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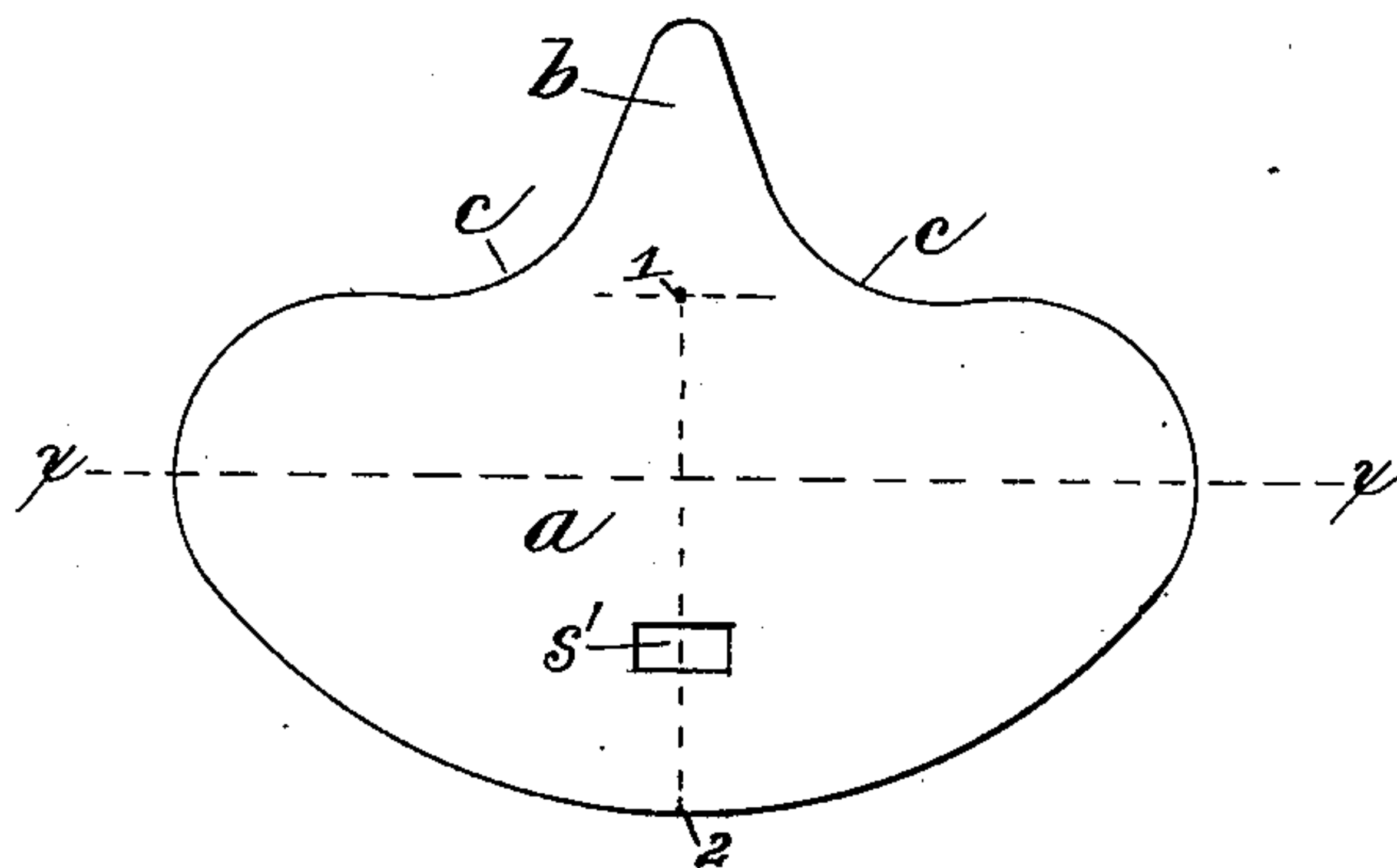


Fig. 1.

