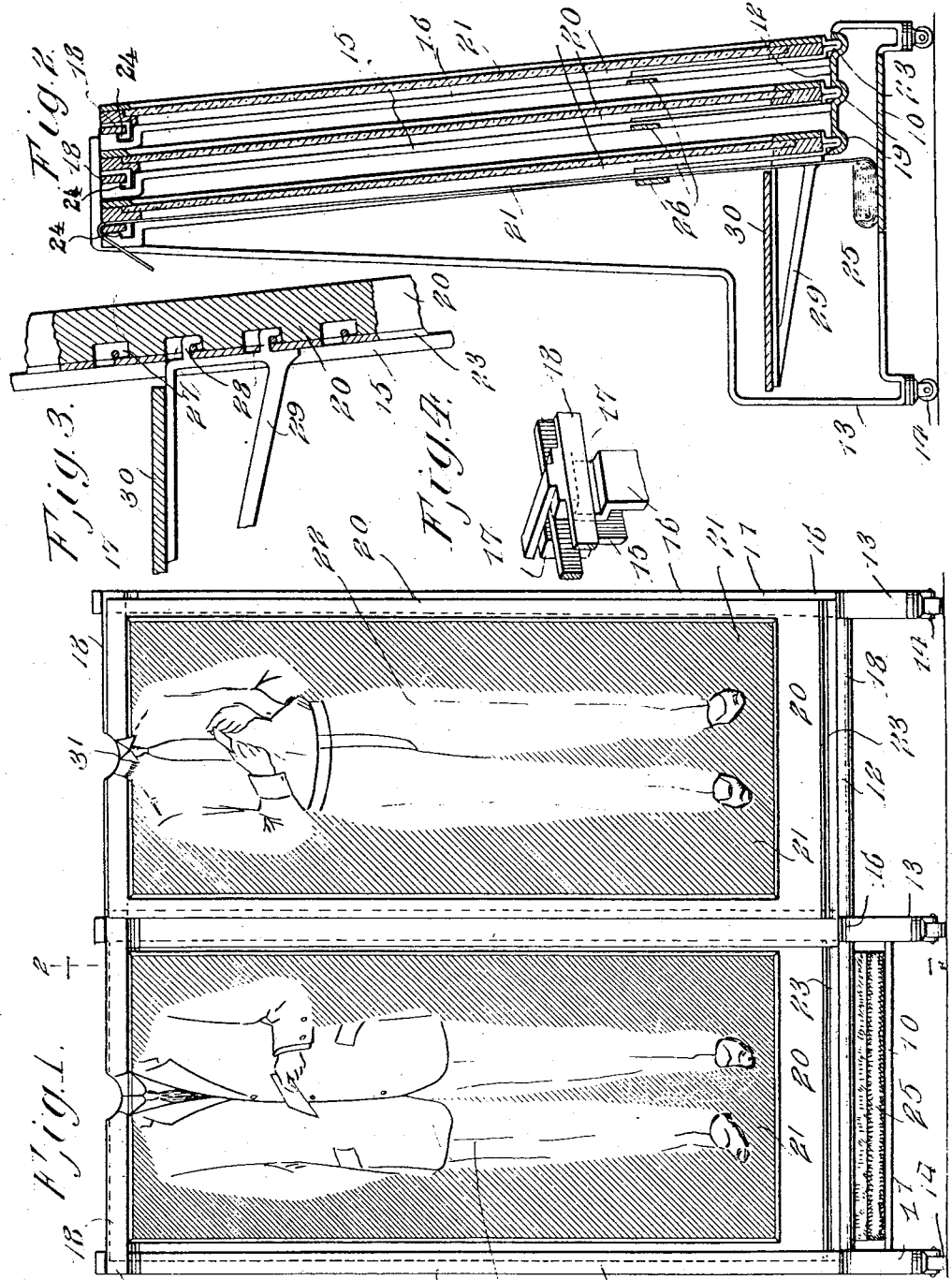


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, FRANK DE NICK and JOSEPH F. M. BALDI, citizens of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Display Devices, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to exhibitors, and more particularly to the class of fabric display devices.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of a device wherein bolt fabric or strip cloth designs can be displayed in a unique manner to give to a prospective customer a view of the fabric or cloth as it will appear in garment form or made up in a suit, trousers, or the like, thus enabling a person to definitely ascertain the effect of fabric prior to the making of the suit therefrom.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a display device wherein a plurality of garment patterns will be removably held within a support which contains the fabric or cloth, so that it can be run out rearwardly of each pattern for demonstrating the effect of the cloth or fabric in garment form to enable a person to definitely ascertain or determine the made up appearance thereof, and also whether or not the fabric and the pattern of the garment will become the wearer.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a display device which is especially useful in tailoring shops, dressmaker's establishments, or other houses for the convenient display of fabrics or design cloths whereby prospective buyers may determine the appearance of a garment made up of the fabric prior to the making of such garments.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which is simple in construction, reliable and efficient in operation, and inexpensive in manufacture.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a front elevation of a display device constructed in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a

