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SKIRT MARKER.

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Fig 1

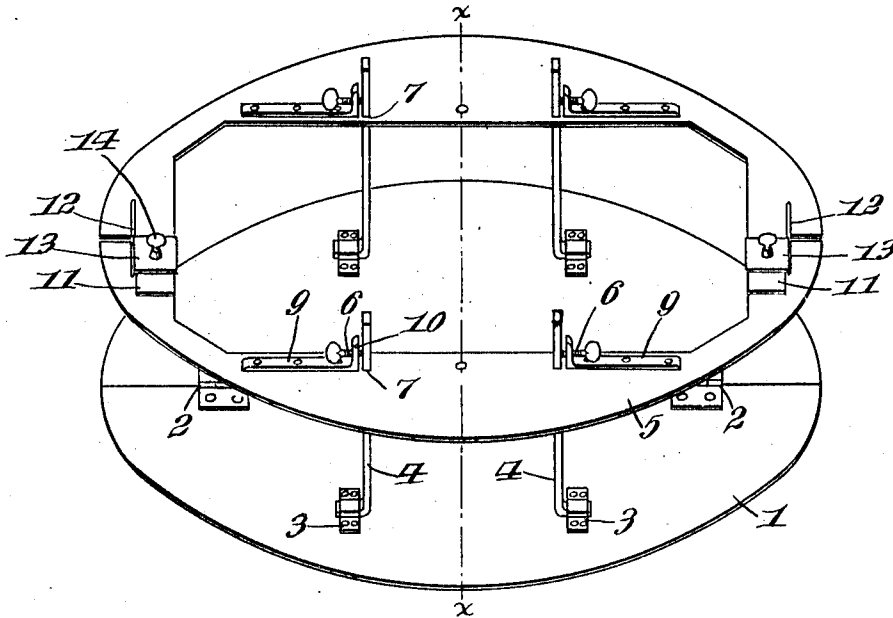
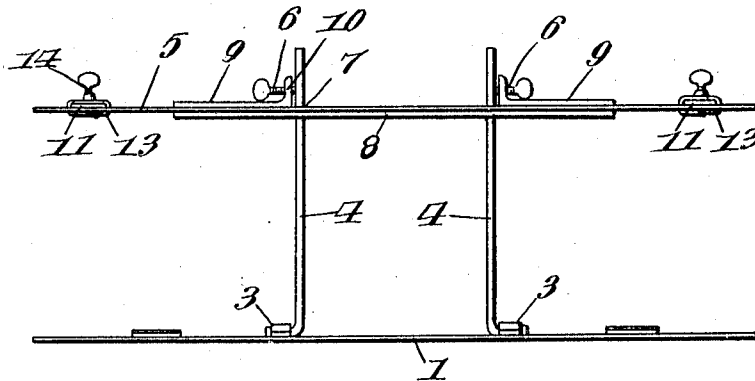


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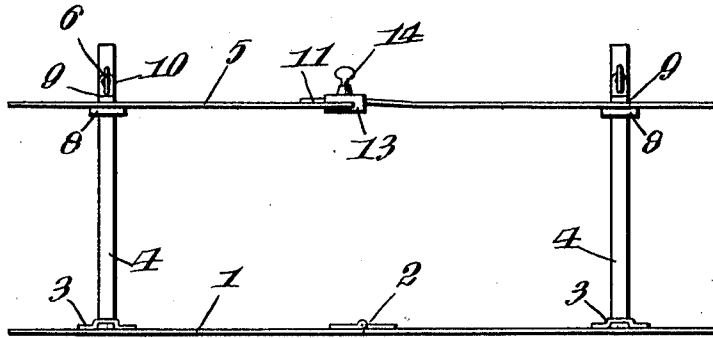


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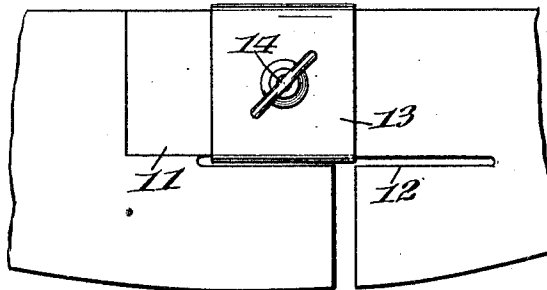
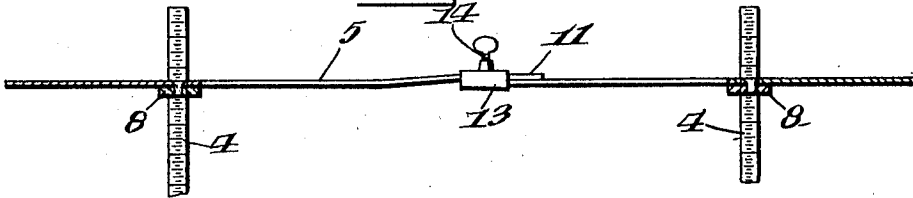


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYDA BECKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Markers, of which the following is a specification.

The primary object of this invention is the provision of a device whereby ladies' and misses' skirts may be fitted so as to hang evenly at any desired distance from the surface, thereby insuring a tidy appearance.

The invention has for its object to supply an appliance of the character set forth which when not required for immediate use may be reduced to a compact form so as not to occupy a great amount of space when stored or laid aside and which will admit of the device being quickly set up when required for use.

The invention contemplates a base, uprights detachably fitted to the base, an indicator adjustable upon the uprights, means for securing the indicator in the required position, said indicator being formed in sections, and means for securing the sections when the parts of the indicator are in proper position.

