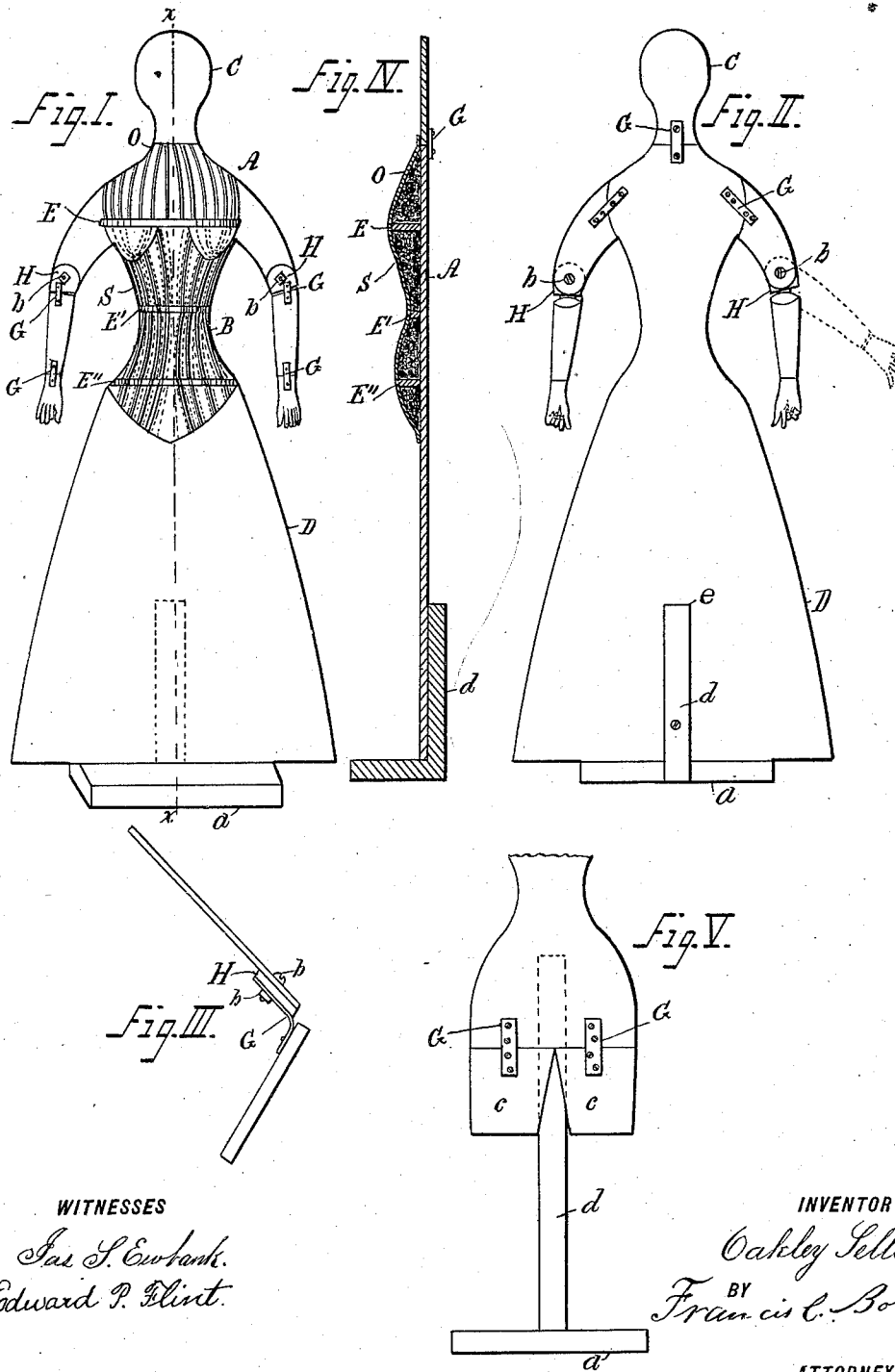


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DISPLAY-FIGURE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OAKLEY SELLECK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Display-Figures, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is a display-figure which is especially designed for exhibiting dress and other garments for female wear; and it consists of a board shaped to represent the outline of the human figure and parts representing the head, arms, and hands and additional parts representing the lower limbs and feet, each of said parts being attached to the board or to each other in a novel way, so as to be capable of a suitable movement, and held in any desired position partly by frictional contact and partly by the inherent elasticity of a metal serving to join the parts, as herein-after more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of the board embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a back view thereof. Fig. 3 represents a detail view of one of the joints, showing the metal plate bent to make the parts assume any desired position in relation to each other. Fig. 4 represents a vertical section of the form where the board A extends to the base. Fig. 5 represents a modification of my invention.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The letter A designates the body of the board, which may be of any suitable rigid material and which is cut out or otherwise shaped to approximately represent the outline of the body portion B and the head C of the human figure and with a portion D to represent the outline, as in this example, of the skirt of the dress of the female.

The board A is mounted directly on a suitable base *a* and may be reinforced by an upright *d*. To the front of the bust, waist, and hip portions are secured, by means of hinges or otherwise, segmental pieces *E E' E²*, so as to extend transversely or horizontally to the figure. Intermediate of the segmental pieces *E E' E²*, I fill with a suitable stuffing or filling, and over the space extending from the upper to the lower segmental pieces *E* to *E²*, I fit a half-corset, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4,

and above the upper segmental piece *E*, I also stuff the figure extending up to the neck portion, and over the said stuffing I put a piece of fabric *O* and fasten the lower portion of said fabric to the upper segmental piece *E*, so as to make the figure from the neck to the hips assume the outline of the female form, as clearly shown in Figs. 1 and 4.

The letter G indicates plates of malleable iron, which are employed to attach the head and arms to the body of the board A, and owing to the inherent tenacity of said metal plates the said head and arms are made to assume any desired angular position in relation to the board and retain said position without the aid of any extraneous means, as shown in Fig. 3.

