

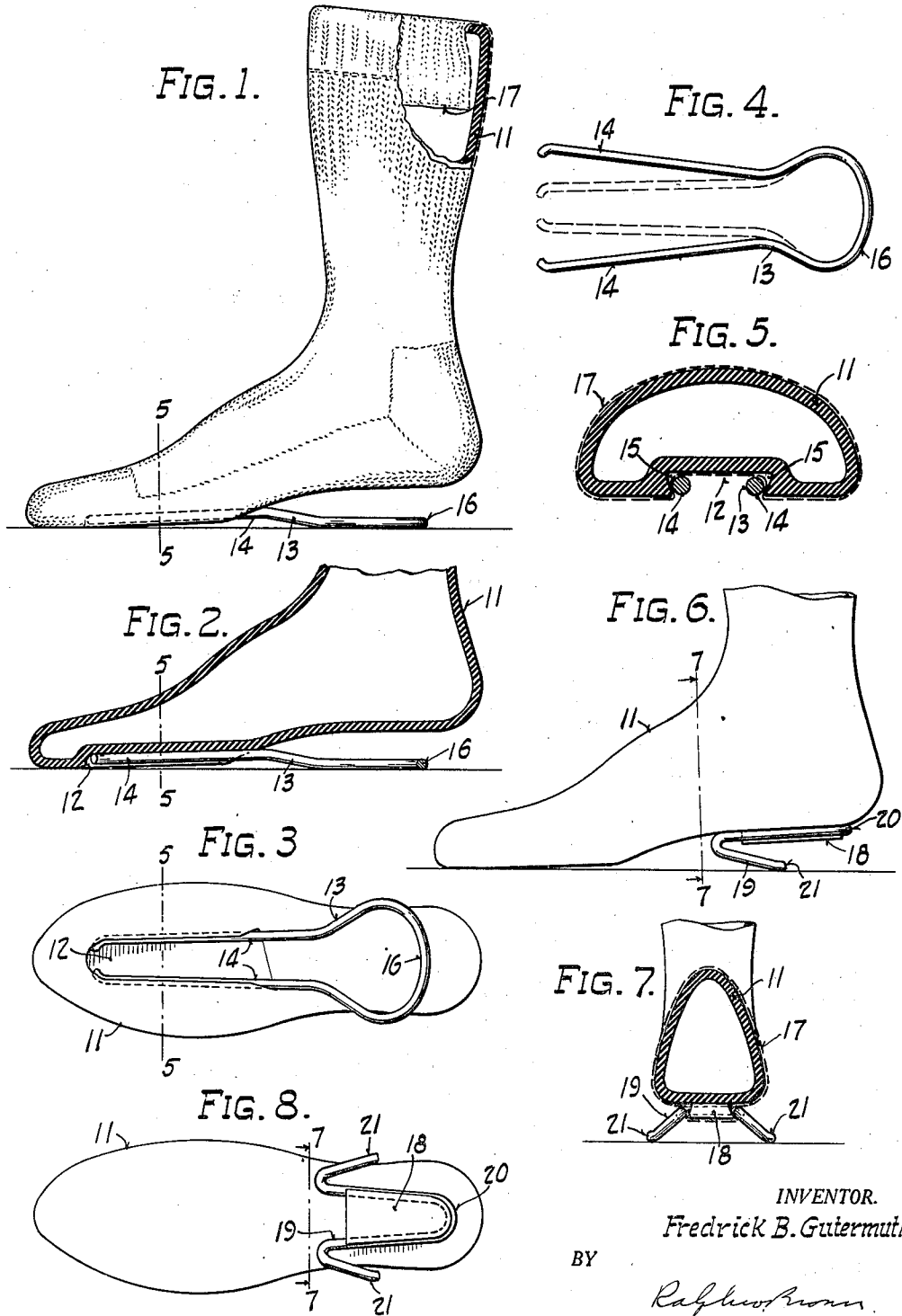
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This invention relates to hosiery display forms. An object of the present invention is to provide an improved inconspicuous stable support for hosiery display forms which may be readily attached to the form without objectionable distortion or injury to the hosiery applied to the form.

Other more specific objects and advantages will appear, either expressed or implied, from the following description of the illustrative embodiments of the present invention.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is a side view of a display form embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the lower portion of the display form shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a bottom view of the display form shown in Fig. 1, showing the method of attaching the support.

