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Hem and Tuck Gage for Skirts.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARA J. WISNER, a citizen of the Dominion of Canada, residing at Thompson Falls, in the county of Sanders, State of Montana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hem and Tuck Gages for Skirts; 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.

This invention relates to improvements in gages and particularly to gages for measuring hems and tucks of skirts.

One object of the invention is to provide a novel and simple device of this character which can be quickly and easily adjusted for use in measuring hems and tucks of skirts of different lengths relative to the skirt.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved tuck and hem gage.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device.

Fig. 4 is a view showing the use of the device.

Referring particularly to the accompanying drawings, 10 represents a substantially Z-shaped member which forms the base of the device and is adapted to rest on the floor.

In each of the end branches of the base there is formed a depression or recess 11 for the reception of pins. On the intermediate portion of the base there are secured the vertical parallel standards 12, each being suitably marked with inches and fractions thereof. A transverse bar 13 is formed with openings 14 through which the said standards extend, whereby said bar is capable of vertical movement thereon. One end of the bar is provided with a set screw for engagement with one of the standards to hold the bar at the different graduations thereon. On the other end of the bar 13 there is secured a vertical curved arm 15, and to the upper end of this arm is secured a depending block 16. Slidable vertically on this block and adjustable by the set screw 17, is an elongated and curved arm 18, the same being curved to conform to the curvature of the bottom of a skirt. To the lower end of this block is secured a second similar arm 19, the same being parallel to the first arm, as shown.

In the use of the device the same is placed on the floor and the person wearing the skirt to be hemmed stands so as to dispose the lower edge of the skirt close to the standards and curved arms. The lower edge of the skirt is then turned up so as to enclose the curved arms, and then the person being fitted turns around to constantly present the edge of the skirt to be measured and turned up. The edge is properly pinned or basted, as desired and thus the proper and even length of the skirt is ascertained.

By adjusting the upper curved arm the width of the hem or tuck can be properly ascertained, the distance between the said arms and the said arms being the desired width or length of the tuck or hem. The trays make it convenient for the fitter to reach a supply of pins when adjusting and measuring the skirt.

By means of the vertically adjustable bar 13, the distance of the skirt from the ground can be easily gotten.

What is claimed is:

A hem and tuck gage for skirts comprising a pair of standards having a common base, a bar slidably mounted on the standards and having means for holding it in different positions thereon, a flat plate secured to the end of the bar and extending upwardly and then laterally therefrom, the plate then being twisted through an angle of ninety degrees and subsequently extended vertically downwardly to a point above the bar, a laterally extending arm adjustably mounted upon the downwardly extending portion of the plate and a second arm parallel with the first arm and fixed to the lower extremity of the downwardly extending portion of the plate.

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

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