

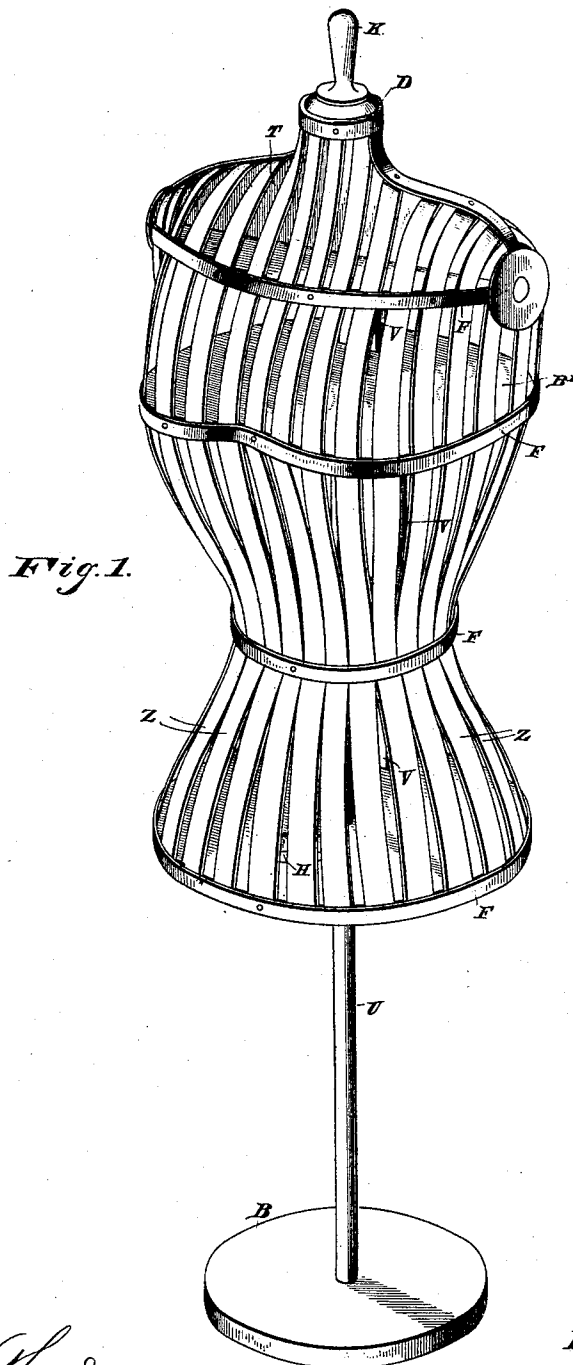
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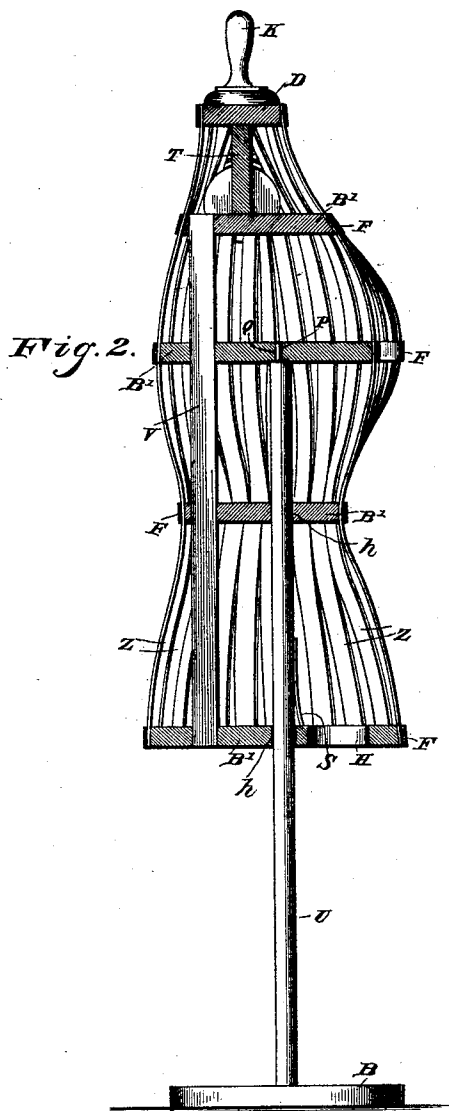


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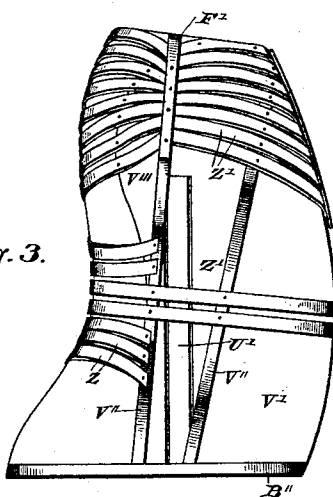
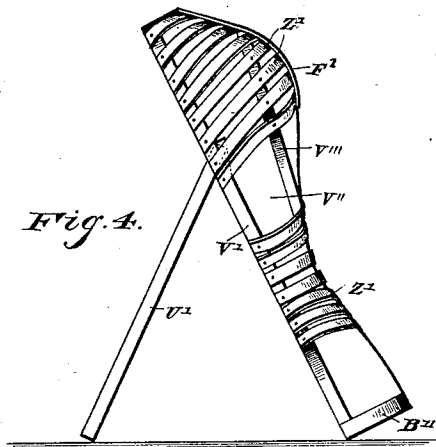


