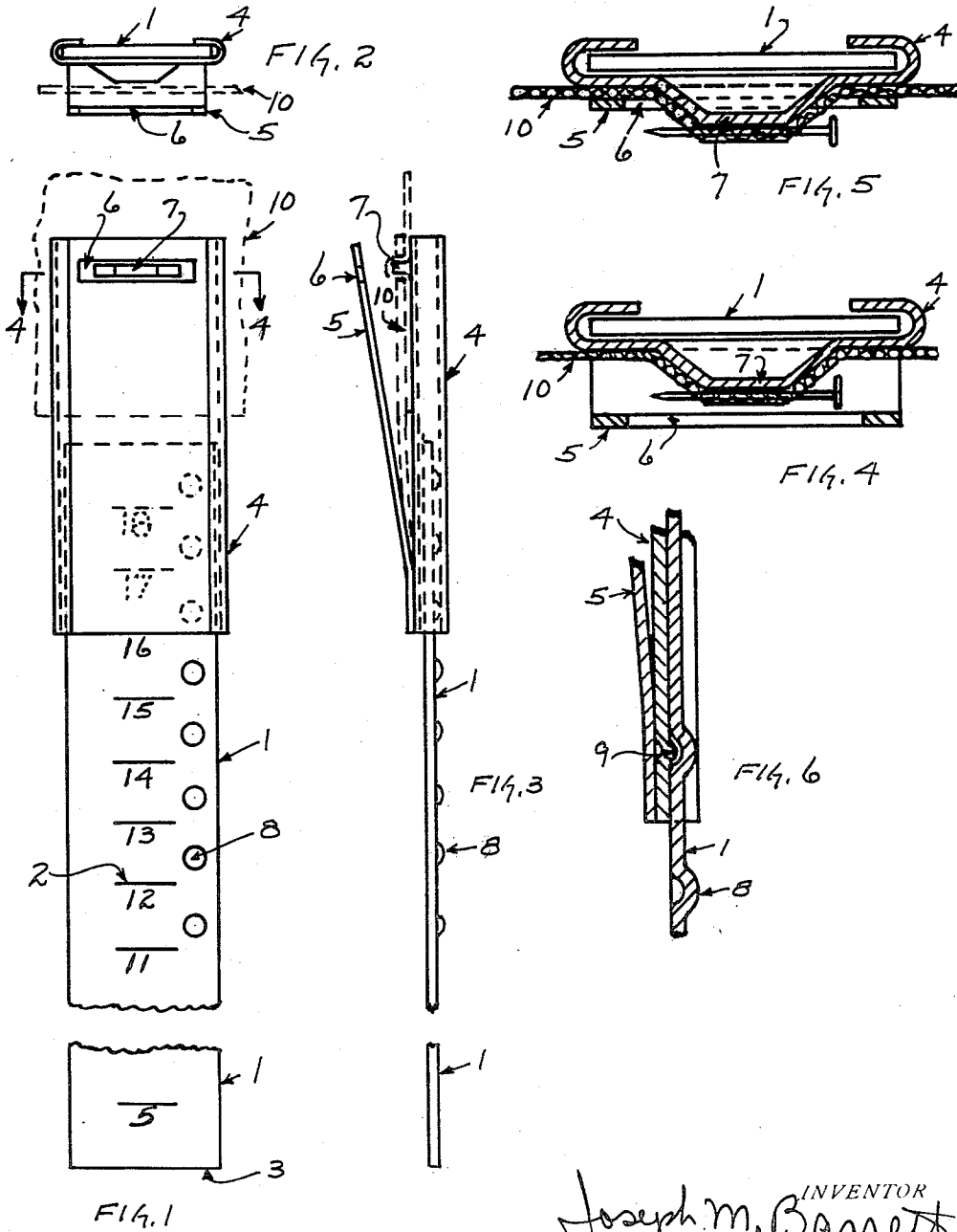


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This invention relates to measuring and marking devices and especially to an improvement in garment hem markers.

The principal object is to provide a novel skirt hem marker for accurately and speedily marking or indicating, on the lower part of a skirt or similar article of wearing apparel, the proper place to make a hem or binding.

Fig. 1 shows a front elevation of the device.

Fig. 2 is a plan view looking down on Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a section, in the direction of the arrows 4—4, of Fig. 1 and to enlarged scale.

