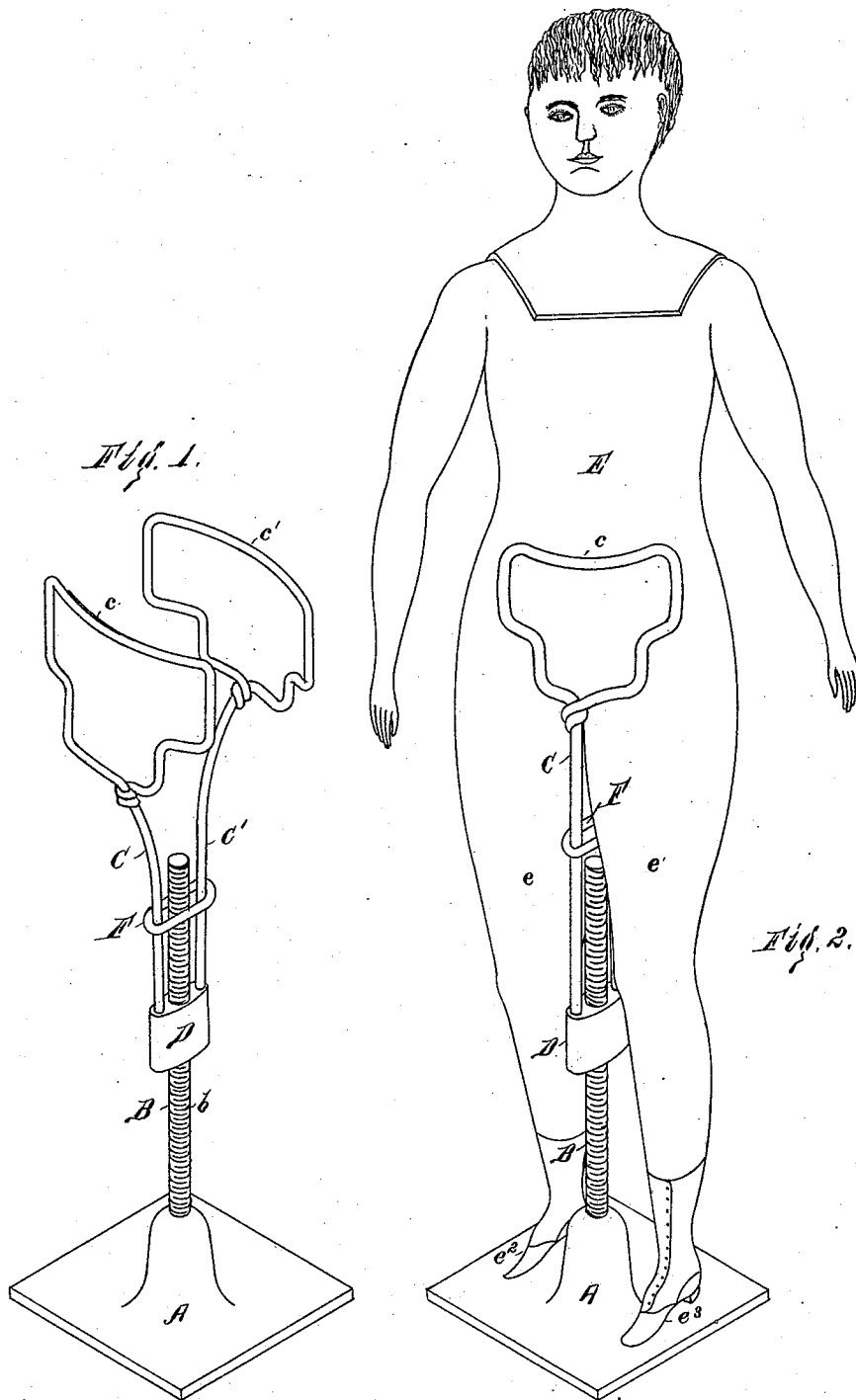


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR STAPLES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lowell, in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Doll-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to doll-supporters; and it consists in the device, hereinafter described, for holding a doll in an erect position, and in the hereinafter-described means of adjusting said device for the use of dolls of different heights.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved doll-supporter, and Fig. 2 a similar view of a doll, and of said supporter holding said doll in an erect position.

The supporter hereinafter described is intended for use in displaying dolls in the windows of toy shops, and also as an auxiliary toy, by means of which children may cause their dolls to maintain erect positions.

A is a base of metal broad enough and heavy enough to support the other parts of the device and a doll, as hereinafter described.

B is a vertical standard or rod, the lower end of which is cast or otherwise secured in the base A.

C C are two arms, preferably of wire, united at their lower ends to a block, D, which has an opening to receive the standard B, and is retained at any desired height thereon by friction, or, better, by a screw-thread, *b*, on the standard B, engaging with a corresponding female screw in the block D.

To the free end of each of the arms C C' is attached a clamping-jaw, *c c'*, (preferably of wire and formed in one piece with the arm to which it is attached,) of suitable shape, and of sufficient width to have a broad bearing upon the body of a doll held by the supporter. The doll E is placed in the supporter, with one leg, *e e'*, of the doll on each side of the standard B, the body of the doll being held, as shown, between the jaws *c c'* in an erect position. If the arms C C' are made of spring-wire and placed near enough together, their elasticity

will cause the jaws to grasp an ordinary doll with sufficient force to hold it erect. The pressure of the jaws may be increased by a ring, F, surrounding and pushed upward on the arms C C', when the doll is in place between the jaws, said arms being nearer together at their lower ends than above, and being bent apart slightly just below the jaws *c c'*. The doll being secured in the supporter, the height of the block is so adjusted by sliding or turning the same on the standard B as to allow the feet *e² e³* of the doll to touch the base.

The clothing of a doll dressed to represent a woman or girl will conceal the doll-supporter.

I claim as my invention—

1. A doll-supporter having a suitable base, a vertical standard supported thereon, a block embracing said standard and adjustable thereon, arms, each united at one end to said block, and clamping-jaws, each attached to the free end of one of said arms, said jaws being adapted to grasp the body of a doll and to hold the same in an erect position, as and for the purpose specified.

2. The combination of a suitable base, a vertical screw-threaded standard supported thereon, a block provided with a screw-threaded opening to receive and engage said standard, and arms supported by said block and provided with clamping-jaws adapted to grasp the body of a doll, as and for the purpose specified.

3. A doll-supporter having a suitable base, a vertical standard supported thereon, a block embracing said standard and adjustable thereon, arms, each united at one end to said block, clamping-jaws, each attached to the free end of one of said arms, and a ring surrounding said arms and adapted to be pushed upward on said arms to draw the same toward each other, and to cause said jaws to grasp the body of the doll and to hold the same in an erect position, as and for the purpose specified.

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