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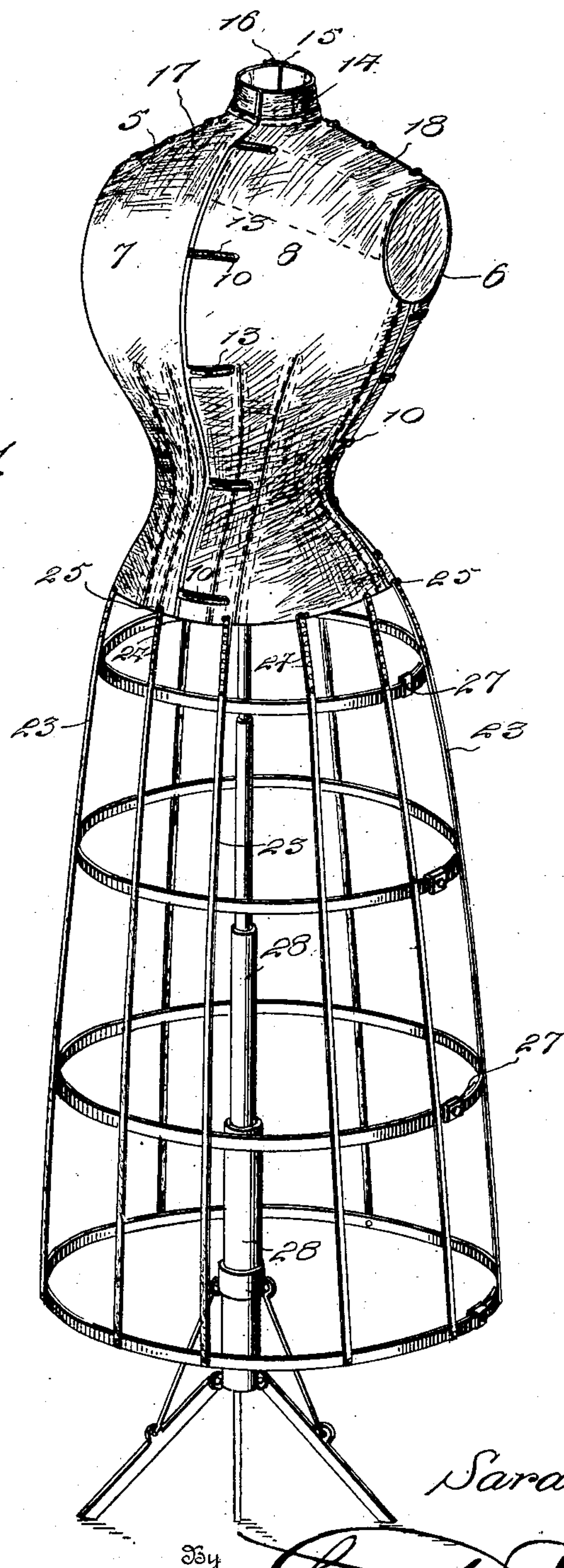