Fig. 5 is a section similar to Fig. 4 but showing a step in the operation of the device.

Fig. 6 is an enlarged side elevation of a part of Fig. 1.

A strip of metal or similar material 1 has graduations 2 marked thereon in a manner such that when the end 3 of the strip 1 is placed on the floor, and with the strip 1 held in a vertical position, the graduations show inches or other desirable distance from the floor or platform to a slot 6.

Slidable over the strip 1 is a piece 4, having fastened to its lower end a spring leaf 5 arranged to normally depart upwardly from the piece 4 as indicated clearly in Fig. 3. At the upper end of the spring leaf 5 is provided a slot 6 arranged to cooperate with a projection 7 of the piece 4 when the spring leaf 5 is moved into parallelism with the piece 4.

The strip 1 is provided with a series of indentations 8 arranged to cooperate with similar indentations 9 of the piece 4 and so spaced as to agree with the graduations 2. In other words in my preferred construction, when the assembly is held in a vertical position with the lowermost end of the strip 1 resting on the floor, then the lowermost end of the piece 4 will be opposite a graduation (such as 16 on Fig. 1) representing the distance in inches from the floor to the slot 6.

The indentations 8, 9 may be spaced so that the piece 4 is relatively immovable on strip 1 when indicating even inches distance of the slot 6 from the floor, or as desired.

The main purpose and use of the assembly is to mark around the lower part of a skirt, uniform distance from the floor so that a proper hem may be made. The person wearing the skirt stands in normal position on the floor or on a platform and the person to do the marking moves the device around the lower part of the skirt and indicates on the skirt at as frequent intervals as desired the uniform distance from the floor.

I indicate at 10 the cloth of the skirt. In Fig. 1, I show the device held vertically on the floor with the assembly moved to indicate that the slot 6 is 16 inches from the floor. The cloth 10 is slid down between piece 4 and spring leaf 5. The person doing the marking, then grasps the uppermost parts of the assembly, forcing spring leaf 5 toward piece 4 and forcing a small portion of the cloth 10 by the projection 7 into the slot 6 as indicated clearly in Fig. 5. The proper distance from the floor (slot 6) can then be marked by the use of chalk, or the insertion of a pin, or by merely the deformation of the cloth through the forcing of it into the slot 6.

The use of a pin for marking is clearly shown in Fig. 5. When the operator releases pressure of leaf 5 toward piece 4, the cloth retains its indented condition as shown in Fig. 3, or retains its marking pin as shown in Fig. 4. The device may then be moved a few inches around the lower part of the skirt and another mark or indication of distance from the floor made.

The result will be a row of marks or pins around the skirt, all uniformly distant from the floor, and effected in an accurate and speedy manner. It will be observed that after the proper distance is located on the skirt and the leaf 5 is sprung against the piece 4, the cloth is firmly held at the proper marking point in the slot, and it is immaterial whether the device is held against the floor, or whether the lower end is lifted and swung away to more readily effect the pinning or marking.

While I have shown a preferred arrangement, it is to be understood that I am not limited as to materials or form of construction or assembly except as to the claims, in view of prior art.

What I do claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. A device for marking around the bottom of a skirt the position of a hem the lower edge of which is disposed a uniform distance above the floor, comprising an elongated graduated first member adapted to be used in a substantially vertical position with its lowermost end on the floor, a second member mounted on and slidable longitudinally of the first member, means for retaining the second member in adjusted position on the first member, a projection on said second member, a leaf spring fixed at one end to the second member and having at its other and free end, which is normally spaced from the second member, a slot which receives the said projection when the free end of the leaf spring is depressed toward the second member, whereby

a portion of the unhemmed skirt may be forced through said slot for marking purposes.

2. A device for marking around the bottom of a skirt the position of a hem the lower edge of which is disposed a uniform distance above the floor, comprising an elongated graduated first member adapted to be used in a substantially vertical position with its lowermost end on the floor, a second member adjustable longitudinally relative to the first member, means for retaining the second member in adjusted position on the

first member, a projection on said second member, a leaf spring fixed at one end to the second member and having at its other and free end, which is normally spaced from the second member, a slot which receives the said projection when the free end of the leaf spring is depressed toward the second member, whereby a portion of the unhemmed skirt may be forced through said slot for marking purposes.

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