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[54] **HOSIERY DISPLAY STAND**
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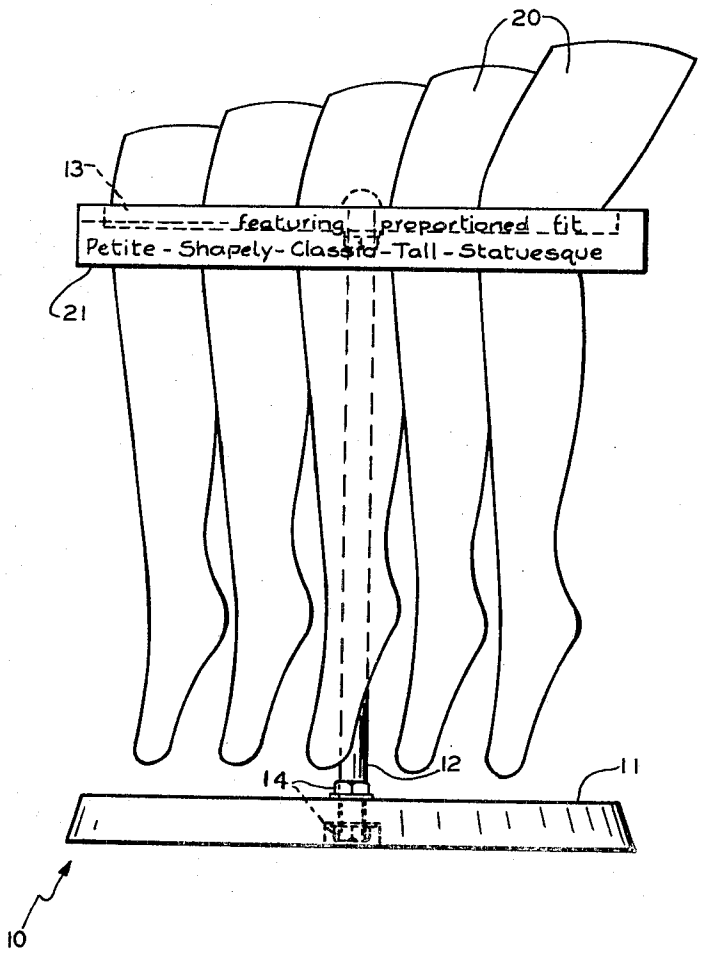
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ABSTRACT: A display stand for hosiery has a plurality of leg-simulating forms adapted for the display of hosiery thereon. A shelf member of clear plastic is supported horizontally above a flat base member by a tubular support member. Holes through the shelf member are adapted to have the clad forms inserted toe-down therethrough and are of such a dimension that the upper end of the forms cannot pass through the holes. Flat, relief, or full forms may be used, the holes in the shelf member conforming to the shape of the forms.



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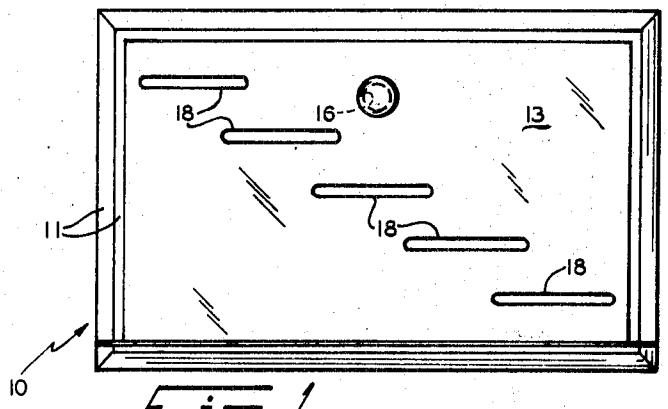


