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Fig. 1.

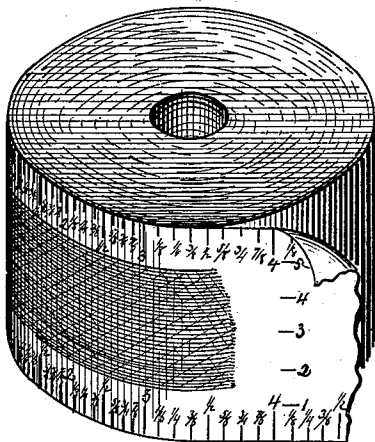


Fig. 2.

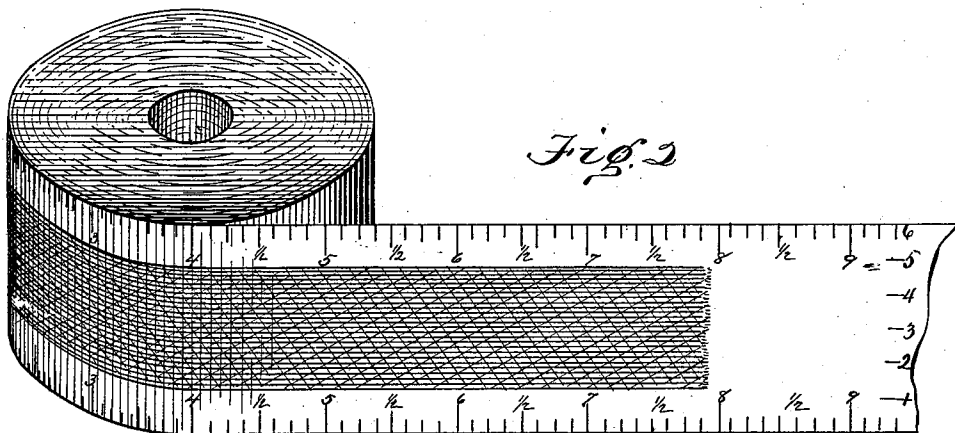


Fig. 3.

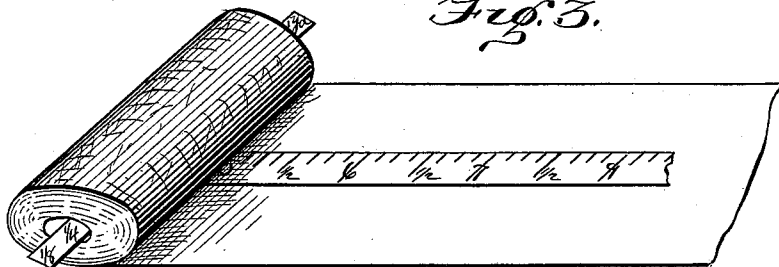


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH I. WAGNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at El Dorado, in the county of Union and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tape-Measures; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention is a tape-measure, designed to be wrapped with ribbon, cloths, &c., to enable the person who is selling such articles or taking stock to tell at a glance how much is still in the roll and the width of the same.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a roll of ribbon wound with my tape-measure marked in eighths, quarters, half-yards, yards, &c., and across the same at intervals with numerals. Fig. 2 is the same as Fig. 1, except that the tape is divided into inches, half-inches, &c. Fig. 3 represents a bolt of cloth wound with my tape-measure, the tape-measure being divided into yards, inches and parts of inches. Fig. 4 is a view of my tape-measure, one end cut away.

My invention is described and used as follows:

I make my tape-measure of any suitable material and of any length and width desired, and I divide it into such measuring parts as are commonly used in the country in which it is designed to be used, both as to its length and width.

When the measure is designed to be used in rolls of cloth, one end is provided with a T-piece, which part is also divided into measures.

In use in rolling ribbons the measure is made as long as the ribbon and a little wider, so as to protect the edges of the ribbon. The measures are placed on each edge of the tape, so that when a person takes up the roll he can tell by looking at it just exactly how many yards and inches are left on the roll and exactly how wide the piece of ribbon is.

In using the measure with bolting the T part is laid on the bolting-board, and the tape is rolled along with the fabric, so that by looking at each end of the T part you can tell how wide the piece is, and by looking at the free end of the tape you can tell just exactly how many yards and inches are in the bolt.

For convenience the measure is divided into units of measure on both sides as well as on both edges.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a flexible tape-measure, adapted to be rolled with a piece of flexible material, and divided into measures on each edge and both sides, and having attached to one end a T-piece also divided into measures on both sides; said tape-measure designed to show the length and breadth of the material with which it is rolled, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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