in bouffant manner. As shown in Fig. 5, the doll's garments include a petticoat 13 which is fastened at its upper end only to the foundation member at any desired place but preferably below the waistline thereof. Because of the fact that each dress and/or petticoat is permanently attached to the foundation member, the child may design and fashion any desired number of dresses for her doll using materials of various kinds and colors. As each piece of material forming the dress is cut and fashioned, it is permanently fastened to its foundation member.

Each of the foundation members to which the garments are permanently attached may be interchangeably placed upon the doll body or removed therefrom by first detaching the head and arm sections, which are again asembled upon the body after the selected dress with its permanently associated foundation member is placed upon the doll.

In Figs. 8 and 9 there is shown a modified form of doll in which the body 11 is provided with an integral leg portion 44 and integral arms 45. The head 46, however, is made integral with the neck 50, the lower end 51 of which is tapered and fitted into a tapered recess 52 formed in the upper portion of the body. The torso 53 of the body is provided with a number of oppositely arranged recesses 54 for the reception of tabs 55 and 56 provided on the foundation member. The arms of this doll may also be formed with recesses 60 which may be used when different designs of sleeve are desired.

The foundation member shown and described in Fig. 10 may be used in connection with this doll, the tabs 41 thereof being left unattached and engaged with the recesses 54. The foundation members shown in Figs. 11 and 12, however, are best suited to a doll of this type. The front portion of the foundation member 61 is shown in Fig. 11, and the back portion 62 thereof is shown in Fig. 12. The front portion is provided with shoulder tabs 63 which may be bent backwardly on the dotted lines 64 and to which the back foundation member 62 is secured by pasting or otherwise.

The tabs 55 and 56 which are located near the lower ends of the foundation members are preferably bent backwardly on the dotted lines marked 65 and are held in position by engagement with the recess 54 of the doll body, as shown in the enlarged sectional view of Fig. 9. The doll body of the form of Fig. 8 may also be provided with opposite recesses 66 in the leg portion 44 for engagement with a leg portion foundation member (not shown) when it is desired to change the style of shoes and socks worn by the doll.

One or more supporting blocks 70 are provided whereby each doll may be held in upright position. A slot 71 is formed in the upper face of each block for the reception of the lower end of the leg portion of the doll.

What is claimed is:

1. A doll having a flat body provided with a

demountable head and demountable arms, and a dress ensemble associated with the body, the ensemble comprising a foundation member for placement upon the body after the removal of the demountable head and demountable arms, the foundation member surrounding the doll body and being supported by the shoulders thereof, and a dress made from any desired materials permanently attached solely to the foundation member.

2. A doll having a flat body provided with a demountable head and demountable arms, and a dress ensemble associated with the body, the ensemble comprising a foundation member for placement upon the body after the removal of the demountable head and arms, the foundation member surrounding the body and being supported by the shoulders thereof, the foundation member being formed with openings to permit the mounting of the head and the arms after the foundation member with its garment is in place upon the body, and a dress made from any suitable materials permanently attached solely to the foundation member.

3. A doll having a flat body, a demountable head for the body, means for attaching the head to the body, the body being formed with arm engaging sockets, demountable arms engageable with the sockets of the body, and a dress ensemble associated with the body, the ensemble comprising a foundation member for placement upon the body after the removal of the demountable head and the demountable arms, the foundation member being supported by the shoulders

of the doll body and being formed with front and back parts united at the shoulder-engaging portions and at the sides thereof, the foundation member being formed with an opening between the shoulder-engaging portions of lesser size than the size of the head and with openings opposite the arm sockets of the body for passage of the body-engaging ends of the demountable arms, and a complete dress made from any suitable materials permanently attached solely to the foundation member.

4. A doll having a flat body provided with a demountable head and demountable arms, and a dress ensemble associated with the body, the ensemble comprising a foundation member for placement upon the body after the removal of the demountable head and demountable arms, the foundation member surrounding the doll body and being supported by the shoulders thereof, a dress made from any desired materials permanently attached solely to the foundation member, and a petticoat permanently attached to the foundation member independently of the dress.

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