The invention consists of the novel features, details of construction and combination of parts, which hereinafter will be more particularly set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings, forming a part of the specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a skirt marker embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a side view of the device. Fig. 3 is a side view of the appliance taken at a right angle to Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view, showing the joint formed between the sections of the indicator. Fig. 5 is a section of the indicator on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description, and indicated in all the views of the drawings, by the same reference characters.

The base 1 may be of any construction and outline and is preferably of circular form and comprises two semicircular sections which are hingedly connected as indicated at 2 to admit of one section folding upon the other. The base may be constructed of sheet metal or any desired material and may be of any size depending upon the particu-

lar use for which the device is intended. Keepers 3 are located upon the base and may be formed in any manner. Uprights 4 are detachably fitted to the base and consist of posts which have their lower ends bent substantially at a right angle to slip into the keepers 3. The uprights 4 may be of any length and are graduated in inches and fractional parts of inches to determine the position of the indicator according to the desired length of the skirt or the distance of the lower edge thereof from the surface.

The indicator 5 is adjustable upon the uprights 4 and is preferably of circular outline, the middle portion being cut away to provide a space for the person wearing the skirt to be properly marked. The indicator is formed of similar parts, thereby enabling the same to be reduced to a comparatively small package so as to occupy a minimum amount of space when not required for immediate use. The indicator is mounted upon the uprights 4 and is adjustable thereon and adapted to be secured in the located position by fastening means such as set screws 6. Each section of the indicator has openings 7 to receive the uprights 4. In the event of the indicator being formed of thin material such as sheet metal it is desirable to reinforce the same to hold the parts of the indicator in a given plane. For this purpose a bar 8 is secured to the under side of each part or section of the indicator and extends nearly the entire length thereof. Openings are formed in the bar 8 in position to register with the openings 7. Other bars 9 are secured to the upper side of each section or part of the indicator and the inner ends of the bars 9 are bent upwardly, as indicated at 10, and have threaded openings in which are fitted the set screws 6, the ends of said set screws being adapted to engage the adjacent sides of the uprights to hold the indicator in the located position. A tongue 11 is provided at the ends of one of the sections or parts of the indicator to overlap the adjacent ends of the other section or part. Narrow slots 12 are formed in the ends of the sections or parts of the indicator in line with the inner edges of the tongues 11 and these slots receive the inner folds or edge portions of slides 13 which are mounted upon the tongues 11 and are adapted to engage the overlapping portions of the sections so as to secure the parts

when in position and to stiffen and strengthen the joints. Each of the slides 13 has a set screw 14 by means of which it is secured in the required position.

5 When the device is reduced to a compact form the indicator is detached from the up-
rights 4 and the sections or parts are placed
one upon the other and the uprights 4 are
disengaged from the base and the latter is
10 folded so that one part overlies the other,
the indicator being placed upon the base and
the uprights arranged upon the folded parts,
the whole forming a comparatively small
package. When the appliance is set up for
15 use it appears substantially as indicated in
Fig. 1, the parts of the base being extended,
the lower bent ends of the uprights being
fitted into the keepers 3 and the parts of
the indicator slipped upon the uprights with
20 their inner ends secured by means of the
slides 13. The indicator is adjusted accord-
ing to the desired length of the skirt to be
fitted and the person wearing the skirt
stands upon the base 1, the skirt being
25 draped about the indicator so as to encircle
the outer edge thereof. The marking may
be effected in any manner common in the art
after which the indicator may be dropped
upon the base by loosening the set screw 6
30 so that the person may step from the device
without tripping or causing accident. It
is not essential that the indicator be dropped
as the person may step thereover.

From the foregoing description, taken in
35 connection with the accompanying drawings,
the advantages of the construction and of
the method of operation will be readily ap-
parent to those skilled in the art to which
the invention appertains, and while I have
40 described the principle of operation of the
invention, together with the device which I
now consider to be the embodiment thereof,
I desire to have it understood that the de-
vice shown is merely illustrative, and that
45 such changes may be made when desired as
are within the scope of the claims appended
hereto.

Having thus described the invention what
is claimed as new, is:—

1. In a skirt marker a supporting struc- 50
ture, an indicator mounted upon the sup-
porting structure and comprising sections
formed with projecting tongues to overlap
the joint formed between the meeting ends,
said sections having slots at the sides of the 55
tongues, slides mounted upon the tongues
and adapted to engage the overlapping parts
at the meeting ends of the sections, and
means for securing the slides in the adjusted
position. 60

2. In a skirt marker comprising a sup-
porting structure, an indicator adjustable
upon the supporting structure and compris-
ing sections in which are formed openings
to receive members of the supporting struc- 65
ture, upper and lower bars secured to the
sections to stiffen and strengthen the same,
the lower bars having openings to register
with the openings in the sections and the
upper bars having end portions bent in line 70
with the openings and provided with thread-
ed openings, and set screws mounted in said
threaded openings to engage with the mem-
bers of the supporting structure passing
through the openings to hold the indicator 75
in the adjusted position.

3. A skirt marker comprising a base
formed of foldable parts, each of the parts
having keepers, uprights having their lower
ends bent and insertible in said keepers, an 80
indicator formed of similar sections having
their end portions formed with overlapping
parts, said sections being adjustable upon
the uprights, means for securing the indi-
cator in the located position, and means ap- 85
plied to the overlapping parts of the indi-
cator to secure the same when assembled.

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