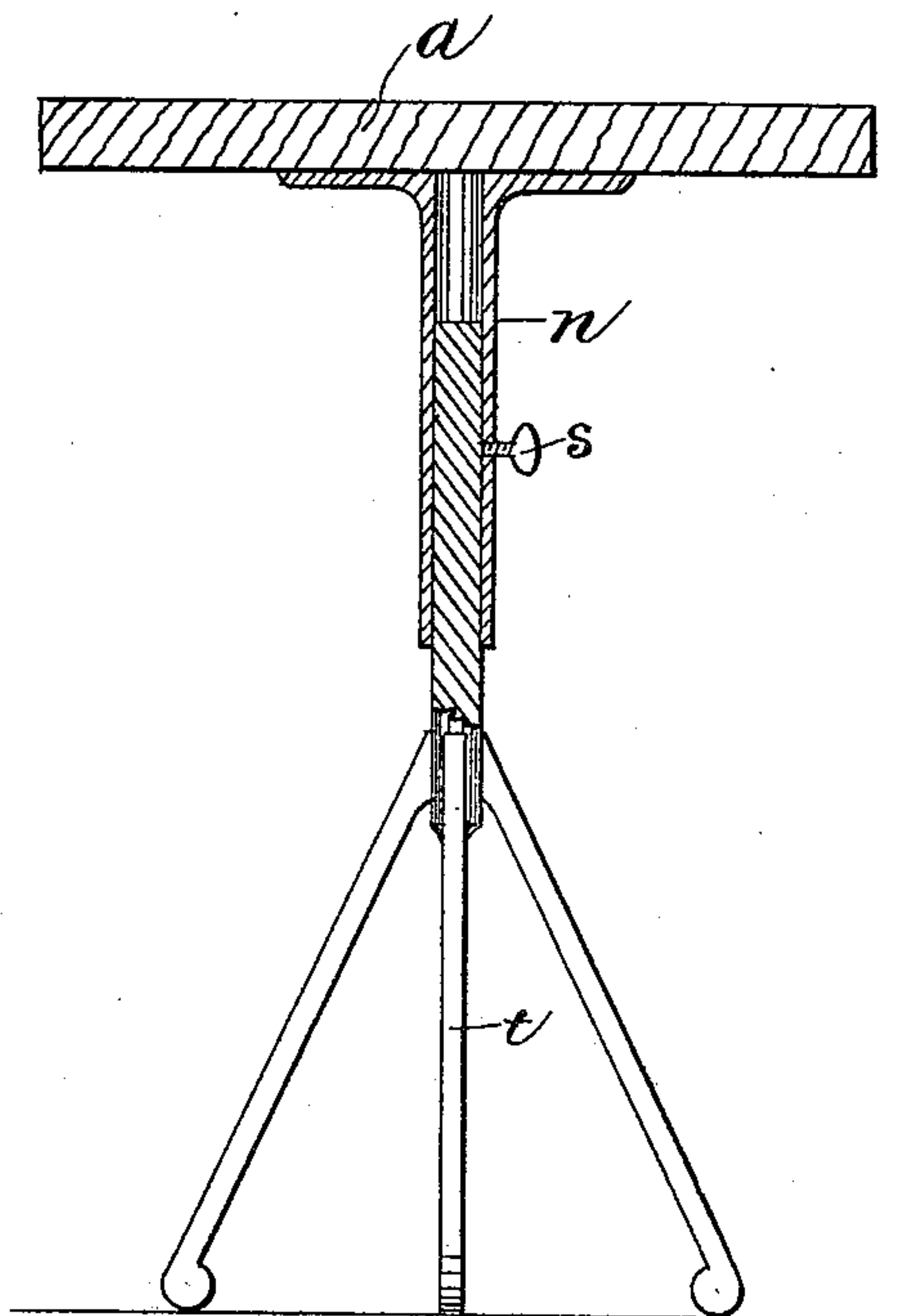


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE F. BARTLETT, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Adjustable Supports for the Person During Dress-Fitting, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide an adjustable support for the person during the operation of dress fitting and draping.

It is well known that in order to have their dresses fitted and draped by a dress-maker ladies are required to stand in an uncomfortable position, the operation being extremely fatiguing, and if prolonged to a considerable length of time, as is frequently the case, sometimes producing vertigo and fainting.

This invention has for its object to obviate these evils and to furnish a convenient and comfortable support, against which the person may lean slightly, in a nearly-erect position, while the dress is being fitted and the skirt draped, said support being adapted to be contained in the space inclosed by the skirts and drapery of the person supported, as I will now proceed to specifically describe.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a top view of an adjustable support embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a section on the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

The same letters relate to the same parts in both figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents the support, which is formed from a board or plank of proper thickness, and preferably about eight and one-half inches wide between the points 1 2, and about seventeen inches long in the direction *x x*, Fig. 1. The support is provided upon one side with a narrow horn or tongue, *b*, adapted to be bestriden by the person using the support without materially separating the legs, and with lateral projections *c c*, extending from each side of the horn or tongue *b*, and curved to meet the sides of said horn, as shown in Fig. 1, for the purpose hereinafter described.

Attached to the under side of the support *a* is a metallic sleeve, *n*, said sleeve rendering the support vertically adjustable upon the post or standard *p* or a light iron tripod, *t*, the sup-

port *a* being adapted to be fixed at any required height by means of an ordinary thumb-screw, *s*. I do not, however, confine myself to the described means of sustaining the support *a*, nor to the particular mode set forth of rendering the said support adjustable on its standard, as any suitable standard and means for rendering the support *a* adjustable thereon is equally within the spirit of my invention.

In operation the support *a* is adjusted to the proper height, and is introduced under the skirts of the person who is to occupy it, the tongue or horn *b* passing between the legs without materially separating them, and the curved portions of the projections *c c* forming a support for the thighs of the occupant, who leans slightly against the support in a nearly-erect position.

It is obvious that in order to be practically effective for the purpose intended the support *a* must sustain the person in a nearly-erect position, as described, and my invention differs from an ordinary seat in this respect, inasmuch as the tongue or horn *b*, adapted to be bestriden by the person, forms a lateral rest or support for the legs without materially separating them, while the curved projections *c c* conform to the curve of the thighs and support the occupant from the rear. The device is thus adapted to furnish a comfortable support for a person in a practically standing position while the dress is being fitted and draped, while its dimensions are such that the dress-skirt may be arranged outside of it, and therefore it does not interfere with the draping operation.

s' represents a slot formed in the support *a* for the purpose of attaching thereto the ordinary dress-maker's form or artificial bust, said form being attached to the support by means of a suitable pin or bolt passing downwardly through the slot *s'*. By this means the support, with its tripod, may be used as a support for the form when required.

The support *a* is preferably upholstered.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The improved support for a person in a standing position, consisting of the narrow tongue or horn adapted to be bestriden by the person

without materially separating the legs, the lateral projections *c c*, extending from each side of the horn and furnishing rear supports against which the person may lean slightly while bestriding the horn, and a supporting-standard to which said horn and projections are rigidly attached, all adapted to be contained in the space inclosed by the skirts and drapery of the person supported without displacing said drapery, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1881.

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