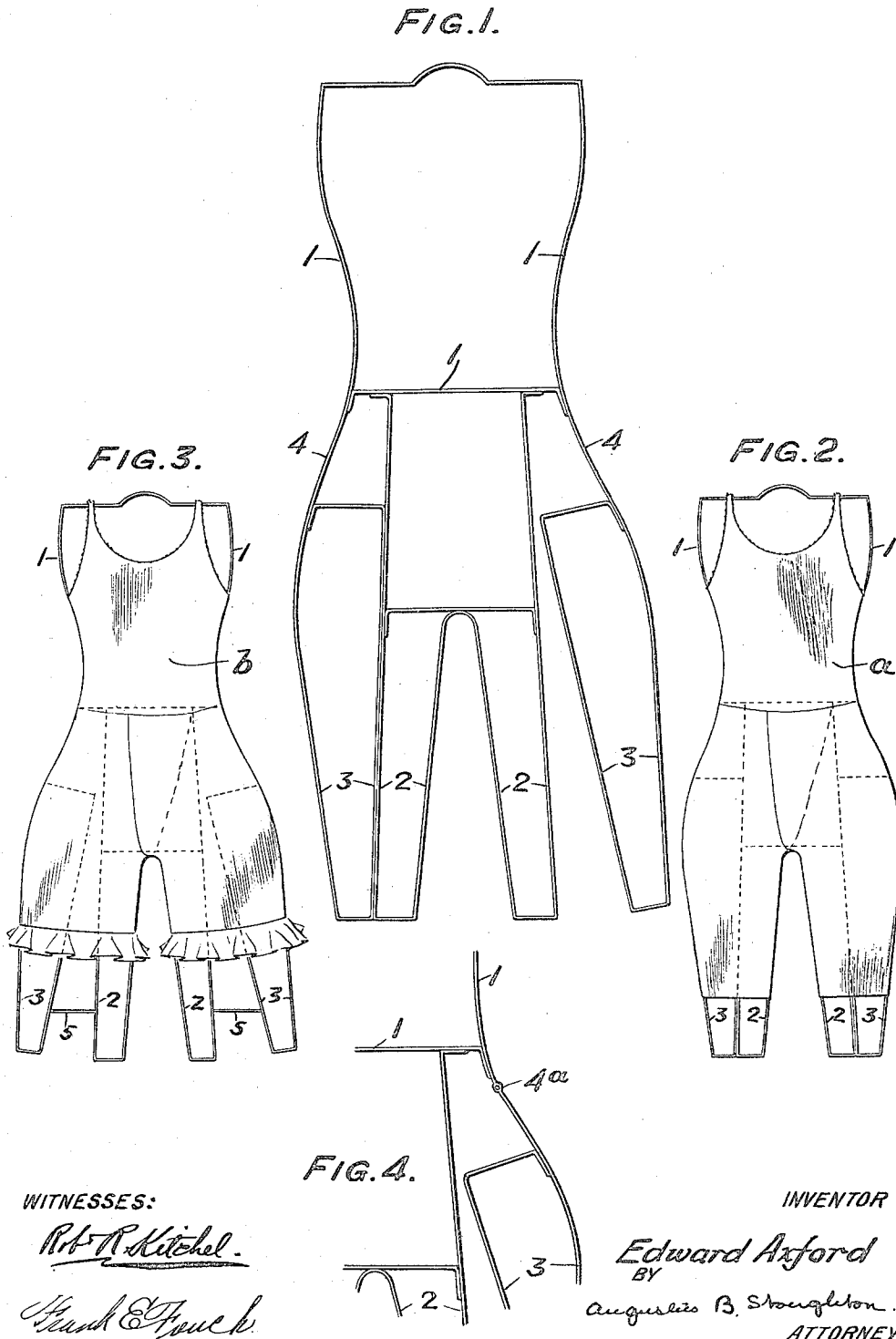


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD AXFORD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Germantown, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Device for Use in Finishing Union-Suits, of which the following is a specification.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a device of the character named which can be used for finishing union suits with knee length pants as well as union suits with so-called lace-knee pants. Another object of the invention is to so construct the device that the garments can be easily and repeatedly applied to and removed from it without any possibility of catching and tearing them, and another object of the invention is to provide for rapidly changing the device to suit either class of garments to which it is adapted.

The invention will be claimed at the end hereof, but will be first described in connection with the embodiments of it chosen for illustration in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a front view of the device showing the left-hand leg contracted and the right-hand leg expanded.

Fig. 2, is a similar view showing a garment in application to the device, which garment is of the knee length variety.

Fig. 3, is a similar view showing a garment which is of the so-called lace-knee variety, and

Fig. 4, is a detail view illustrating a modification.

The structure is shown as made of metal rods or wires, but it may, of course, be made of other material, even of wood or wood and metal combined.

In the drawings 1 is a body frame. 2, are leg frame sections rigid with the body frame and 3, are leg frame sections pivotally connected with the body frame and adapted for movement laterally in respect to the first mentioned leg frames 2. As shown in Fig. 1 the pivotal connection 4 is of the spring variety and consists of the rod or piece by which the leg section 3 is connected with the body frame. As shown in Fig. 4, the pivotal connection 4<sup>a</sup> is of the hinge variety.

In use the garment *a* is put onto the device, as shown in Fig. 2, and by proper treat-

ment the garment assumes the shape of the board, when it can be removed and is ready for sale or use. In this instance the legs of the garment are what are called "knee-pants" and hence they need not be stretched any more than can be accomplished by permitting the leg frames 2 and 3 to remain in contact with each other. In the case shown in Fig. 3, the garment *b* is applied to the frame as before, but its legs are of the variety called "lace-knee", that is to say, the legs are stretched considerably. This is accomplished by moving the leg sections 3 away from the leg sections 2 and holding them in such position by appropriate means, one variety of which consists of pieces 5 inserted between the leg sections. It may be remarked that when the leg sections are moved and held apart, as shown in Fig. 3, the legs proper are stretched while at the same time the hip parts of the garment are also somewhat stretched and shaped, so that the garment as a whole is brought to a very desirable shape.

It will be obvious to those skilled in the art that modifications may be made in details of construction and arrangement without departing from the spirit of the invention, hence the latter is not limited as to those matters nor further than the prior state of the art and the appended claim may require.

What I claim is:

A device for use in finishing union suits which comprises the combination of a body frame the parts of which are relatively immovable, inner leg frame sections immovable in respect to the body frame and of which the parts are relatively immovable, and outer leg frame sections the parts of which are relatively immovable and which are disposed in the plane of the inner leg frame sections and which are movably connected with the outer edges of the body frame and have their lower ends free for lateral spreading movement in respect to the lower ends of the first mentioned leg frame sections.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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