

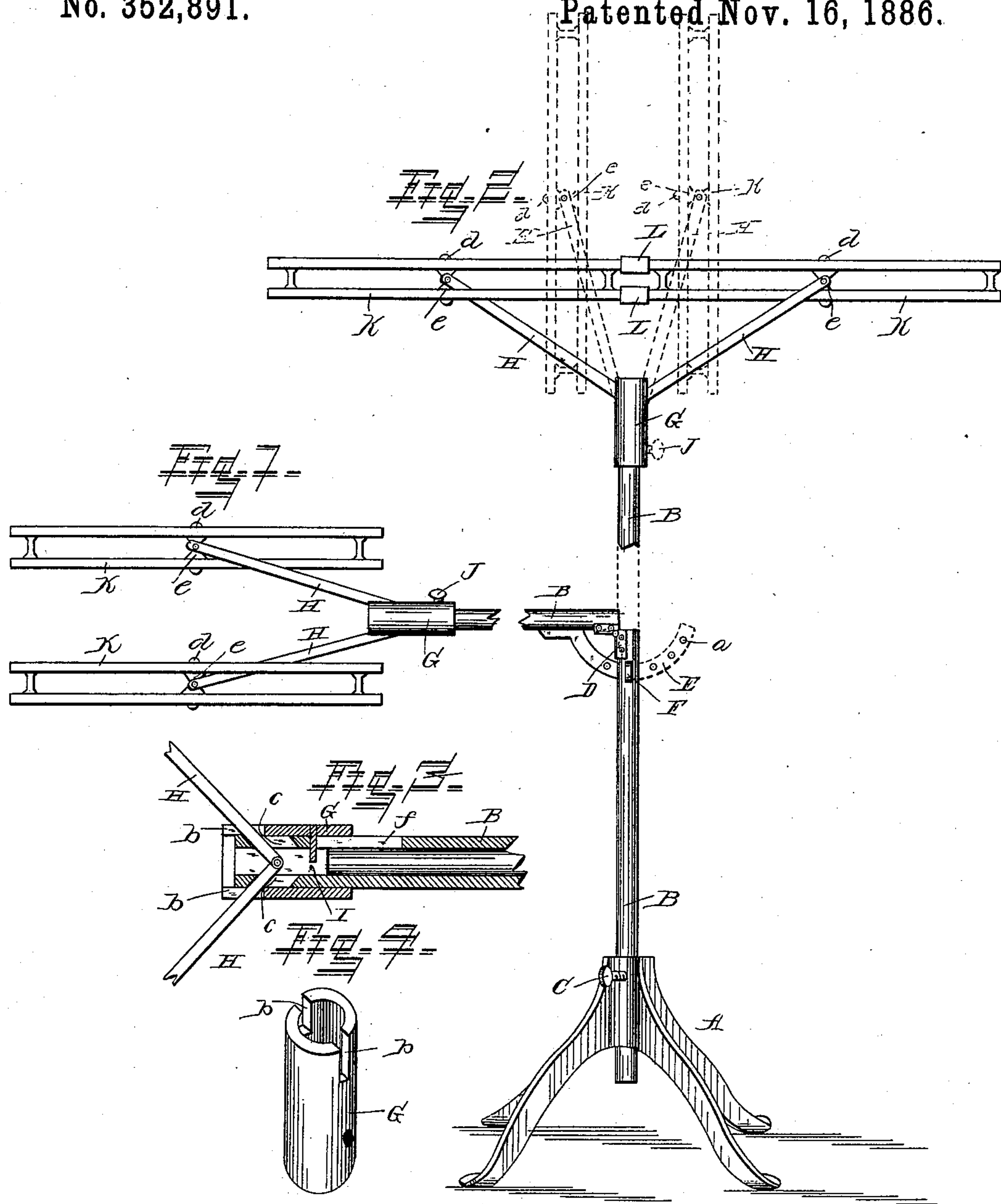
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FLORENCE M. REYNOLDS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pinacate, in the county of San Diego and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Makers' Adjustable Skirt Holders and Racks; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an adjustable skirt holder and rack for dress-makers' use, and has for its object to produce a device to take the place of the usual lap-board, and on which the dress-skirt can be suspended and supported so that the weight will be taken from off the lap, and the dress-maker can leave the work without disarranging it. The device is adjustable, so that the operator can work in either a sitting or standing position. It is also adjustable to accommodate different sizes of skirts, and is convertible into a rack for suspending and displaying the skirt after it is finished. It is designed to be used mostly in trimming the skirt after it has been seamed.

