

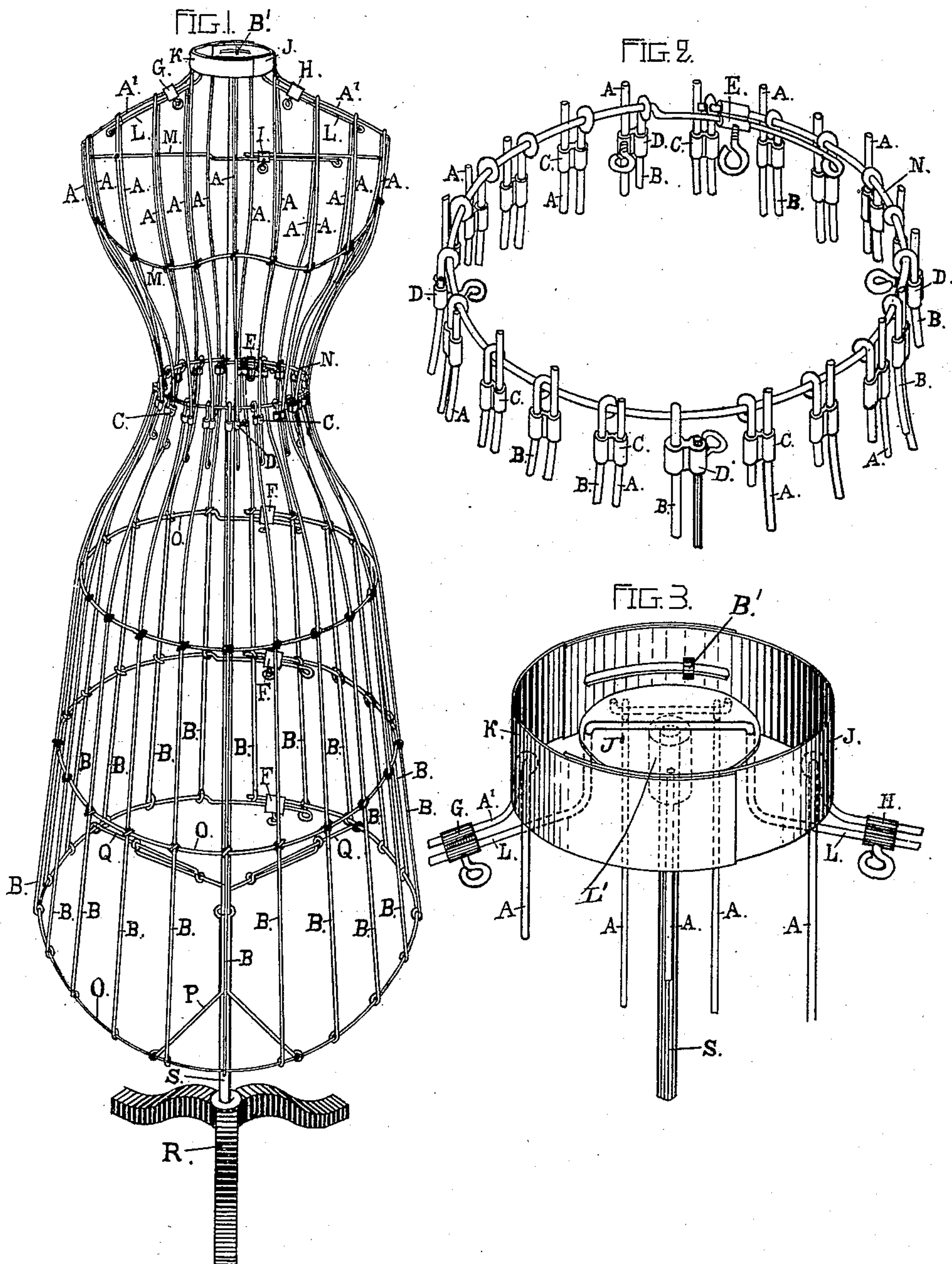
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Forms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to improvements in forms for fitting and draping dresses and the like; and it consists in the peculiar and novel combination and arrangement of the various parts for service, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The object of this invention is to provide a device of the class above named in which all of the parts thereof will be adjustable and upon which a dress of any size may be easily and readily draped or fitted, and the said adjustable parts adapted to be held securely at the desired points by suitable fastening devices, as will be hereinafter specifically described.

In the drawings hereto annexed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the dress-form embodying my improvements. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the waist-band or wire carrying the vertical rods and the guides or brackets thereon; and Fig. 3 is an enlarged detached perspective view of the collar-band or annulus, showing in connection therewith the vertical rods and shoulder-wires and supporting-standard.

Referring by letter to the said drawings, in which like letters of reference denote corresponding parts in the several figures, A designates a series of vertical wires that are employed in forming the portion of the form above the waistband or wire N, and the latter is rendered adjustable to increase or decrease the size of the waist by means of the set-screws and guides or brackets E. To this waistband or wire N are suitably secured the upper bent ends of a series of vertical skirt wires or rods, B, which are in turn connected by lower and intermediate skirt-rings, O, in any suitable manner, but preferably by solder. These skirt bands or rings are capable of adjustment to decrease or increase the breadth of the skirt by means of the set-screws and the guides or brackets E, as shown. The upper ends of

the vertical rods or wires B are provided with the guides or brackets C D, which are adapted to receive the lower ends of the wires A. It will be seen and understood from this construction that the form is vertically adjustable, and can be held at any desired point by the binding-screws in the brackets D.

A' designates the shoulder rods or wires, which are connected at their inner ends to the sections K J, which form the collar-band, and over these shoulder rods or wires are passed and secured the upper portions of the vertical rods A in any preferable manner.

S indicates a vertical post or standard mounted upon a suitable base, R, and carrying at its upper end a loosely-fitting sleeve, L', upon which is formed a flat circular plate or disk, J', to which are suitably secured wires L, which latter lie parallel at their outer portions with the shoulder-wires A', to which they are connected by the binding-screws and the guides or brackets G H. The loose sleeves, together with the wires L, form a swivel-support for the form, the skirt being positively connected to the bust portion and sustained thereby.

The two sections of the collar-band or annulus are adjustably connected by means of an elongated slot and locking-pin, B'. It will be understood from the construction that the shoulders of the form may be adjusted to decrease or increase the size of the same to thereby fit the dress at that point.

M indicates a rod or wire that is adapted to encircle the upper portion of the form above the waist to form the bust, and to the said wire at this point are secured the vertical wires or rods A by solder or in any other desired manner. This wire or rod M is capable of lateral adjustment by means of a set-screw working in the guide or bracket mounted upon the ends of the said wire.

The ring or band O at the lower ends of the vertical wires of the form is braced and connected to the standard S at that point by means of tie-rods P Q, as shown.

The ends of the several sliding wires employed in constructing this form are bent to form hooks or stops, which prevent the same from pulling out or leaving the guides or brackets carried by the same.

The operation of the invention is obvious.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

5 In a dress-form, the combination, with the standard and the adjustable bust and skirt wires, of the adjustable collar-band, the adjustable shoulder-wires, the wire L, carried along said shoulder - wires and connected thereto by the brackets G H, the plate sustain-

ing said wire L, and the loose sleeve connected to the said plate and carried by the upper end of the said standard, substantially as described.

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