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FIG. 1

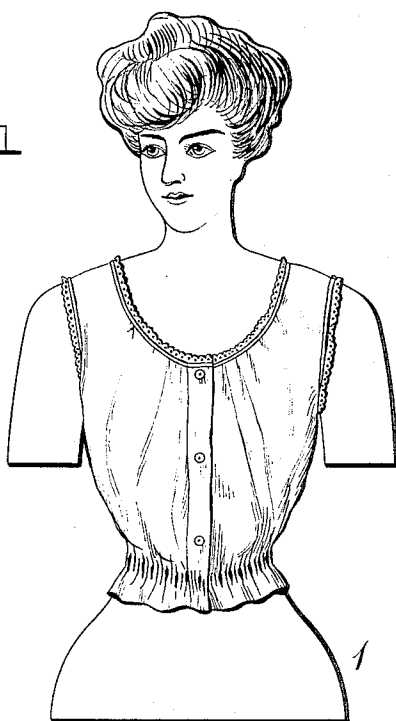


FIG. 2

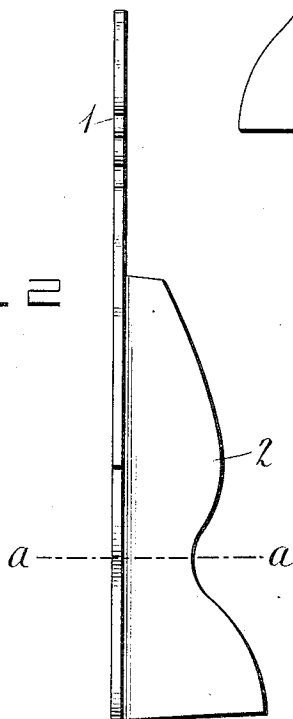
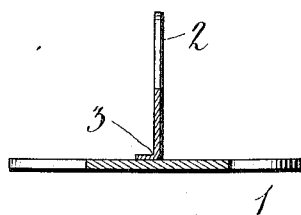


FIG. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE GALLAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display-Forms; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved display-form adapted for use in stores and store-windows for artistically and attractively displaying garments; and it consists in a form made of cardboard or other flat material cut in the size and shape of the human figure and adapted to have an article or articles of clothing fitted thereon for the purpose of attractively displaying the same, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of a display-form embodying my improvements, showing the same draped with a garment to display the same. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the form; and Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the same, taken on the plane indicated by the line *a a* of Fig. 2 and showing the supporting-flap which serves to support the form in a substantially perpendicular position.

My improved display-form 1 is a figure made of cardboard or other suitable flat material, showing the head, neck, shoulders, bust, and hips of a life-sized human figure. The same is preferably lithographed or otherwise ornamented in natural colors. The position of the face of this figure is such as to show the side lines of the neck evenly. The shoulders of the figure are both of the same height and breadth, and the side lines of the waist and hips are exactly regular and uniform, so that when the figure is draped with a garment and the latter is filled out with a stuffing of paper or other suitable material the garment will appear to be perfectly fitted on the figure and will be attractively displayed. The form presents the side lines of the human figure, and the bust and back lines may be obtained by the decorator or window-dresser by appropriately stuffing the garments on one or both sides of the form with

paper or other suitable filling material. On the back of the form at the center thereof is a supporting-flap 2, which is hingedly connected, as at 3, to the form and which may be folded flat against the form when the latter is not in use or may be extended at right angles thereto to bear on the floor or counter or other object on which the form is mounted in order to support the form in an upright position. The outer edge of this supporting-flap is shaped to correspond with the waist and hip lines or curves of the figure, so as not to interfere with or distort the outlines of the shape of the figure. The usual wax and other manufactured figures are made in such forms and shapes that they can be used only in certain few positions and under certain conditions. The purpose of this invention is to supply the window and store decorator a novel means for and method of artistically and attractively displaying garments and materials for same in such positions and manner as is not possible otherwise, the light weight of the figure and its flat shape permitting of attachment on walls, pillars, shelves, lines, counters, chairs, lounges, &c., in show-windows and throughout store and show rooms. Its shape also permits of artistic and life-like portrayal of the human features in natural colors, thus avoiding all stiff, cold, and uncanny appearance.

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

The herein-described display-form comprising the flat figure representing the face and having side lines forming the outlines of the head, neck, shoulders, upper portions of the arms, bust and hips of a human figure, said side lines corresponding in size and shape and being equidistant from the vertical center of the form, and the flat flap on the rear side of the form, hinged to the center thereof, and having its outer edge corresponding to the side lines thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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