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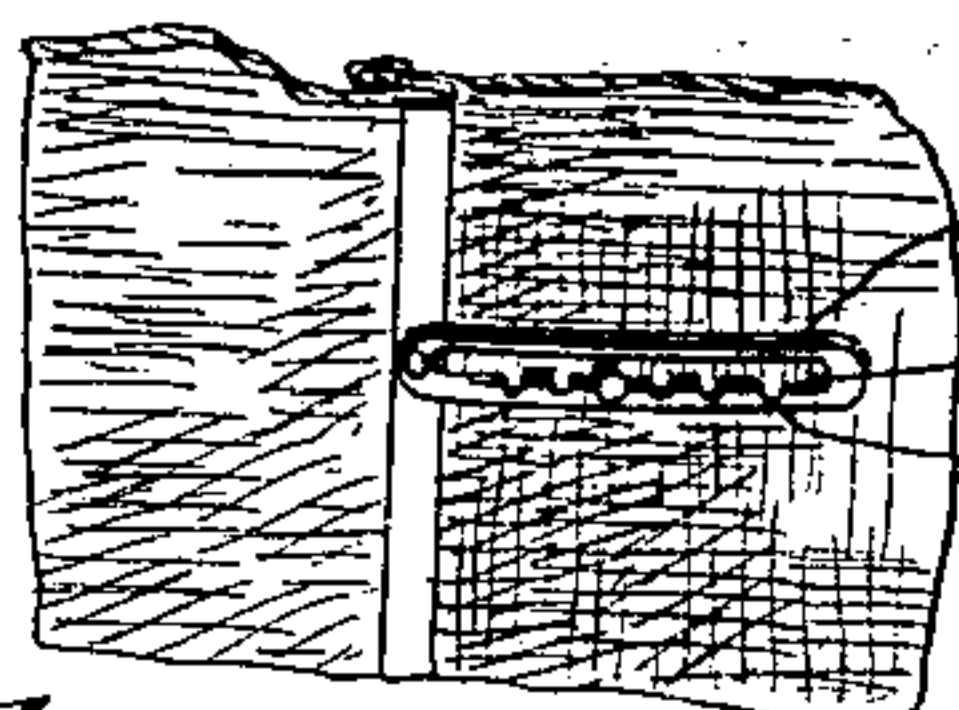
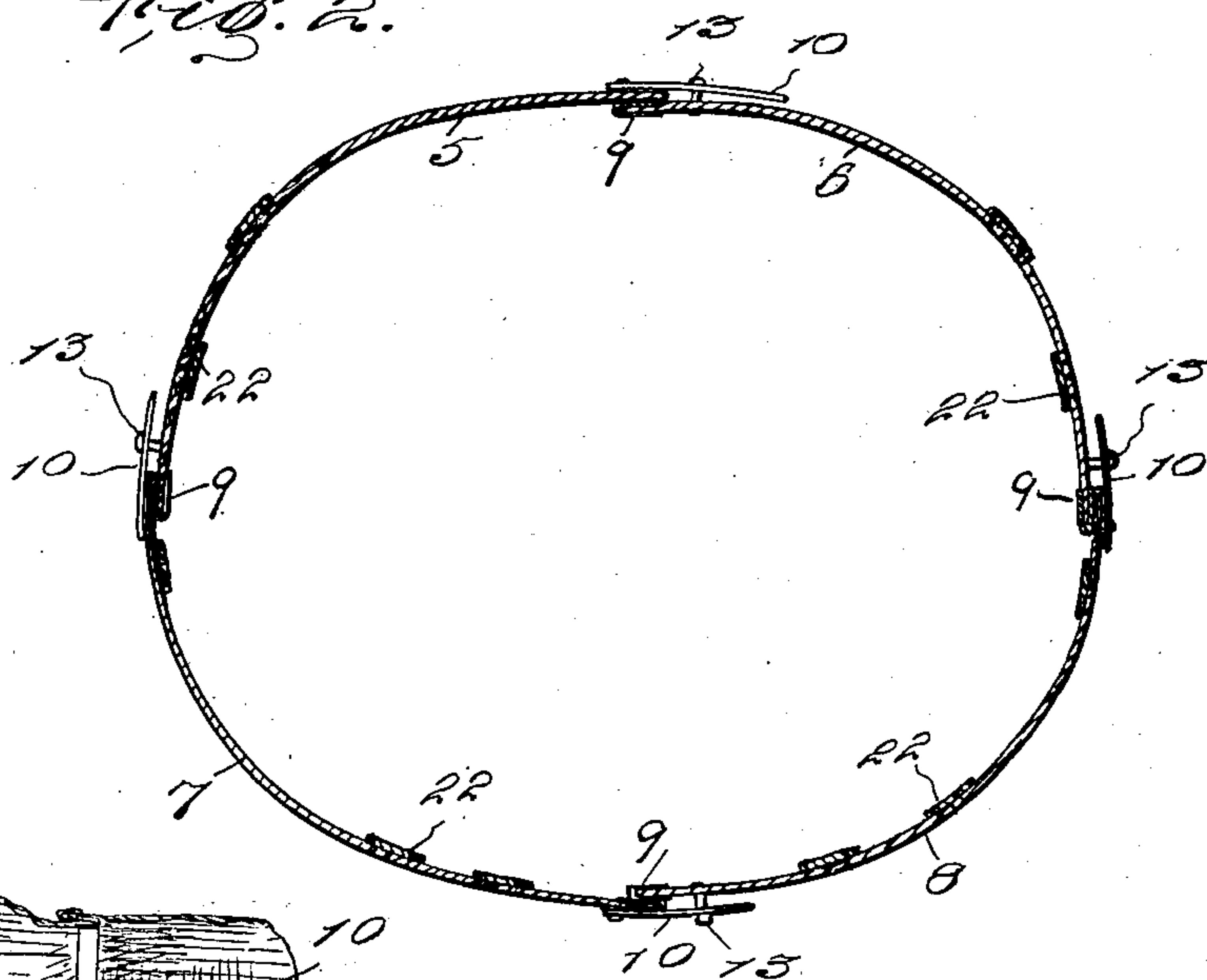