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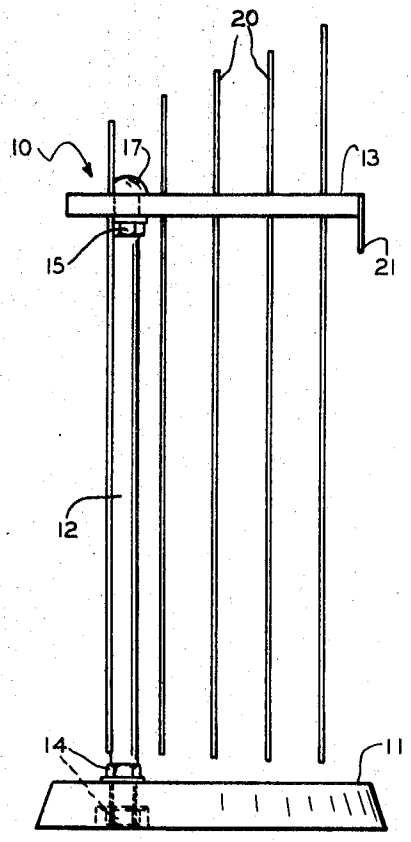


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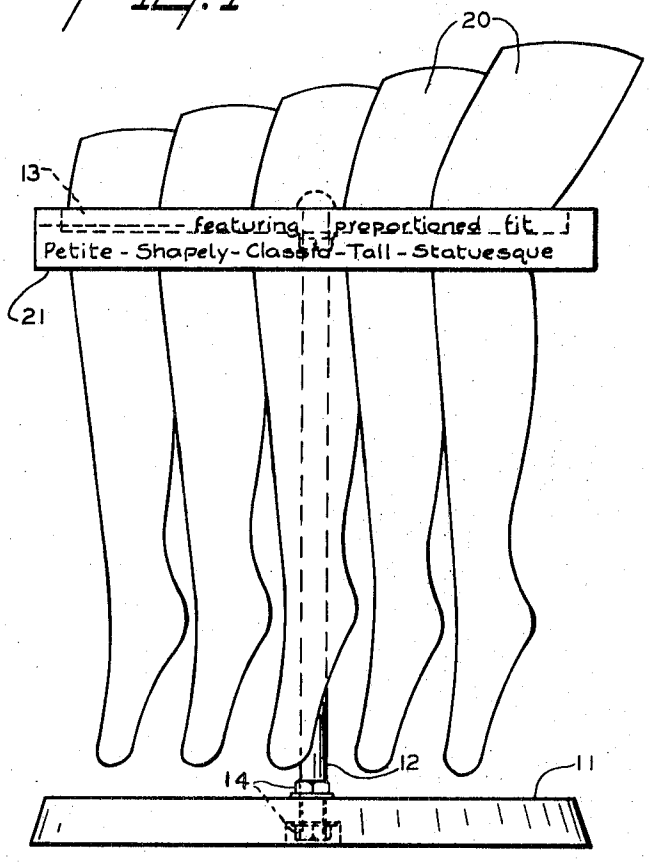


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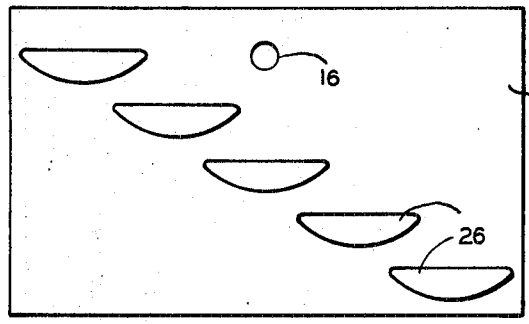


