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Fig. 1.

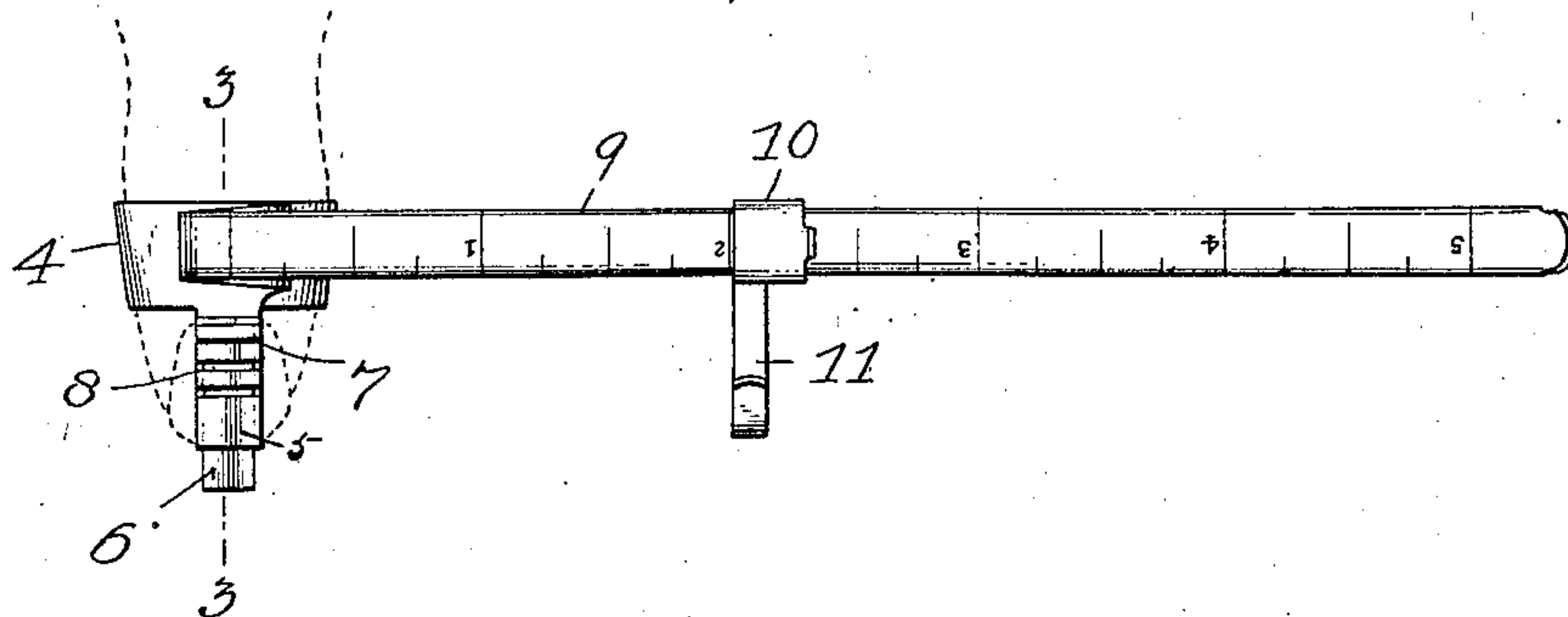


Fig. 2.

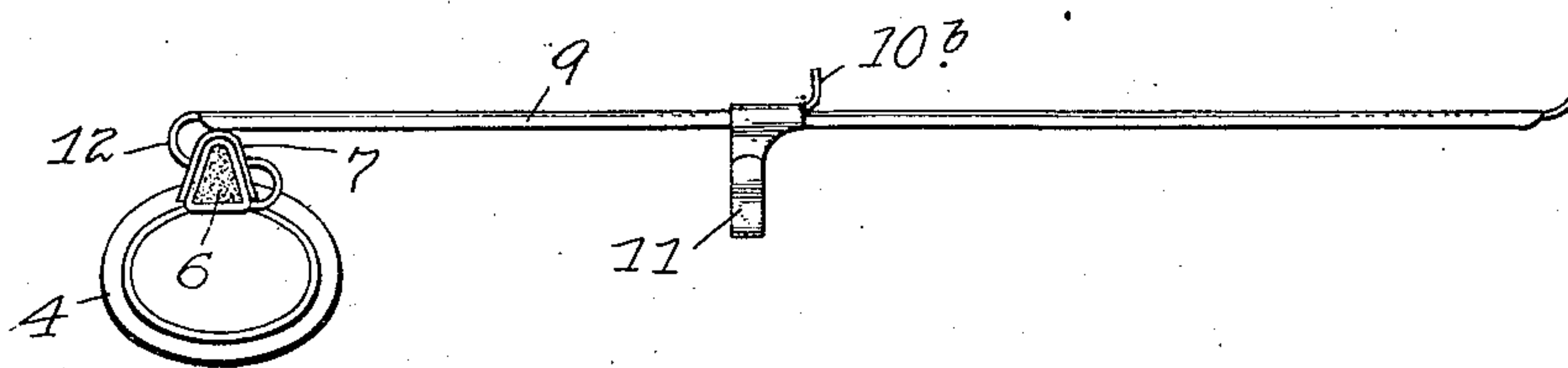


Fig. 3.

