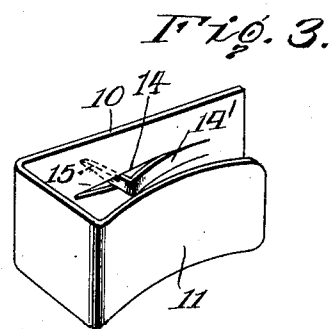
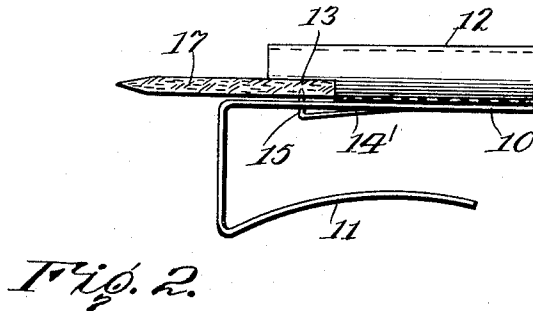
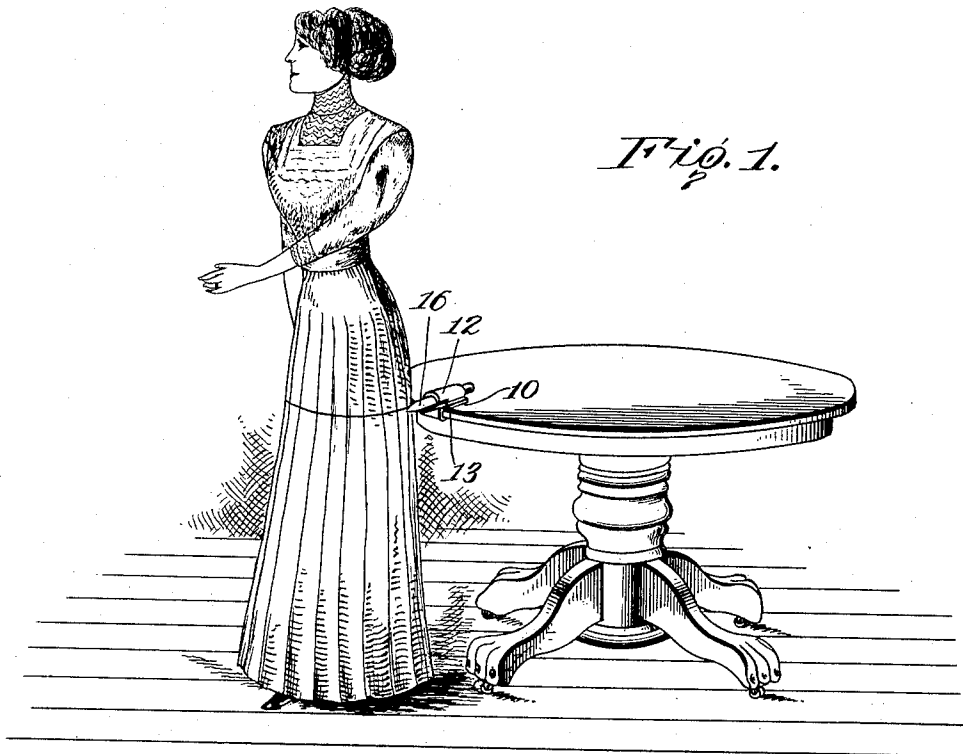


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLYN M. B. TILLER, citizen of the United States, residing at Stoneville, in the county of Rockingham and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in devices for marking skirts to secure uniformity of the "hang" of the same, and has for one of its objects to simplify and improve the construction and increase the utility of devices of this character.

Another object of the invention is to provide a simply constructed device of this character which will enable the seamstress to accurately gage the skirt without assistance.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character in which a chalk crayon or a piece of tailors' chalk may be employed with equal facility.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in certain novel features of construction as hereinafter shown and described and then specifically pointed out in the claim, and in the drawings illustrative of the preferred embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved device applied; Fig. 2 is a side elevation enlarged of the same, with a section of tailor's chalk located therein; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improved device from beneath.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the accompanying drawings by the same reference characters.

The improved device comprises a base portion, preferably formed from a single strip of resilient metal and bent into substantially U-shape, with one leg portion 10 straight and adapted to bear upon a table or other suitable support, and the other leg 11 curved to apply the requisite grip to hold the base portion in position without the necessity for other holding means. The member 10—11 will be of sufficient strength so that when applied to a table it will hold with a sufficient grip to prevent displacement when in use, while at the same time it will yield to pressure when it is to be detached or adjusted. Mounted upon the portion 10 of

the base is a tubular holder 12 having a cut away portion 13 at one end. Formed in the straight portion 10 of the base is a V-shaped cleft 14 whereby a tongue 14' is released and the point 15 of the tongue bent at right angles to the same and projecting upwardly into the space formed by the cut away portion 13 of the tubular holder. The tubular holder is preferably smaller at one end than at the other, as shown, and adapted to receive a chalk crayon, represented at 16, the point of the crayon extending beyond the base 10—11, as shown. The tapered tubular holder 12 will thus support the crayon rigidly in position and said crayon will be further supported by the point 15 of the tongue 14'. When a piece of tailor's chalk is to be used instead of the crayon, the section of chalk is inserted into the cut away portion 13 and is engaged by the point 15 of the tongue 14' which thus holds it in position, the marking or thin edge of the chalk extending beyond the body of the base 10—11.

A device thus constructed is used as follows: The base 10—11 is pressed over the edge of a sewing or like table and the crayon 16 or the tailor's chalk 17 applied as the case may be. The skirt should be finished except at the bottom and then placed on the person who is to wear the same. The table or other object upon which the device is attached should be of a height to bring the chalk opposite a point well below the hips of the wearer of the garment when standing adjacent to the device, and then the wearer of the skirt stands near enough to the marker so that the chalk will make a mark upon the skirt as the wearer slowly turns around. By this means a chalk mark is made entirely around the skirt in parallel relation to the floor. The skirt is then removed and measured from the chalk line down as far as desired, this measurement being the same at all points around the skirt. The difference in the length of the skirt is usually caused by the protruding portions of the person, as the hips or the abdomen, but the marker being located below these protuberances will not be affected thereby but will mark on a level line entirely around the skirt, as before stated. Thus if the skirt is made of a uniform length below the mark there will be no sagging or "dips." The

skirt is then cut off or hemmed up even with the marks last made and the chalk marks are brushed off. When the skirt is thus marked and hemmed the bottom will measure uniform distance from the ground or floor all around.

The improved device is simple in construction, can be inexpensively manufactured and applied and will be found of great convenience by persons who may desire to make their own clothes, and will also be found of equal assistance to seamstresses who make clothes for others.

The implement is entirely of metal and may be plated or otherwise ornamented as may be preferred.

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

A device of the class described, comprising a base member having a resilient tongue including an upwardly directed point, and a holder for the marking element comprising a tubular body secured at one side to the base and having said side cut away at one end and into which cut away portion the point of the tongue projects.

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

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