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GARMENT DISPLAY FRAME.

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Fig. 1.

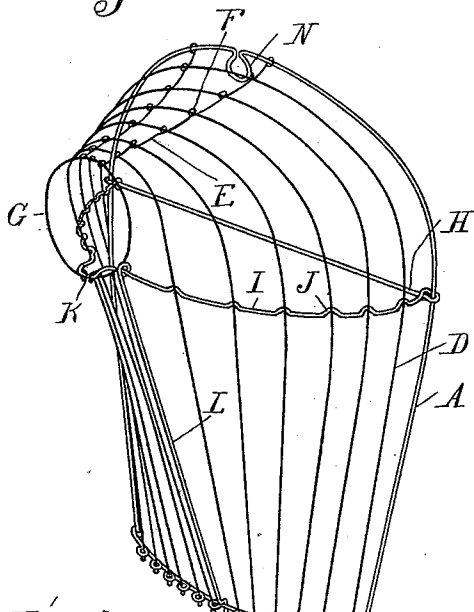


Fig. 2.

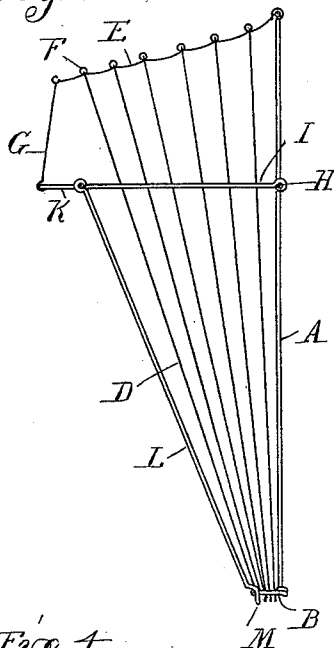


Fig. 3.

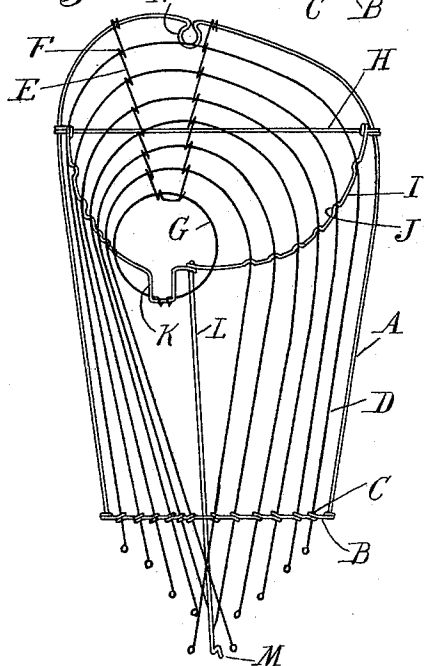
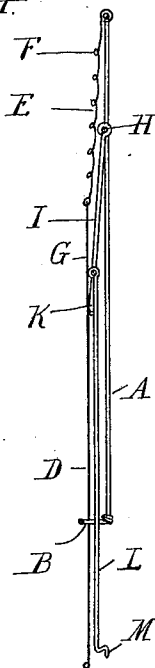


Fig. 4.



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## GARMENT-DISPLAY FRAME.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HERRMAN L. WELLING, a citizen of the United States, residing at Petoskey, in the county of Emmet and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Display Frames, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a garment-display frame adapted to be used for exhibiting coats and other garments; and it is the object of my invention to obtain a collapsible frame which when not in use may be flattened down to facilitate its storage and which may be quickly expanded whenever needed.

In the drawings, in which I have shown a frame designed for displaying a coat, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the expanded frame ready for use. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section thereof. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the frame collapsed, and Fig. 4 is a cross-section thereof.

A is a base, preferably formed of a wire frame bent into the shape of a bust and having at its lower end the connecting cross-bar B, provided with a series of loops or eyes C.

D are a series of wire loops or "form-bars" slidably secured at their ends in the eyes C. E is a connecting bar or frame hinged to the bar A and each of the loops D, preferably consisting of a wire loop having the eyes F formed therein engaging with said loops D and base.

To the outer end of this frame E is hinged the ring G, adapted to enter the sleeve and form a support for the shoulder of the coat.

H is a cross-bar connecting the sides of the base-frame.

I is a bail hinged to the cross-bar H, of shape corresponding to a horizontal section through the bust. J are loops or notches in this bail, in which the loops D are adapted to rest.

K is an outward bend or extension of the bail I, to which the lower part of the ring G is hinged by means of eyes thereon engaging with said extension.

L is a brace rod or stay hinged at its upper end to the bail I and at its lower end provided

with a hook or shoulder M, adapted to engage with the cross-bar B to hold the bail in its extended position.

The parts being thus constructed, when the brace L is engaged with the cross-bar B the frame is held in its expanded position and may be used for displaying a coat, the base-frame being provided with an eye N for hanging the frame on a supporting-pin. When the frame is not in use, by disengaging the hook M from the cross-bar B the frame may be collapsed, the bail I and tie E folding downward and the loops D sliding through the eyes C and into the position shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

Although I have shown and described a frame forming a half-bust and designed to be hung upon the wall, I do not wish to be limited to this construction, as it is obvious that it may be constructed to form the whole bust.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A garment-display frame comprising a rigid base, a collapsible frame of the desired shape secured thereon, means hinged to the base for holding the frame extended, and a movable stay or tie having a sliding engagement with the base for holding said means in position.

2. A garment-display frame comprising a base, a series of connected form-bars having hinged connection with the base at one end and sliding connection with the base at the other, means for holding said form-bars extended, and a stay or tie for holding said means in position.

3. A garment-display frame comprising a base, a bar or frame hinged to one end thereof, a series of form-bars hinged to said bar or frame, and having a sliding engagement with the base, and a stay for holding the form in its raised or extended position.

4. A garment-display frame comprising a base, a bar or frame hinged to one end thereof, a series of form-bars hinged to said bar or frame having a sliding engagement with the base, a bail hinged to the base of a shape conforming to the desired cross-section of the display-frame and against which said form-bars rest, a stay or brace bar adapted to en-

gage with said base and bail to hold the latter in its extended position, and a connection between said bail and hinged bar or frame.

- 5 5. A garment-display frame comprising a base A having the lower cross-bar B provided with eyes C, the frame E hinged to the upper part of the base and having the eyes F, the wire loops or form-bars D engaging with the eyes F and slidingly engaging with the eyes

C, the bail I hinged to the base, the extension 10 K thereon, the ring G hinged to said bail and the frame E and the stay or brace L.

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

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