The letter H indicates an approximately semicircular button, pivoted to the proper portion by means of a screw-bolt *b* in such a manner that the frictional contact is such that by means of said button the parts may be made to assume any desired position in a plane parallel with the portion to which it is attached, as is clearly shown in dotted lines at the arm portion of Fig. 2.

Referring to Fig. 5, which shows a modification of my invention when legs are to be used as a substitute for the skirt portion D, and in that case the board is supported on an upright *d*, extending from the base upward to the body portion, while if the figure is to be used for a skirt then the upright *d* only extends up to the skirt portion to line *e*, as shown in Fig. 2. When the portions *c c* are used, they are connected, like the upper portions of the arms, to the body-board by means of flexible strips G, so as to accommodate the desired adjustment thereof in relation to the remainder of the figure. The legs *c c*, as well as the arms, thus have their connection to the body of the figure by means of the flexible strips G, while the connection of the parts or sections of the arms is effected by means of hinge-joints composed, respectively, of what I have denominated the "button" H and "screw-bolt" *b* thereof, permitting various adjustments of the parts, as before stated.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a display dress-figure the combination with the main part composed of the upright

board A shaped to approximately represent the outline of the human figure and mounted on a suitable base, and with movable parts conforming to and concomitant to the said figure, of hinge-joints composed respectively of the button H and screw-bolt *b*, connecting portions of said movable parts to each other and flexible metallic strips G connecting the movable parts to said main figure, for permitting adjustment of the movable parts in relation to the main figure, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In a display dress-figure the combination with the main part composed of the upright board A shaped to approximately represent the outline of the human figure and mounted on a suitable base, and with movable parts

conforming to and concomitant to the said figure, of hinge-joints composed respectively of the button H and screw-bolt *b*, connecting portions of said movable parts to each other, and flexible metallic strips G connecting the movable parts to said main figure, for permitting adjustment of the movable parts in relation to the main figure, and having segmental pieces E, E', E², hinged to suitable portions of the main part and connected by a half-corset substantially as and for the purpose herein shown and described.

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