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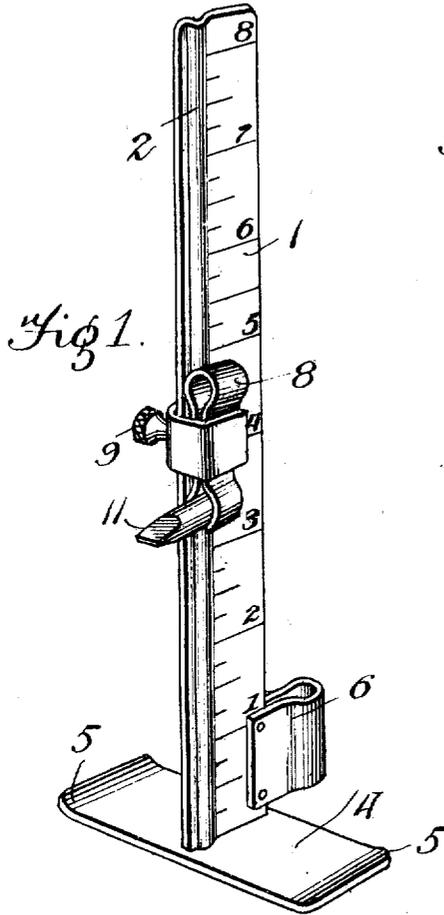


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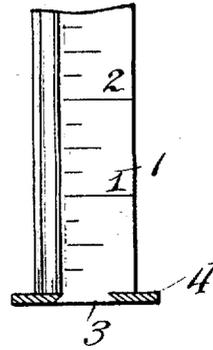


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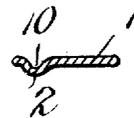
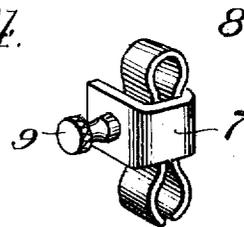


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## SKIRT-MARKER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MYRTLE B. LONGNECKER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Allentown, in the county of Lehigh and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to skirt markers, and the principal object of the same is to provide means whereby a lady's skirt may be marked around the bottom at the required height from the ground by a person not skilled in the art of dressmaking.

Another object of the invention is to provide a marker for skirts which is easily adjusted to mark the required length of the skirt and the depth of the hem and at the same time which can be operated by an unskilled person, said marker being also available for use in marking skirts at the places where ruffles or flounces are to be attached and for marking the places for bands around the hips.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a skirt marker made in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the lower or base portion of the marker. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of the upright or rule. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the slide and crayon holder.

Referring to the drawing for a more specific description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates the upright or rule graduated off in inches and fractions thereof, as shown. For ordinary purposes this upright or rule should be about eight inches in length, although any suitable length may be utilized. This rule may be made of a comparatively thin piece of sheet metal and provided with a rib or corrugation 2, the purpose of which is two-fold. The rib 2 assists in stiffening the upright and at the same time forms a seat for a set screw for holding the indicator and crayon holder to the upright, as will hereinafter appear. The rule 1 at its lower end is dovetailed, as at 3, and secured in a similar recess in a base portion 4, said base portion being turned up at its ends, as at 5, so that it will move readily over the floor or carpet. Secured to the rule 1 at a point near the base 4 is a finger hold for moving the article

An indicator consisting of a U-shaped clamp 7 and a crayon holder 8 is mounted upon the rule, and the crayon holder consists of a single piece of metal bent somewhat in the form of the figure 8 and inserted within the U-shaped clamp 7 in such a way that a single binding screw 9, the end of which will be seated in the groove 10 formed opposite the rib 2 holds the indicator at the desired point and at the same time closes the clamp 8 upon the chalk 11.

The operation of my invention may be briefly referred to as follows: When a skirt is to be marked the wearer stands at the side of the rule 1 with the skirt on which it is desired to mark. The person operating the marker grasps the hand hold 6 and draws the marker around the skirt with the crayon 11 in contact with the skirt, thus making dashes a few inches apart around the skirt.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that my invention is of simple construction, is easy and quick to operate, cannot readily get out of order and is a very desirable device for use by dressmakers and private families.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

1. A skirt marker comprising an upright rule having a rib and groove formed therein and extending longitudinally thereof, a handle for moving said rule, a base to which said rule is secured, said base having upturned ends, a combined crayon holder and indicator mounted adjustably upon the rule, said indicator comprising a U-shaped clamp, the crayon holder comprising a clasp, and a set screw for clamping the indicator and crayon holder to the rule and clamping the chalk to the crayon holder.

2. A marker for ladies' skirts comprising an upright rule supported upon a base and provided with a hand hold for moving the same, a combined clamp and crayon holder consisting of a U-shaped clamp, a screw for securing said clamp to the upright, and a chalk holder disposed between the U-shaped clamp and the upright, and a piece of chalk or crayon clamped in the holder by the set screw.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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