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT H. CUMMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cadillac, in the county of Wexford and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Clothing-Form, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to apparel, and especially to the "forms" used by dressmakers and others for fitting garments thereon, or used by clothing-dealers for the display of articles of wearing-apparel; and the object of the same is to produce a form of this character which shall be simple, durable, light, strong, and especially cheap to manufacture.

To this end the invention consists in a form embodying the specific construction hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and as illustrated on the accompanying sheet of drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a general perspective view of this form. Fig. 2 is a central vertical section through the same, showing the form proper as slightly removed from the upright. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a form of slightly-different construction—that is, with the boards or blocks standing vertical and the veneer horizontal. Fig. 4 is a side elevation thereof.

Referring to the said drawings, the letter B designates a base, from which rises an upright U, having mounted thereon a downwardly-facing spring-catch S, and preferably having in its upper end a pin P, this device affording the support for the form proper. The said form consists of a number of preferably horizontal boards or blocks B', cut to the proper configuration and size to give the correct shape, respectively, to the shoulders, the bust, the waist, and the hips of the form, and these blocks are rigidly connected by a vertical bar or block V, as seen in Fig. 2. On the uppermost block is mounted a top block T, which serves to round over the shoulders and to support an ornamental disk D, forming the neck, and being preferably continued into a knob or handle K. Upright strips Z, of narrow veneer, are secured to the lowermost block B around its edge, converge slightly upwardly and are secured to the edge of the waist-block, and are then continued upwardly in the same manner, some of them

connecting with the disk D to form the neck, and others being connected at their upper ends to the upper edge of the top block T to form the shoulders, all such connections being made by gluing, nailing, or in any other suitable manner. Strips F F, preferably of fabric, are then applied over the connections, just over the edges of all of the blocks, and also around the disk.

The device above described, after having been made in the manner set forth, can be painted, varnished, or otherwise suitably ornamented. The lowermost two blocks are provided with registering holes h, of a size to permit the upright U to be passed there-through, the pin P, at the upper end thereof, resting in a socket Q in the third block, and at this time the spring-catch S standing against the upper face of the lowermost block so as to prevent the parts being separated. Said lowermost block is also provided with a larger hole H, through which the operator may pass his hand or finger to depress the spring-catch S, in an obvious manner, when it is desired to withdraw the form proper from the upright. This device can be easily and cheaply made, the low price at which it is sold to the user permitting the latter to have a number of forms of different sizes and shapes.

I have said that the blocks B' are preferably horizontal and the bar or block V preferably vertical; but in Fig. 3 I have shown a slight modification. In this case B'' is the bottom block, and V' is the rear bar or block, which rises vertically from the block B''. Other upright blocks V'' project forwardly from the rear block, and, where necessary, still other upright blocks V''' are arranged, as shown, all these blocks being cut to the proper contour. Z' are the veneer strips, which in this case run nearly horizontally around the several blocks, their meeting ends being covered by the fabric strips F', as above described. The form shown in this figure is for exhibiting coats, &c., in windows, and is what I call a "half-form," and part of the veneer strips are omitted to better show the construction and to illustrate the support U', which in this case is pivoted or hinged to the back V' and rests at its lower end on the floor or table.

What is claimed as new is—

1. In a form, the combination, with a base, an upright rising therefrom and a downwardly-facing spring-catch on the upright, and a pin in the upper end of said upright, of the form proper comprising horizontal blocks connected by an exterior covering, the lowermost two blocks having a hole to receive said upright, the next block having a socket to receive said pin and to permit the face of the catch at that time to stand above the lowermost block, and the latter having a hole through which said catch may be reached, as set forth.

2. The herein-described form, the same comprising horizontal blocks at the hip, waist, bust, and shoulder lines, an upright top block on the uppermost horizontal block, a horizontal disk supported by the top block, a vertical bar connecting said blocks, an exterior covering therefor, and a support, as set forth.

3. The herein-described form, the same comprising a number of blocks cut to the proper size, a bar connecting them, upright veneer strips secured to the edges of the blocks to

make the general contour approximate the human figure, and fabric strips secured over said veneer strips opposite the edges of all said blocks, as hereinbefore set forth.

4. The herein-described form, comprising horizontal blocks at the hip, waist, bust, and shoulder lines and arranged one above the other, a vertical bar rigidly connecting said blocks, an exterior covering therefor consisting of veneer strips secured to the edges of the said blocks and bent into shape to assume the general contour of the human figure, an upright support, and a vertically-disposed spring secured to one of said blocks and engaging the said support, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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