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SKIRT EVENER.
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Fig. 1.

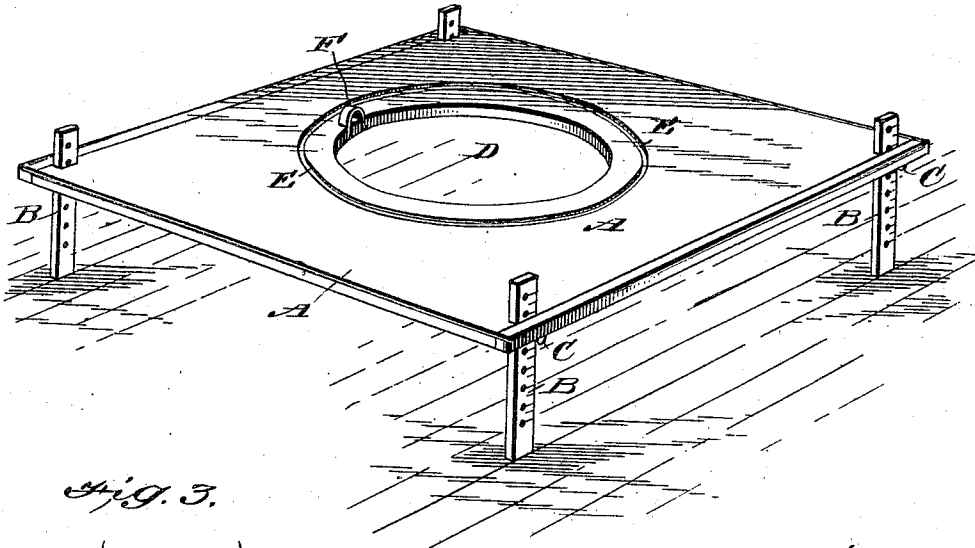


Fig. 3.

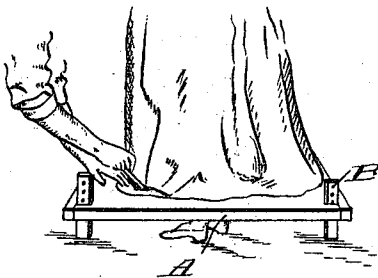


Fig. 2.

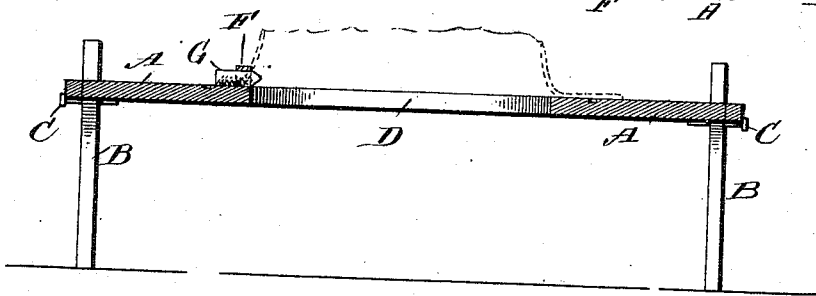
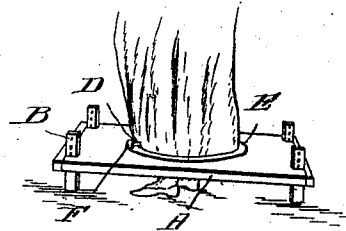


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. ARCHER-BURTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berlin, in the county of Worcester, State of Maryland, have invented an Improvement in Skirt-Eveners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in that class of apparatus adapted for use in accurately determining the required length of ladies' skirts, by marking the same adjacent to the bottom.

The invention is embodied in a horizontal table or platform having adjustable supports and a central opening in which stands the person whose skirt is to be marked and provided on its upper side with a circular groove surrounding said opening concentrically and serving as an accurate guide in the operation of marking the skirt to insure its being of uniform length at all points.

The objects of my invention are to simplify the construction, reduce the cost and weight, and increase the efficiency of said apparatus, as well as adapt the same to be packed in small space, for convenience and economy of storage and transportation.

In the accompanying drawing Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved skirt eveners. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same. Figs. 3 and 4 are views illustrating the manner of using the apparatus.

The flat-surfaced table or platform A is preferably made rectangular and constructed of wood so that it is light and easily portable. It is provided at each corner with a vertical leg B, the several legs being graduated and provided with holes for receiving pins C by which means the table may be supported at different heights according to conditions. The table is provided centrally with an opening D of sufficient diameter to permit the person whose skirt is to be marked and evened to stand therein while the skirt is drawn out upon the platform or falls around the person within the opening. On the upper side of the table surrounding the opening D there is a circular concentric groove E, the same being located two inches or more from the edge of the opening. At the edge of the opening there is located a keeper F which is

adapted to hold a piece of crayon, chalk, or other marker G.

The manner of using the apparatus is as follows: As shown in Fig. 3, the person whose skirt is to be evened stands in the opening D and the skirt is drawn out on the table or evening board and an assistant draws the skirt down with equal tension at all points and marks the same by means of the groove. In other words, the skirt is drawn to and over the groove, and then, by means of a suitable marker, preferably a pencil or crayon or piece of chalk, the skirt is marked exactly at the point where the groove lies. That is to say, it is both marked with a chalk line and also creased or folded at the same point. The attendant works around the entire circumference of the skirt, and, drawing with uniform tension on the same, the result is that the skirt is marked with absolute accuracy.

The outer edge of the groove is right-angular, and in many cases this may serve as a marker or means for creasing the skirt, which is effected by pressing the latter against the angle, thus dispensing with a marker proper.

By means of the graduated legs B and the pins C, it is obvious that the table or evening-board may be quickly adjusted higher or lower as required for different lengths of skirts or to accommodate persons of different heights, for example, adults and children.

The legs B being easily detachable from the table or eveners-board A, it is obvious that the whole apparatus may be packed very compactly and thus occupy little space and may be easily carried or transported.

What I claim is:

A skirt-eveners consisting of a flat table having a large central opening and in its surface a circular groove which is concentric with said opening, and legs arranged in holes located adjacent to the edge of the table and provided with pins for supporting the table at different heights, as shown and described.

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