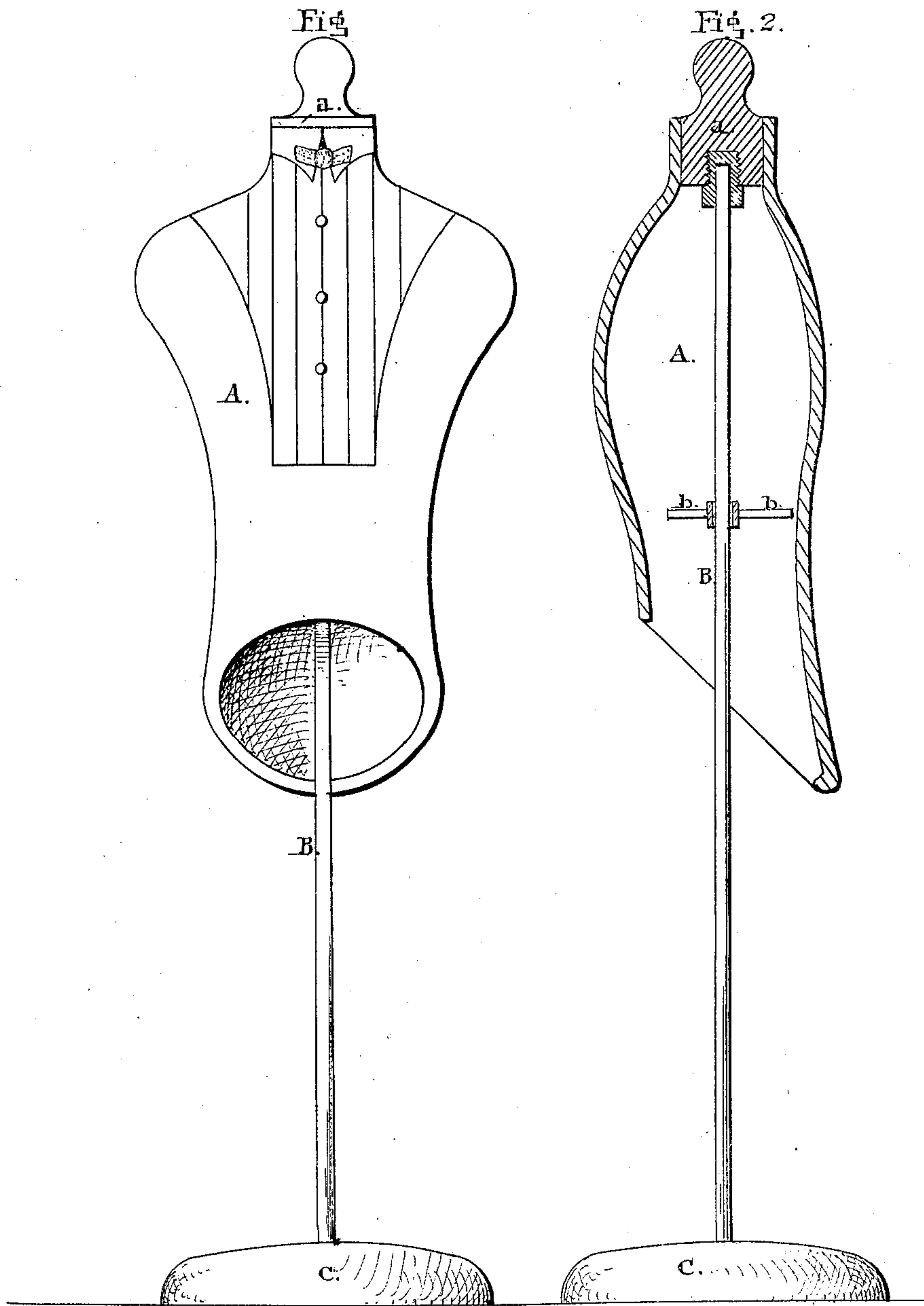


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Dummy for Displaying Clothes.

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IMPROVEMENT IN DUMMIES FOR DISPLAYING CLOTHING.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, W. E. BROCK, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Dummies for Displaying Clothing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a dummy made according to my invention.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention consists in a dummy designed for displaying wearing-apparel, and composed of a suitably-shaped shell of paper, papier mache, or other like material, and provided with a head-piece and supporting-shaft, braces and base, whereby a device is secured which may be made at a very moderate cost, and which is not exposed to the excessive liability to accidental injury characteristic of the dummies formed of wire in the usual manner.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

A represents the shell or hollow body of the dummy, designed to bear some resemblance in its general external configuration to the upper portion of the human figure. This shell is made of paper, or papier mache, and has secured in its neck or upper end a head-piece, *a*, of wood or other like material, into which is fitted the upper end of a vertical supporting-shaft, B, which extends centrally through the shell, and is furnished at its lower end with an appropriate base, C. The shaft B is furthermore provided with radial braces *b*, which serve to retain the shell in proper position upon the shaft.

The dummy thus constructed may be employed for displaying clothing or apparel in the same manner as the dummies ordinarily in use, but from the nature of the material of which the shell is formed, and the fact that it presents a continuous surface upon which the coat, shawl, or like article placed thereon may rest, it is found not only much cheaper to manufacture, and lighter and more convenient to move or handle, but also more effective in properly displaying the clothing than the ordinary dummies just hereinbefore mentioned.

When desired, legs and arms of any suitable or desired shape or conformation may be applied to the dummy for the purpose of more effectually displaying the arms of coats or similar garments, or for showing to better advantage pantaloons, &c.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The dummy composed of the paper or papier-mache shell A, head-piece *a*, supporting-shaft B, base C, and braces *b*, the whole arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified, as a new article of manufacture.

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