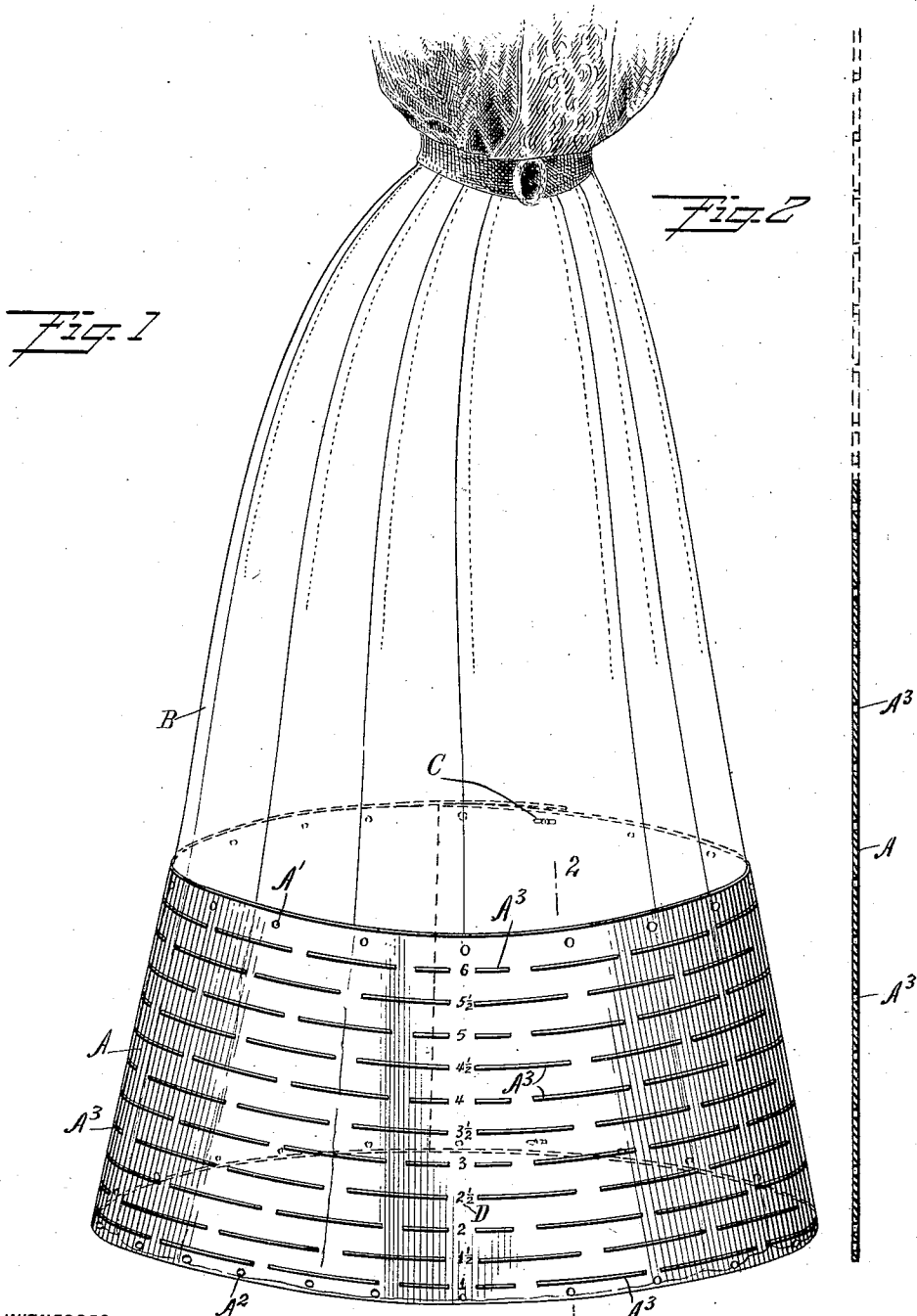


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK B. DAVENPORT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Skirt-Marking Device, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved skirt-marking device, arranged to permit convenient marking of the skirt along the lower end, with a view to obtain an accurate bottom line a desired distance above the floor, and to permit of observing, after the skirt is finished, whether the bottom edge is the desired distance from the floor or not.

