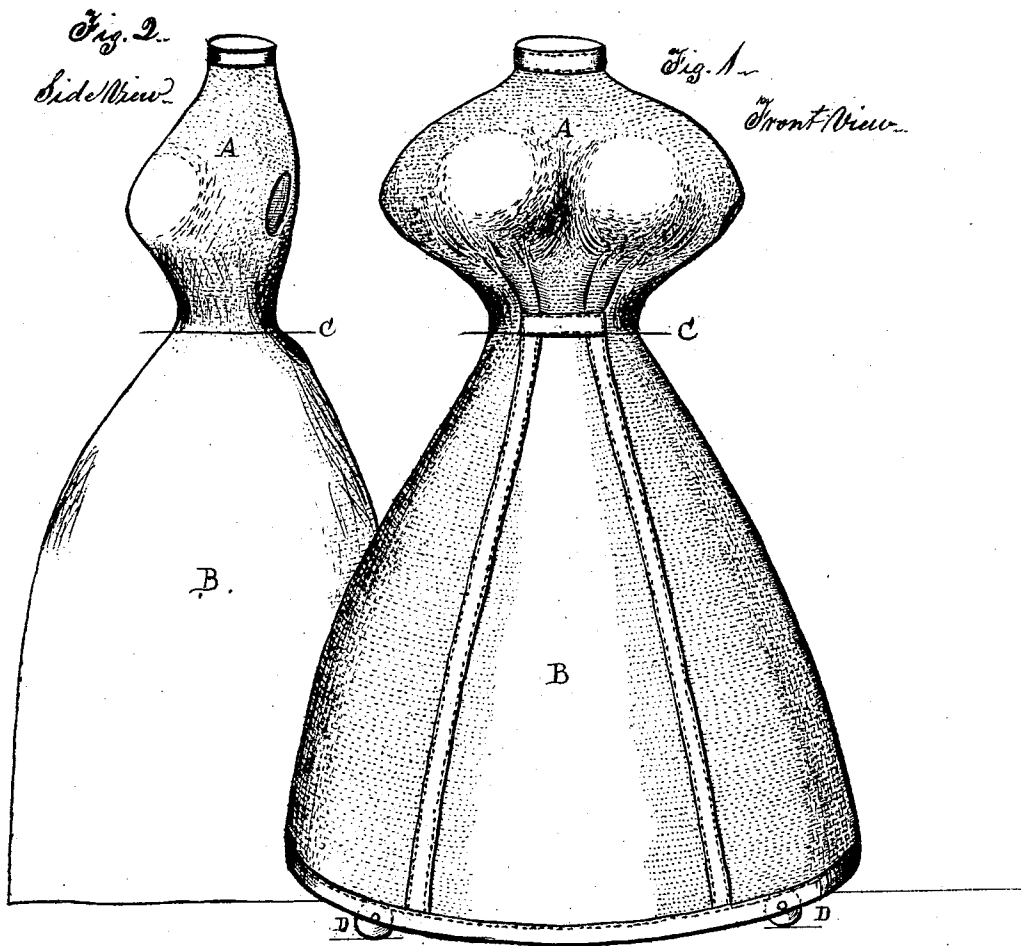


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IMPROVEMENT IN GARMENT-DUMMIES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, A. M. DAVIS, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Supporters for Female Dresses, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to forming the said supporter of wire-gauze, by which I am able to make a form corresponding more nearly to the human figure than has been heretofore done by open skeleton wire-work, and upon which a dress or part of a dress can be better fitted and trimmed, and the same be used either in an upright position on the floor, or supported on the lap of the "mantua-maker."

In the drawings—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention combining bust and skirt.

Figure 2, a partial side view of the same.

The form or supporter I make of light gauze-wire, which may be made into shape by "striking it up" with dies, or in any other suitable way, combining economy with artistic design.

A represents the bust, and

B, the skirt.

They can be made separately or combined, and when combined for convenient purpose the form may rest upon casters or rollers D. Although not deemed necessary, the form may be strengthened by heavier wire braces on the inside.

This form being of fuller and better shape than supporters used generally for exhibiting garments, not only displays the same to better advantage, being lighter and cheaper, but it can be better used for fitting and trimming purposes, especially if desired to take on the lap of the trimmer.

I am aware that dummies or wire-stands have been made of, comparatively speaking, a few wires of the skeleton kind. In their construction the fabric of which the article is made sags between the wire ribs, and when the same are covered with a light and cheap material, as is common, this defect is but partially obviated. In my device the almost continuous supporting surface of the gauze remedies the defect. I am also aware that expanding forms for measuring the body are common. These I do not claim; but

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

As an article of manufacture, a gauze-wire bust A, or bust and skirt B combined, constructed as and for the purpose of fitting, trimming, and displaying garments, as shown and described.

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