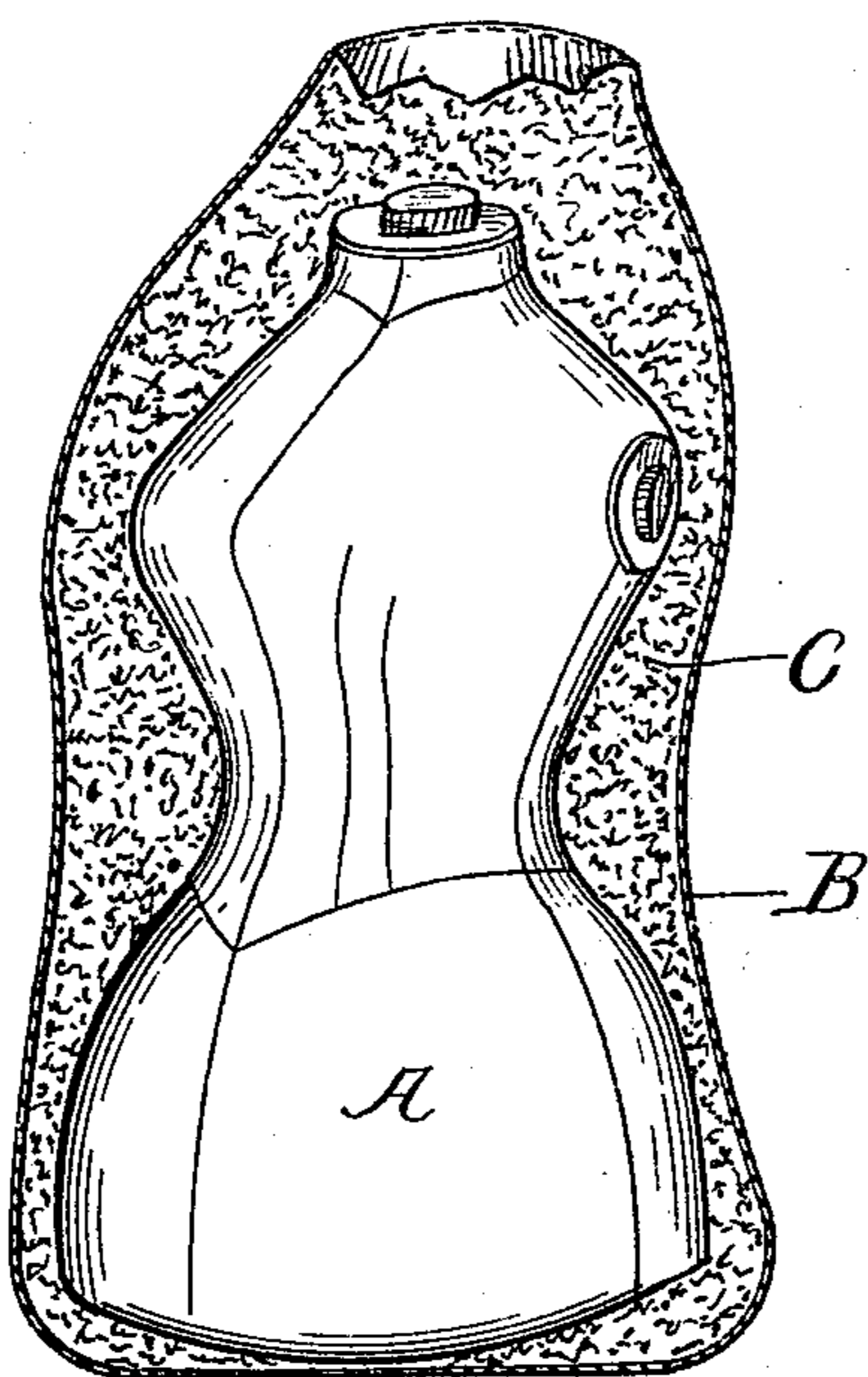


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROSA A. GUILLAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented or discovered a new and useful Improvement in Bust-Forms, of which the following is a specification.

In the accompanying drawing which makes part of this specification, the figure is a view partly in section and partly in elevation of my improved dress form.

The purpose of my invention generally stated is to devise a dress form which can be made to actually assume the varying peculiarities of outline of different figures.

Heretofore dress forms have been constructed of various materials, some with permanent shapes and others with collapsing or expansible frames, to be adjusted as near as may be to be fitted. None of the previous dress forms, however, have made adequate and minute provision for the minor irregularities in figure which are constantly encountered. They have all been contrived for figures which are symmetrically regular or uniformly irregular. Consequently they have not been true to nature and have failed to exactly represent the human form, the irregularities in which follow no fixed rule.

My invention is designed to overcome the above defects and secures a dress form, the outlines of which are accurately molded to any given figure.

In the accompanying drawing, which makes part of this application, A, is a dress form of any approved make, which acts practically as the skeleton for my form. These interior forms A, may be made in different sizes as is now customary, to roughly fit different figures.

Around the form, A, I place a bag or case B of thin flexible material, preferably cloth, and of somewhat greater size than the form

A. The interior of this bag I fill with feathers, C, or equivalent material.

The manner of using my form will be readily understood.

When a dress has been fitted on the wearer and removed for trimming, I select the form nearest in size to the same and slip the dress over it. By shifting the feathers around to various points in the case B, I am enabled to fill out the dress perfectly at every point, no matter how irregular or abnormal the figure may be. This result is accomplished with perfect nicety as the feathers will of course adjust themselves to the slightest variation in contour. The dress therefore can be trimmed upon a perfect reproduction of the original figure, and the artistic results secured are greatly heightened.

My dress forms are also peculiarly adapted for window display of made gowns, where to exhibit the dress to perfection it is highly important that the inclosed form should fit the same with neatness.

In my forms I combine the stability of the interior dress form to give the general outlines with the shifting feathers to conform to trifling variations in outline.

Having described my invention, I claim—

The combination of a rigid dress form of curved outline approximating the bust to be fitted; a case of thin flexible material loosely surrounding said form and feathers interposed between said form and said case whereby the differences in outline between said bust and said dress form may be compensated for by shifting said feathers.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of December, A. D. 1893.

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