For the purpose mentioned use is made of a band of transparent or translucent material, flexible to permit of bending the band into the form of a frustum of a cone with the ends of the band overlapping, the band having horizontal rows of slits for the insertion of a marking tool to mark the skirt, and the bands having also rows of apertures adjacent to the upper and lower edges, and fastening devices engaging the registering apertures at the overlapping ends of the band to hold the latter in the form of a frustum of a cone.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the marking device as applied; and Fig. 2 is an enlarged transverse section of the same.

A band A, of celluloid or other suitable flexible and transparent or translucent material, is bent into the form of a frustum of a cone, so as to inclose the lower portion of the skirt B, to be marked a uniform desired distance from the floor or other support on which the device is set, as indicated in Fig. 1. The overlapping ends of the band A are temporarily fastened together by suitable fastening devices C, in the form of paper clips or the like, engaging registering apertures A', A² formed in the band A adjacent the upper and lower edges, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 1. The band A is provided with horizontal rows of lengthwise-extending slits A³, the rows being arranged one above the other,

and the rows are marked with numerals D, indicating the height from the lower edge of the band and consequently the distance between the floor or other support on which the device is set and the rows of slits A³.

In using the device, the band is bent around the skirt B so that the lower portion of the skirt extends close to the inner face of the band A, the overlapping ends of which are fastened together by the fastening devices C, as previously mentioned. The dressmaker or other person can now mark, by the use of dressmaker's chalk or like marking means, a line through one of the rows of slits A³ on the lower end of the skirt B, thus indicating the distance the lower end of the skirt is hung from the floor.

It is understood that during the marking operation the skirt is worn by the person standing erect, and after the skirt is marked all around, the band is opened by disengaging the fastening devices C, after which the skirt is finished in the usual manner, and then the skirt when again worn by the person is examined by the re-use of the band A again placed in position on the skirt, as above described, so that the lower edge of the skirt appears through the transparent material of the band A, and if the lower edge does not coincide with the corresponding row of slits A³ then the dressmaker can rectify the same wherever it is necessary, so as to insure proper hanging of the skirt.

After the skirt is marked, it is finished and then is tried on by the wearer. The skirt marker is thus used again in order that the skirt may be properly inspected. It may frequently happen that the skirt after being marked and finished does not hang correctly all around but dips slightly, due possibly to a faulty position of the subject during the time the skirt was marked and fitted. While the dip may perhaps to some extent be remedied by alteration, the best way to correct it and cause the skirt to hang accurately is to use a gage of transparent material such as the one above described. By doing this, the dressmaker can see directly through the substance of the gage, and in alining the skirt, may be guided partly by observations made directly through the substance of the gage and partly by those made through the slots. For this purpose, the staggering of the slots is an advantage because a line, a point or an edge

of the garment might be seen to better advantage because of the staggering relation of the slots.

5 The band A may be of any desired height, and, if necessary, several bands may be fastened one on top of the other by the use of the fastening devices C engaging the registering apertures A', A² on the corresponding upper and lower ends of the bands to be
10 fastened together.

When the device is not in use, the band A can be rolled up into a comparatively small space for convenient storing or transportation purposes.

15 Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

20 A skirt marking device, comprising a comparatively wide band of flexible transparent material provided with horizontal rows of

slots one above the other, the slots of each row varying in length and the slots of the several rows being arranged in staggered relation, the band being adapted to be bent into a frustum of a cone with its ends overlapping and provided at its upper and lower edges with a plurality of apertures, and removable fastening devices passing through registering apertures of the overlapped ends of the band to secure them together and
25 hold the band in the form to which it has been bent. 30

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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