

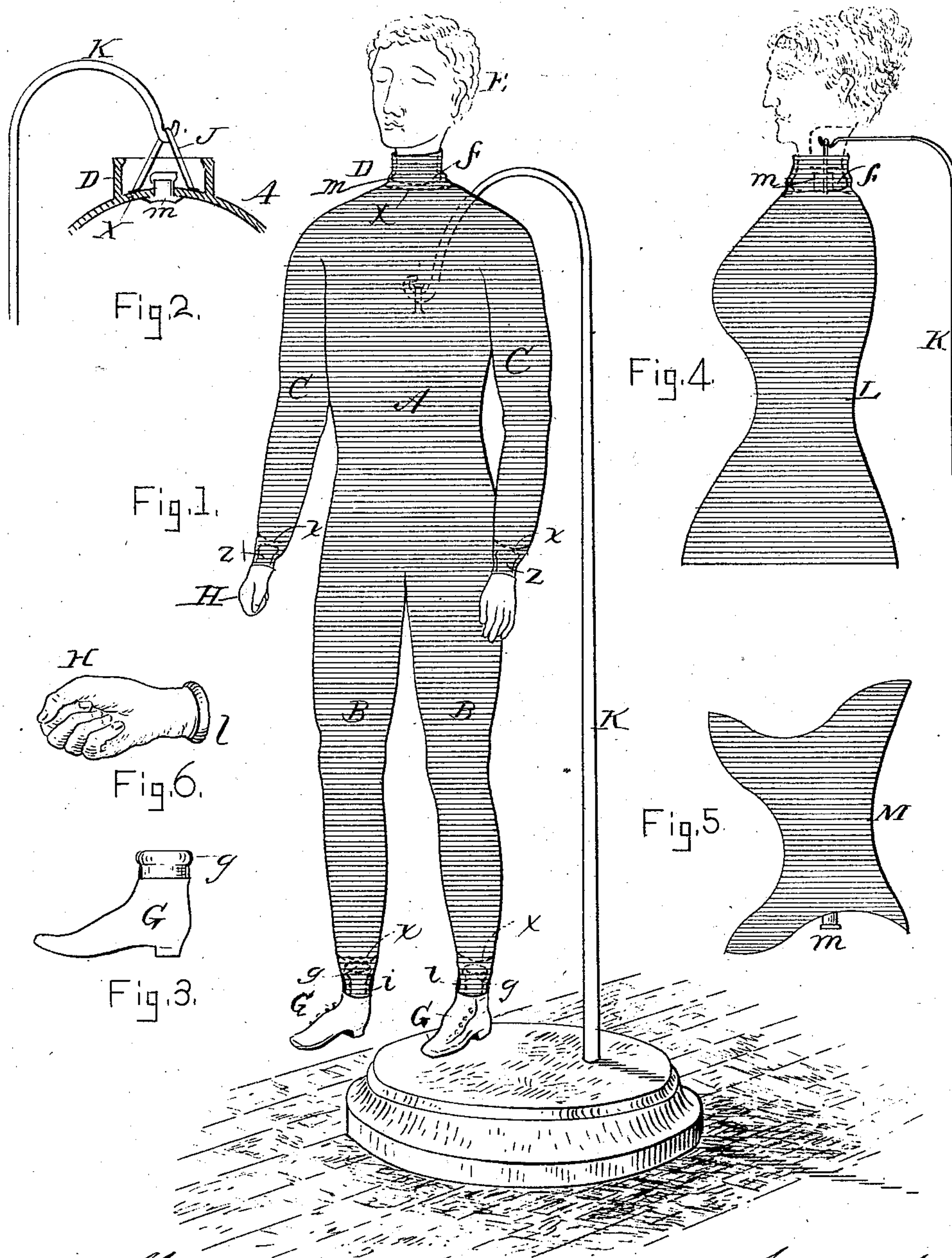
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT A. YOUNG, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Dress-Hangers, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an isometrical perspective view representing my improved dress-hanger in position for use; Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section showing the valve and means for supporting the form; Fig. 3, a view of one of the feet detached; Fig. 4, a view of the bust; Fig. 5, a view of the corset-waist, and Fig. 6 a view of one of the hands detached.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of dress-forms which are designed for exhibiting coats, vests, pants, corsets, dresses, cloaks, and other articles of wearing-apparel for either sex; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a more desirable and effective article of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation, its extreme simplicity rendering an elaborate description unnecessary.