Fig. 4 is a view of the supporting member.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged transverse sectional view along the lines 5-5 of Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

Fig. 6 is a side view of a hosiery display form having a slightly modified support.

Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view along the line 7-7 of Figs. 6 and 8.

Fig. 8 is a bottom view of the modified form shown in Fig. 6.

The display form illustrated comprises a hollow body portion 11 shaped to simulate a human foot with a connecting leg portion. It has been found that the most artistic and effective display is produced by a form designed to rest upon the toes and ball of the foot with the heel slightly elevated and retained in that position by an invisible or inconspicuous support.

In the form shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 5, the underside of the ball of the foot is formed to provide a groove 12. A support in the form of a clip 13, made of relatively heavy resilient wire, has two end strands 14 which may be pressed together and inserted within the groove 12, where the clip will be securely held by the resilient outward pressure of the strands 14 against the sides of the groove 12. The sides 15 of the groove 12 are preferably undercut, as shown, to afford more secure anchorage for the clip.

The clip 13 and the ball of the foot thus provide a secure, inconspicuous base, supporting the display form. The end portion 16 of the clip is preferably laterally spread or extended to give adequate and stable support to the form. Likewise the end portion 16 of the clip may be bent relative to the strands 14, to support the heel at any height desired.

In use, the stocking 17 is first applied over the

foot and leg portions of the form 11, as indicated in Fig. 1, and thereafter the base or clip 13 is applied, pressing the stocking into the groove 12. It should be noted that the application of the clip requires no twisting of the stocking, and that the groove 12 may be made very shallow, so that undesired distortion or stretching of the stocking is avoided. Likewise the sides of the groove are made substantially parallel to the sides of the foot, to further minimize the bad effects of stocking distortion.

A modified form of the invention is shown in Figs. 6, 7 and 8. In this form, the body portion 11 of the form has a lug 18 formed beneath the heel. A spring clip 19, likewise of resilient wire, has a loop 20 which may be sprung around the lug 18, and has downturned end strands 21 designed to serve as a base for supporting the display form, coacting with the toe of the form to produce a three-point support. The sides of the lug are also undercut to allow more secure engagement between the lug and the clip 19. As in the form first above described, the stocking is first applied to the foot and leg portions of the display form 11 and the spring clip 19 thereafter attached over the stocking.

If desired, the heel clip 19 may of course be made to grip the inside of a groove upon the heel, as does the clip 13 in the form first described, rather than engaging about a lug.

Likewise, if desired, the spring clip 13 may be modified by forming it with the strands 14 connected at the forward end to form a loop, and the rear portion 16 separated into two supporting strands, in a manner similar to that of the clip 19.

Various changes may be made in any of the embodiments of the invention hereinabove specifically described without departing from or sacrificing the advantages of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a hosiery display device the combination of a three-dimensional form simulating a human foot and having a support-receiving formation on its bottom and disposed wholly between the sides of the foot, and a detachable support for sustaining said form in upright position with the heel thereof elevated, said support comprising a pair of arms, and a resilient connection therebetween for effecting a gripping pressure between said arms and said formation.

2. In a hosiery display device the combination of a three-dimensional form simulating a human foot and having a support-receiving formation

on its bottom and disposed wholly between the side walls of the foot, and a resilient member in gripping engagement with said formation, said member having an end portion spaced below the heel of said form, the toe of said form and said end portion coacting to form a base for sustaining said form in upright position with the heel thereof elevated.

3. In a hosiery display device the combination of a three-dimensional form simulating a human foot and having a support-receiving formation beneath the toe portion and spaced inwardly from the sides thereof, and a resilient member in gripping engagement with said formation and extending rearwardly toward and below the heel of said form, said member and the toe portion of said form constituting a base on which said form rests in upright position with the heel thereof elevated.

4. In a hosiery display device the combination of a three-dimensional form simulating a human foot and having a support-receiving formation

beneath the heel portion and spaced inwardly from the sides thereof, and a resilient member in gripping engagement with said formation, said member having portions extending downwardly below the heel of said form and coacting with the toe portion of said form to provide a base on which said form rests in upright position with the heel thereof elevated.

5. In a hosiery display device the combination of a form simulating a human foot and having a lug on the under side thereof and also having a forward portion adapted to rest on a supporting surface, and a resilient member in gripping engagement with said lug and having a portion extending from said lug and adapted to rest on said supporting surface, the said forward portion of said form and said extended portion of said member being arranged to coact with said supporting surface in a manner to support said form in upright position.

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