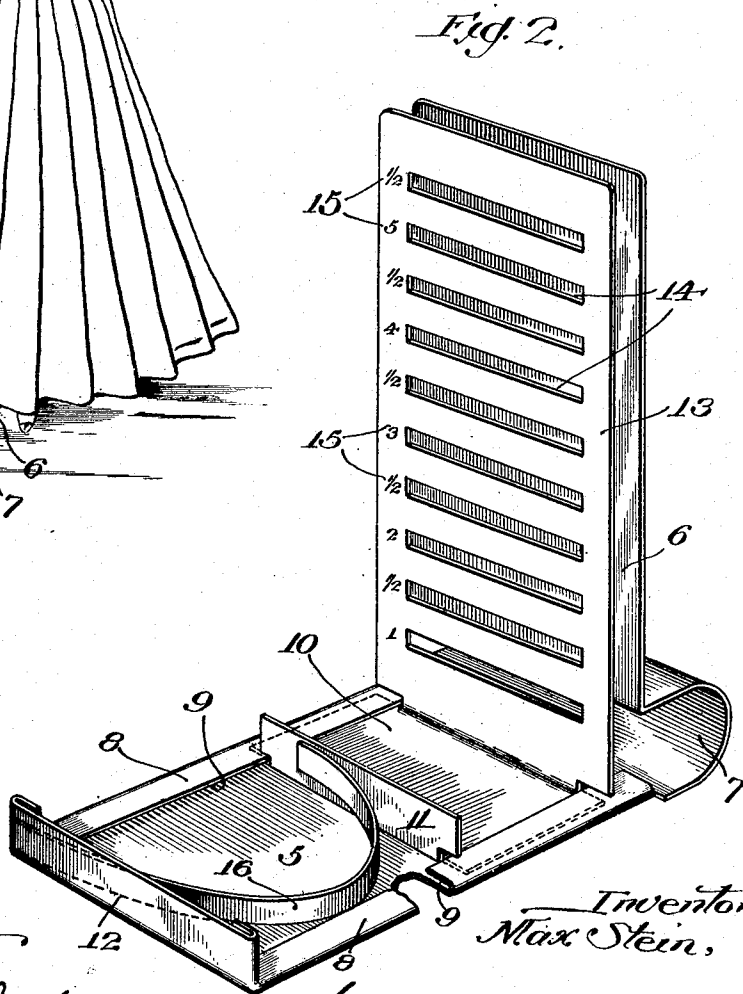
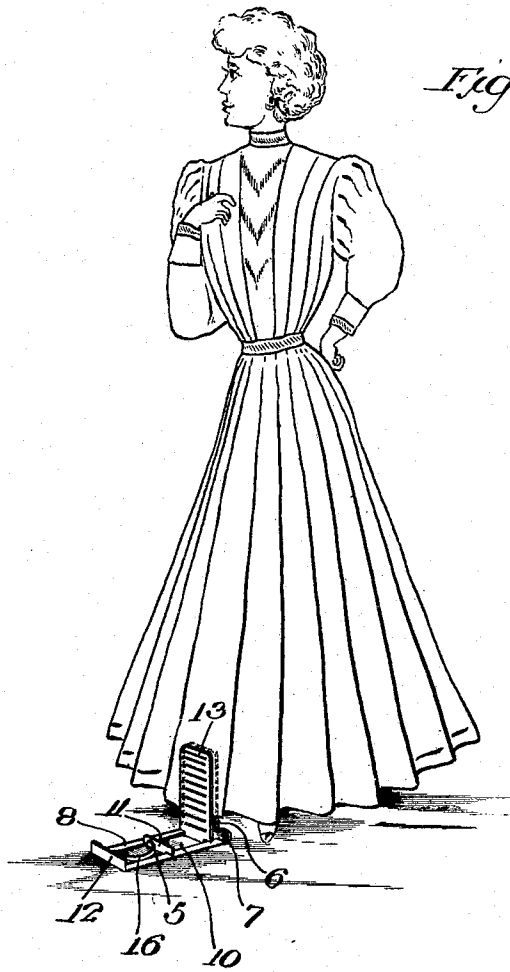


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX STEIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Monica, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dressmakers' Skirt-Gages, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore, in skirt gage construction, adjustable members have been provided and frames for supporting the adjustable members, so that by adjusting to any given height the skirt could be marked or gaged at any point desired. The construction for adjustment necessitates the use of many members so that the average adjustable skirt gage is very cumbersome and inconvenient to use.

The prime object of this invention is to provide a device which does not need adjustment in order to be used to gage a skirt at any given height, and, moreover, to provide such a device in a simple and easily handled construction.

In the accomplishment of this object my invention consists primarily of two vertically supported members of a flat or horizontally curved configuration, one of the members being placed inside of the skirt and the other outside. The outside member is provided with graduated slots or other gaging means so that the skirt may be marked therethrough at any desired height, the inner member providing a backing against which the skirt rests while the marking is being done.

I accomplish the above by means of the device described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1,—is a perspective view showing my improved skirt gage in use. Fig. 2,—is an enlarged perspective view of the skirt gage.

The gage has been designed and is illustrated in a form particularly adapted for construction from sheet metal, the only operations necessary being those of stamping, but it will appear from the following description that the gage can be manufactured in any suitable manner from any adapted material.

In the form illustrated, 5 designates a base portion adapted to rest upon the floor or other supporting surface. This base portion is provided with a vertical backing plate 6 of any desired height and of a width ap-

proximately the same as that of the base. Instead of the backing plate being joined directly to the base an outwardly curved portion 7 is interposed, into which the lower edge of the skirt may fold should it be so long as to rest upon the floor. The longitudinal edges of base 5 are bent upon themselves as at 8 to form ways 9 in which movable member 10 may be reciprocated. The ends of both base 5 and movable member 10 are turned up as at 11 and 12 so that they may be grasped in the fingers of the operator for moving member 10. If desired, a spring 16 may be inserted between ends 11 and 12 normally pressing the movable member toward the skirt, but this spring is not essential to the working of the gage.

Mounted on movable member 10 is an upright gage plate 13 of the same height as backing plate 6. This gage plate is provided with a plurality of spaced horizontal slots 14 which are placed at definite spaced distances above base plate 5 and are correspondingly designated for those distances, as at 15. These slots are of sufficient width to enable the use of a crayon in marking the skirt, placed between the backing and the gage plates.

The use of my improved gage is shown in Fig. 1, the lower edge of the skirt being placed between the two plates and marked through any desired one of the slots for any particular purpose for which the marking may be required. Thus the gage may be used for cutting the skirt off at a given point or for placing thereon ruffles, bands or any other desired embellishment.

It is obvious that the backing and gage plates may be constructed to be slightly curved in a horizontal plane so as to correspond to the curvature of the average skirt, although it is not necessary to the efficient working of the device that this should be done.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. A skirt gage, comprising a base plate provided with guideways therein and having an upright backing plate formed integrally therewith, a gage plate movably mounted in the guideways of the base plate, said plates adapted to receive between them the goods of a skirt, and resilient means to actuate said second named plate.

2. A skirt gage comprising a base, an up-

right backing plate rigidly mounted on said base, a spring actuated gage plate movably mounted on said base, said gage plate provided with a plurality of vertically spaced
5 gage slots, said plates adapted to receive between them the goods of a skirt.

3. A skirt gage, comprising a base and a backing plate composed of a single piece of material, a curved portion being formed
10 at the base of the backing plate for the reception of the lower edge of a skirt, and a

gage plate movably mounted on the base and provided with a plurality of gaging means thereon.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I 15 have hereunto subscribed my name this 30th day of March, 1908.

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