In the drawings, A represents the body, B the legs, and C the arms, these parts being integral and composed of rubber, oil-cloth, rubber cloth, or similar materials. The body, arms, and legs are hollow, the cavities in these parts opening into each other, the form being distended or inflated with air when in use, by means of a valve, *m*, disposed in the upper portion of the body. The arms, neck, and legs are tightly closed by end pieces, *x*, to prevent the escape of the air when the form is inflated. Disposed on the upper portion of the body and integral therewith there is an upwardly-projecting annular flange, D, forming a neckband or collar by which the head E is attached to

the form. The head is composed of rubber, wood, maché, or any other suitable materials, and is provided with a boss or annular flange, *f*, around the lower end of the neck portion, so that when the neck is inserted in the collar D, the collar, being elastic, will close around the flange and secure the head in position. The feet G are composed of maché or any other suitable materials, and are respectively provided with annular flanges or bosses *g* around the ankle portions, by which they are attached to the legs of the form in substantially the same manner as described for the head E, an annular flange, *i*, projecting downwardly from either leg below the end pieces, *x*, to form sockets into which the flanges *g* are inserted, and which, being elastic, contract and hold the feet in position. The hands H are also composed of maché or other suitable materials, and, like the head and feet, are provided with annular bosses *h*, which are inserted in sockets at the ends of the arms formed by the elastic annular flanges *z*, which project beyond the end pieces, *x*, in substantially the same manner as the flanges D and *i*.

In the use of my improvement the form is inflated through the valve *m*, and, when the head is detached, suspended by means of the loop J to the crane or standard K, as shown in Fig. 2. When the head is used, a mortise or aperture may be formed in the back of the same, into which the standard projects, as shown in Fig. 4; or a loop may be attached centrally to the back of the form, and the form suspended, as shown in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 4 a bust or form is represented which is constructed in substantially the same manner as that represented in Fig. 1, the body L being composed of rubber or rubber cloth closed at either end, and provided with a valve, *m*, for inflation.

In Fig. 5 a corset-waist is represented which has a body, M, composed of rubber or rubber cloth closed at either end, and provided with a valve, *m*, through which it may be inflated.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that the most essential feature of my invention consists in so constructing a dress-form, corset-waist, bust, or other similar article, that it may be inflated for use, and when not in use, the air may be let out, thereby permitting the

form to collapse, and enabling it to be packed in a comparatively small space for storage or transportation, as desired.

I do not confine myself strictly to the method
5 shown for removably attaching the head, hands, and feet to the form, as other means may be employed, or these parts entirely omitted, if desired; neither do I confine myself to the employment of bosses on the head, hands, or feet;
10 nor to locating the valve in any special place, as it may be disposed in any convenient position where it will properly perform its functions, it being understood that it is so constructed as to permit it to be closed and retain
15 the air when the form is inflated.

I am aware that it is not new to form a figure and inflate it through a valve, nor to form a figure with a head, feet, and hands of rubber; also, that artificial hands have been at-
20 tached to the flexible arms of figures, and I do not, therefore, claim the same, broadly; but I am not aware that a dress-hanger composed of

rubber or similar material adapted to be inflated, and having a body, arms, and legs, respectively, provided with elastic sockets or
25 annular flanges for receiving and holding a head, hands, and feet has heretofore been known or used.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

A dress-hanger provided with arms and legs, and which in shape approximates the human form, said hanger being hollow and provided with an inflating-tube, and with sockets at the neck and extremities of the arms and
35 legs, the substance around said sockets being elastic, and said sockets being adapted, respectively, to receive and hold the removable head, hands, and feet of the hanger, substantially as set forth.

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