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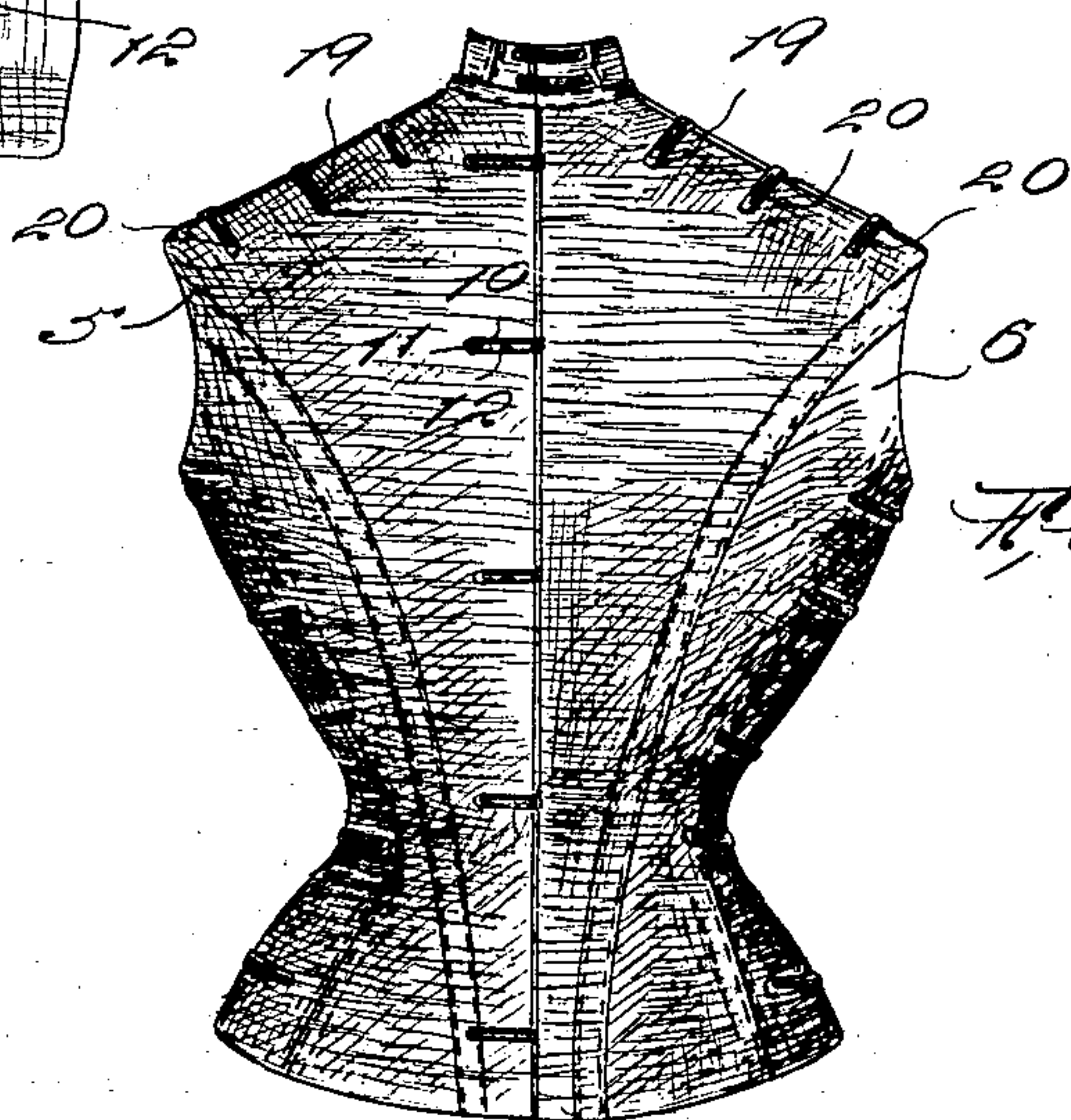