To the accomplishment of the above ends the invention consists in the construction and the combination of parts, hereinafter particularly described, and then sought to be specifically defined by the claims.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a side elevation of the device with the spreaders in plan; Fig. 2, a similar view of the upper portion in a raised position. Fig. 3 is a section on an enlarged scale, showing manner of connecting spreaders to slide. Fig. 4 is a perspective of the slide.

In the drawings, the letter A designates the base of the stand, which may be secured to the floor by screws or other means. Through this base passes a staff, B, which can be raised and lowered vertically and held to the desired adjustment by a set-screw, C, passed through base A and bearing against the staff. The staff is made in two parts, and is either hollow or solid. The upper part is preferably hollow or tubular, and is connected to the lower part by a hinge, D. A segment-bar, E, is secured at

one end to the upper part of the staff, and passed through a slot in the lower part. It is formed with perforations *a*, so that a pin, F, can be passed through the lower part into one of said perforations to hold the upper part in a vertical position, or other position between it and a horizontal. A slide, G, fits over the upper part, and is formed at one end with slots *b*, in which lie the two arms H, which pass through openings *c* in the upper part of the staff, and within the staff are hinged or pivoted to a block, I, which slides inside the staff. A set-screw, J, will hold the slide at any position to which it may be adjusted. The slide G is secured to the block I by a pin, which passes through and works in a longitudinal slot, *f*, in the upper tubular portion of the staff. To the outer end of each arm is pivoted a rod or bracket, K, to be designated herein as a "spreader." These spreaders are hinged or pivoted to the arms H in any suitable way—for instance, when the spreaders are composed of two bars, by a pin, *d*, passed through the spools *e* and the end of the arms, which fit between the spools, as shown. By moving the slide G toward the hinged end of the staff the arms H are drawn in, so as to bring the two spreaders nearer together, thus adjusting them to a smaller-sized skirt.

In operation the upper part of the staff is brought to a horizontal position, which brings the two spreaders into a like position, parallel with each other and the same distance from the floor. The skirt is then placed over the spreaders and the latter adjusted to or from each other to suit the size skirt to be trimmed. The skirt is thus suspended and the operator relieved of its weight, and, if called away, will find the work in the same position it was left without any of its parts being disarranged. If it is designed to adjust the drapery, the upper hinged section of the stand or holder is raised to a vertical position, and held there by changing the position of the pin F in the segment E, and the spreaders will then be in the position indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2.

When the holder is to be used as a rack, the upper portion of the staff stands in the upright position in Fig. 2, and the two spreaders



are turned so as to bring them end to end in a horizontal position. The two spreaders will be secured together by any suitable fastening—for instance, by a slide or clasp, L. Hooks of  
5 any approved form may then be clasped to the spreaders and the skirts or other articles suspended therefrom.

If desired, the staff B can be turned in its bearings, so as to bring any portion of the skirt  
10 to the operator without the latter changing her seat.

The device is simple and cheap to construct, strong and durable in use, and greatly facilitates the work of the dress-maker, and renders  
15 the work much less fatiguing to her.

Having described my invention and set forth its merits, what I claim is—

1. In a skirt holder and rack, the combination of a staff, laterally-adjustable arms secured thereto, adjustable spreaders K, hinged  
20 to said arms, and means by which the spreaders are held in an upright or a horizontal po-

sition, all substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of the sectional staff, 25 one section being hinged to the other, a slide connected to one section of the staff, laterally-adjustable arms connected with the slide, and spreaders pivoted or hinged to said arms, substantially as described.

3. The combination of the sectional staff, 30 one section being tubular and hinged to the other, a block sliding within the tubular portion, a slide secured to said block, laterally-adjustable arms hinged to the block, and 35 spreaders pivoted to said arms, substantially as described.

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

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