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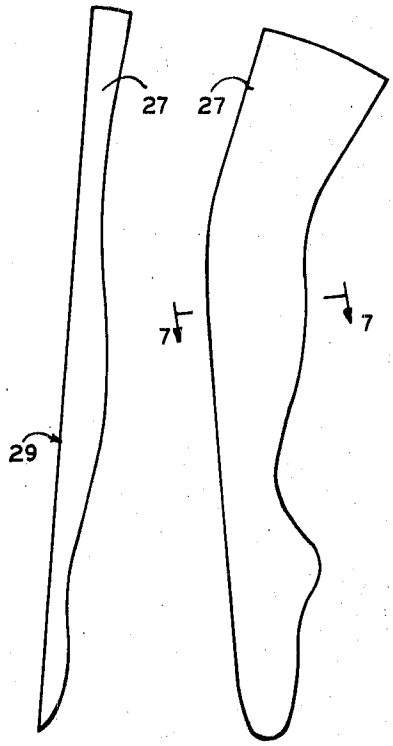


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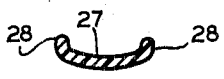


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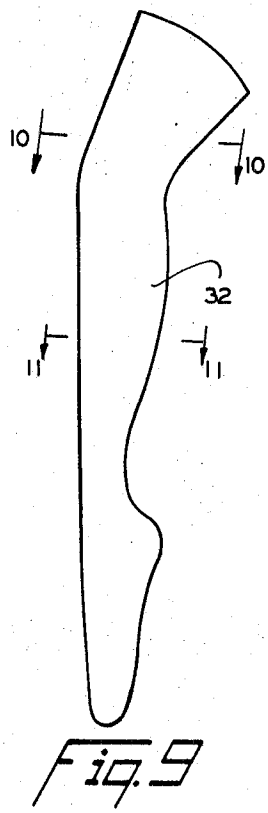


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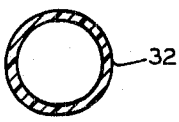


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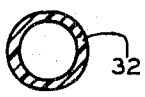


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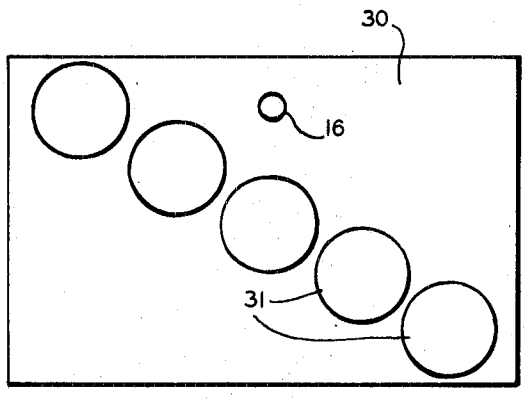


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HOSIERY DISPLAY STAND

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to hosiery display stands and more particularly to such stands having multiple leg forms for displaying the hosiery.

Heretofore hosiery display stands have displayed a single clad leg form supported upstanding from a base having a clamp for securing the foot of the form thereto or have displayed a plurality of clad leg forms supported inverted on a base member.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The display stand of the present invention has a plurality of leg-simulating forms varying in size from the so-called "petite" to the taller "statuesque" depending on the height of the wearer for whom the hosiery is designed rather than on foot size. A base, adapted to be placed on a counter or other surface, has an upstanding rod or other support to which a horizontally disposed shelf member is secured.

A plurality of holes through the shelf are adapted to support the forms therein in an orderly arrangement along the shelf, the forms being supported toe-down. The larger upper ends of the leg-forms are supported by the shelf, the holes in the shelf being smaller than the upper ends of the forms. For ladies'-hosiery, the larger upper ends of the forms correspond to the lower thigh portion of a leg. For men's hose the upper ends of the forms correspond to the lower thigh or calf portion of the leg according to what type of men's hose are displayed.