vertical longitudinal sectional view thereof.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary vertical sectional view showing the manner of connecting the stand platform to the device. Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the track construction for the removable pattern frames of the device, the frames being detached.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the display device comprises a stand including a base or bottom 10, side walls 11, rising therefrom, the same being joined through the medium of a lower cross sill 12, superposed with respect to the said base or bottom 10, and arranged at the front of the said stand, the base or bottom 10 being formed with depending legs 13, in which are mounted casters 14, whereby the said stand may be moved from one point to another in a convenient manner. The stand 11 is open at its front and rear, and is designed to receive removable pattern frames presently described. Mounted in the stand are forwardly inclined spaced parallel alining rows of intermediate and outer brace bars 15 and 16 respectively, the lower ends of which are formed integral with the bottom sill 12, while the upper ends are formed with inturned and upwardly bent guide heads 17 which are connected or integral with horizontally disposed transversely arranged guide tracks 18, which extend entirely across the stand and are connected to the sides 11 thereof.

The bottom sill 12 is formed with spaced parallel transversely arranged guide grooves or channels 19 which cooperate with the guide heads 17 for permitting the sliding and removal of the pattern frames presently described.

Each pattern frame comprises an elongated sash 20 having the usual open center and in which is fitted a glass panel 21 provided with the usual mirror back or silver coating on the rear face thereof, the said back or coating being cut away on predetermined lines to provide a garment pattern 22 simulating the form of any desired garment. The cut away portion of the mirrored back or silver coating, effecting the garment form, affords a transparent pattern in the said panel 21, so that fabric or design cloth when disposed against or near to the

rear face of the panel 21 will be displayed through the transparent pattern therein to enable a person to ascertain and definitely determine the appearance of the fabric or cloth as to its effect in garment form prior to the making up thereof. It is of course understood that the transparent pattern in the panel 21 is suitably lined to give the artistic and correct contour for defining the lines of the garment or different garments as it or they would actually appear when upon a wearer. Each sash 20 is provided at its lower end edge with a guide flange 23 for engagement in the grooves 19 while at the opposite upper end of the sash 20 and fixed to the rear side thereof is a guide cleat 24 which slidably engages the track 18, and in this manner each sash 20 can be moved transversely of the stand either to the left hand or right hand of the side thereof as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings.

The bolt of cloth 25 is placed upon the base or bottom 10 of the stand, and a sufficient amount of the cloth or fabric which is in strip form is unwound from the bolt and is trained upwardly rearwardly of any one of the sashes 20 when positioned at the left hand side in the stand through suitable guides 26 to the upper end of the said stand so as to cover the entire rear face of the panel 21 whereby the fabric or cloth will be visible through a transparent space 22 in the panel 21 thereby giving different appearances to the observer as to the effect of the fabric or cloth when in garment form prior to the making up of the same in a garment.

Each sash 20 in the vertical stiles thereof near the lower end portion of the same is formed with bayonet-shaped slots or notches 27, the same opening through the rear side of the sash for receiving the hook catches 28 of an adjustable supporting bracket 29. In this instance only one is shown, but it is to be understood that a pair of these brackets are employed and have connected thereto a stand platform 30 which projects rearwardly within the stand at the open rear side thereof, so that a person may mount the platform 30 rearwardly of the panel 21 in the sash 20 disposed at the left hand side of the stand, whereby the chin and head of such person will project in a chin niche 31 formed in the upper end of the said sash 20 directly above the pattern 22 and in this manner making it appear as if the person upon the platform 30 is attired with a

garment simulating the pattern 22 through which is displayed the fabric or cloth 25 to enable such person to determine the effectiveness of such garment when made up with the particular fabric or cloth and whether it will become such person when worn thereby enabling the person to select the fabric or cloth suitable to his fancy, and to definitely know the appearance thereof when in garment form. The brackets 29 are readily and easily adjusted on the sash 20 so as to permit persons of different height to stand thereon when exhibiting the fabric or cloth for determining the appearance thereof when made up in garment form.

In the use of the device the same is positioned so that the panel 21 having the selected pattern 22 thereon will face a mirror so that a person standing upon the platform 30 may readily glance in the mirror to ascertain the reflection therein of the pattern 22 with the cloth or fabric displayed therethrough, so that said person can ascertain with certainty the effect and the appearance of the cloth or fabric as to the make up in garment form prior to the making of such garment therefrom.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, it is thought that the construction and operation of the invention will be clearly understood, and therefore, a more extended explanation has been omitted.

It is contemplated to construct the stand to permit the folding thereof when not in use, that is to say one side section may be folded on to the other side section, and also in lieu of the mirror in each pattern frame isinglass or other transparent material may be employed the same being suitably coated and provided with transparent pattern by cutting away the coating in a like manner as heretofore described.

What is claimed is:—

In a device of the class described, a mirror having a transparent portion defining a pattern of wearing apparel, a frame receiving the mirror, a stand slidably supporting the frame, and a platform adapted for adjustable connection with the frame.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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