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DRESS-FORM.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH J. SECORD, a citizen of Canada, residing at Graceville, in the county of Bigstone, State of Minnesota, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Forms; 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
10 to make and use the same.

This invention relates to dress-forms; and it has for its object to provide a form so made and of such simple and cheap construction that a separate form may be made for each person
15 and the parts of which may be adjusted so as to have the proper measurements at all points of the form.

A further object of the invention is to provide a form to which the dress or parts of the
20 dress may be secured and fitted.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a form comprising a waist-form and a skirt-form so connected that the length of the skirt-form may be adjusted with respect
25 to the waist-form and may itself be adjusted in circumference.

In the drawings forming a portion of this specification, and in which like numerals of reference indicate similar parts in the several
30 views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the form without the exterior covering of the body portion thereof. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through the body of the dress-form and illustrating the means for holding the sections thereof in their adjusted positions.
35 Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the body portion of the form. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view showing one of the fastening devices.

Referring now to the drawings, the dress-
40 form comprises in the present instance a body portion and a skirt portion. The body portion consists of four members, including the two back members 5 and 6 and the two front members 7 and 8, the meeting edges of the
45 sections being provided with metallic bindings 9, it being understood that portions of these four sections form the sides of the form, as illustrated.

In the manufacture of the sections of the
50 form the pieces that go to make up the four

sections of the body-form are cut out, the pieces being then sewed together in the same manner as is usually employed in making a waist-lining, the material used, however, being a heavy stiff canvas or burlaps or other
55 suitable material having the desired qualities.

After the formation of the several sections described they are brought together after they have been thoroughly coated both inwardly and outwardly first with glue and
60 then with paint. The sections are brought together, with their corresponding edges overlapping, and to hold them in such positions each of the sections has at one edge a plurality of pivoted plates 10, having each a longitudinal slot 11 therein and in one side of which
65 slot are the notches 12. At the opposite edge of each section are a plurality of headed studs 13, which are spaced to correspond to the plates, and in adjusting the sections the studs
70 are passed into the slot and are engaged with the proper notches in the sides of the slot to give to the form the proper dimensions. When the form has been properly adjusted with a filling of excelsior or other suitable
75 material to prevent collapse of the form, instead of forming a collar-section of each of the sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 such sections, as shown at 14, are attached at the collar edges or neck-opening of the sections 7 and 8 only
80 and project beyond said sections and over the sections 5 and 6, the collar-sections having slotted plates 15 and studs 16 for engagement therewith to hold the ends of the two collar-sections properly adjusted. It will be
85 noted that the tops of the shoulders are formed by the extensions 17 and 18 of the sections 7 and 8 and have pivoted plates 19 for engagement with the studs 20 on the sections 5 and 6.

After the manufacture of the body-form
90 as above described there is fitted over the outer face thereof a fabric covering 21, the object of which is to provide a surface to which the pieces of fabric of which a waist is composed may be separately and individually
95 fitted to the form, and to give proper stiffness of the form at the seams of the sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, and at the same time to obtain flush faces the edges at the seams are disposed in direct contact and against the material of the
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form, and on the inner face thereof are stitched sections 22 of the burlaps or canvas.

By the use of the metal edgings of the sections of the form the proper shapes of the sections at the edges thereof may be given, and the metal will hold the burlaps or canvas while the glue is drying and will prevent distortion of the fabric when the stuffing or filling is being applied.

10 In connection with the body or waist form is employed a skirt-form which consists of a number of tapes 23, having eyelets 24 at their upper ends, and at the lower edges of the sections of the body-form are studs 25. There
15 are provided two strips for each body-section, and to these strips are secured a number of metal hoops or bands at suitable intervals, and the ends of each band are slidably connected and provided with clamping-screws 27,
20 so that the bands may be adjusted in circumference and held securely in their adjusted positions. By forming a line of perforations at the upper end of each tape the tapes may be adjusted with respect to the body-form so

as to cause the skirt-form to hang to a greater or lesser extent below the body-form. 25

To support the form, a standard is provided and consists, preferably, of a series of telescopic sections 28, of which the top section is secured to the body-form, while the lower section has folding feet. The construction described permits the form to be folded to occupy a small space when desired. 30

What is claimed is—

A dress-form comprising a body portion provided with studs and sections adjustably connected to vary the circumference of the body and a skirt-form comprising tapes, said tapes having each a line of perforations in its upper end portion for interchangeable engagement with the studs. 35 40

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

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