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Fig. 1.

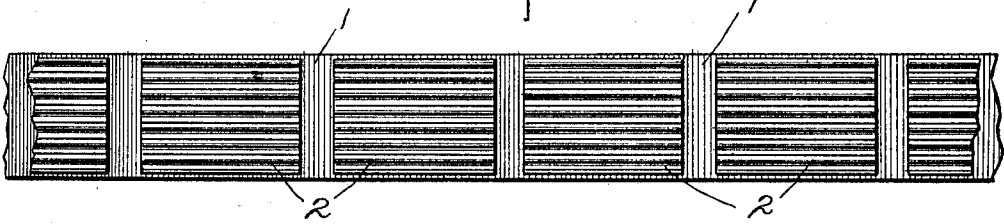


Fig. 2.

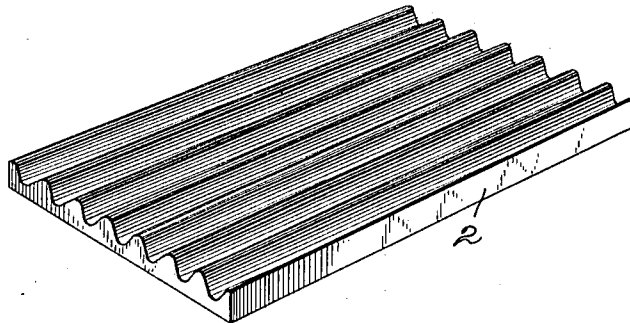


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. KNAPP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Dress-Weights, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in dress weights, and the object of the invention is to provide simple, cheap, and efficient means whereby skirts, or coats, are sustained in proper position having the necessary or requisite "set", and are prevented from flying up, being kept in position by virtue of the present invention.

Further and other objects will be later set forth and manifested.

In the drawings: Figure 1, is a top plan view of the invention, or a fragment thereof, Fig. 2, is a detail perspective of one of the rubber blocks, or weights, removed from its base, and Fig. 3, is a transverse section of Fig. 2.

The invention includes a strip of cloth, leather, or any other textile, or fabric, or other flexible material which may be found to be suitable for the use contemplated. This strip is designated 1, in the drawings and same may be made of great length, confined to a spool, or reel, and cut off as desired. Vulcanized, or otherwise secured to one side face of the strip 1, are a series of rubber blocks 2, each preferably possessed of a rectangular contour or outline, the blocks having one face, namely their exposed outer faces corrugated, as clearly depicted in the drawings, for a purpose later set out. The blocks, or weights 2, may be formed of other material suitable for the purpose, and are arranged in spaced relation, that is to say there is a space between the adjacent ends of adjacent blocks, which permits full and free flexibility of the cloth or other base 1. Moreover, this allows the strip to be easily rolled on a spool or reel for purpose of storage, transportation, or as a dispensing means in stores. It is possible to also fold the strips, in evident manner instead of winding same on reels or the like.

As shown the strip or base 1, has its opposite longitudinal side edges projecting

beyond the adjacent side faces or edges of the blocks 2, thus affording and providing means whereby the strip may be sewed, by stitching, to the skirt or other article. The space between the ends of the blocks, may also be utilized to sew the strip to the apparel, if desired or found necessary.

I am aware that prior to my invention rings and leaden pieces or the like have been employed to weight the skirt bottom, but they are objectionable, in that in descending stairs, or in crossing floors of wood, a rattling and annoying noise results. Again they flap against the wearer's ankles, and often result in an uneven hanging of the skirt, and in pressing the clothes an impression is left when the iron contacts with the weights. The present case eliminates the above objectionable features, it can be applied either at one or more points about the skirt, or it can completely extend around the same.

The purpose of the corrugations is to form a secure engagement with the skirt, since if desired, the corrugations may be brought to face the skirt and engage directly therewith, in which event, it will be manifest that the corrugations will assist in forming a secure gripping union with the garment, discouraging any tendency to shift or move, after having been applied. The corrugations may be omitted if desired. The strip may be sewed to the bottom of the skirt on the inner face thereof, or may be placed inside of the facing, which latter is usually on the bottom of the skirt.

As thin rubber in use often buckles and bends, in such cases the blocks may be sewed to the dress by carrying the stitching through the thin or weakened portions of the corrugated blocks. In this way the blocks may be individually fastened to the material on which the blocks are used, if desired, or found necessary.

The present invention is also used in connection with curtains for windows and the like and window hangings and portières.

What is claimed is:—

A dress weight composed of a strip of cloth, and a series of rectangular blocks of flexible material vulcanized to said strip, said blocks being arranged in spaced end to end relation and in spaced relation to the

longitudinal sides of the strip, whereby such spaces may be utilized to receive stitching to permit the strip to be sewed to a garment or other device, and to permit the
5 strip to retain its original flexible condition.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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