The forms are preferably of flesh-colored plastic and may be flat, half leg or relief-type forms, or may be full leg type, the holes through the shelf being shaped according to the type of form to be displayed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a plan view of a display stand according to the invention for flat stocking forms;

FIGS. 2 and 3 are a front elevational view and a side elevational view, respectively, thereof with flat hosiery forms in place;

FIG. 4 is a plan view of a modified embodiment of a shelf member for relief-type forms;

FIGS. 5 and 6 are side and edge elevational views, respectively, of a relief-type form;

FIG. 7 is a sectional view on the line 7–7 of FIG. 5;

FIG. 8 is a plan view of another modified embodiment of a shelf member for full leg forms;

FIG. 9 is a side elevational view of a full leg type form; and

FIGS. 10 and 11 are sectional views on the lines 10–10 and 11–11, respectively, of FIG. 9.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring first to FIGS. 1—3, the display stand 10 comprises a flat base 11 of wood or other material, a columnar support member 12 which may be of brass or chromium plated tubing, and a shelf member 13, preferably of a clear transparent plastic such as "Lucite."

The support member 12 is threaded at both ends and is secured firmly to the base 11 by nuts 14 and suitable washers above and below the base, the lower nut 14 being recessed in the base as shown in FIGS. 2 and 3.

Another nut 15, with appropriate washer, supports the shelf member 13 at the top of the support member, the end of the support member passing through a hole 16 in the shelf. A knob or decorative ball 17 is plugged into the upper end of the tubular support 12 or may be threadedly engaged with the upper end of support member 12.

As best seen in FIG. 1, shelf member 13 is provided with an orderly arrangement of slots 18—18. The slots are preferably staggered, as shown, and may be parallel to the front and back edges of the shelf member or may be disposed at an angle thereto.

The slots 18 conform to the cross-sectional shape of flat hosiery forms 20 shown in FIGS. 2 and 3 and the forms, each clad in a display stocking, are adapted to be inserted toe-down in the holes. The holes 18 are of a length somewhat shorter than the width of forms 20 at their lower-thigh, upper ends so that the forms are supported by shelf member 13 at about the knee.

The front edge of the shelf member 13 may carry a sign 21 with advertising or descriptive matter thereon, as shown.

Referring now to FIGS. 4—7, the shelf member 25 may be made with slots or holes 26 to accommodate relief-type forms 27. These forms are comparatively flat, having the sides of the thigh, calf and foot portions in relief but with front and back portions of the leg represented by very short curved back flanges 28, as best seen in FIG. 7, the flanges 28 ending along a single plane 29, as best seen in FIG. 6.

The length of the slots or holes 26 is such that the lower thigh portions of the forms are supported in the shelf 25 and the curved portion of the holes allow the portions of the forms in relief to pass down therethrough.

Referring now to FIGS. 8—11, another modified form of shelf 30 has circular, or preferably slightly elliptical holes 31 therethrough to accommodate full leg shaped forms 32. These full forms 32 are hollow and have the shape of a human leg. Since the lower thigh portion of the form is larger than the portions therebelow, the form may be passed toe-down through the hole 31 with the form supported by the shelf member 30 at about the knee-portion of the form.

As will be apparent to those familiar with the art, the invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The embodiments disclosed are, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative rather than restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims.

We claim:

1. A display stand for hosiery comprising a plurality of leg-simulating hosiery forms, a flat base member, a shelf member, and means for supporting the shelf member horizontally disposed above the base member, the shelf member having a plurality of holes therethrough, the holes being adapted to have the clad forms inserted toe-end-down therethrough and having a dimension in at least one direction smaller than the dimension in the same direction of the upper end of each form.

2. The display stand defined in claim wherein the shelf member is of a clear plastic material and the support means comprises a columnar member having a small, regular cross-sectional configuration whereby the clad forms are easily seen and the shelf and support means are inconspicuous.

3. The display stand defined in claim 1 wherein the forms are flat and the holes in the shelf member are elongated slots.

4. The display stand defined in claim 1 wherein the forms are in relief having one flat side, and the holes in the shelf member have one flat side, the other side of the holes being rounded.

5. The display stand defined in claim 1 wherein the forms are full, simulating a three dimensional leg, and the holes in the shelf member are elliptical.