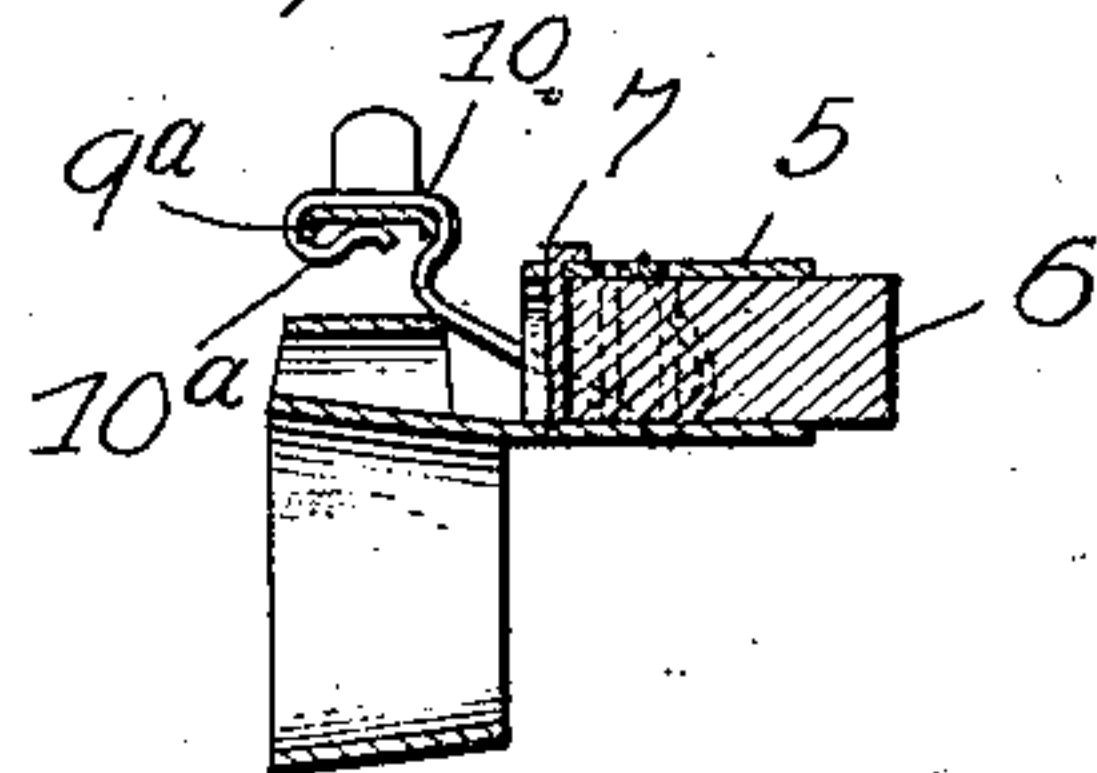


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARGARET ROHRS, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Marking Devices for Dressmakers, Tailors, and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved marking device for use by dressmakers, tailors, and the like.

One object of the invention is to provide an extremely simple, durable, and effective instrument by which the width of a hem may be readily marked.

A further object is to provide a device which may be produced at an extremely low cost, so as to place it within the reach of every one.

A still further object is to provide means by which hems of any desired width may be marked with ease, the indicator being movable on a scale, so as to indicate in inches the width of hem or the like.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a side elevation; Fig. 3, a section on line 3 3 of Fig. 1 looking toward the right, and Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view.

Referring by reference characters to the drawings, the ordinal 4 indicates a socket-piece or band which is designed to receive the thumb, as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. Projecting forward from the top of this socket or thumb-piece 4 is the chalk-holder 5, which is in the form of a tube or cylinder and is adapted to receive a piece of tailor's chalk, as shown at 6. A sliding plate 7 is designed to fit in any one of a plurality of recesses 8 in the tube 5, whereby the chalk is held against being pushed in too far within the tube or chalk-holder. The utility of providing a plurality of slots or recesses 8 will be apparent, as when a fresh piece of chalk is inserted the plate 7 would be inserted in the rearmost slot, as indicated in Fig. 3, while as the chalk wore down it would be shoved outwardly and the gate moved into a slot nearer to the right of Fig. 3, thereby holding the chalk in a more advanced position as it wears down.

A scale-bar 9 is connected to the thumb-socket 4, which bears ordinals indicating the scale in inches. On this scale-bar is a sliding member 10, which is capable of being moved along the bar and held either by frictional contact or other side in any position to which it may be adjusted. This sliding member has a projecting portion or tongue 11, designed to bear upon or to be placed in contact with the edge of the fabric, and thereby determine the position or point upon which the chalk will be impressed to leave the desired mark. I may make the device in such a manner as to have but two pieces in the whole device. To this end the thumb-piece and scale-bar are formed from a single strip, the thumb-piece being preferably made wider and bent up into the required shape, with the free ends soldered or similarly secured. A portion of the strip between the thumb-piece and the scale-bar 9 is preferably bent into S shape, as shown at 12, which thereby forms a yielding connection between the parts and lessens the liability of breakage. For the purpose of stiffening the scale-bar it is formed with downwardly-projecting flanges at its side edges, as indicated at 9^a. Instead of making this part of the device of sheet metal I may make it of celluloid, (preferably, also, in a single piece,) which might be found desirable on account of celluloid being cleaner in use. The sliding piece 10 has a tongue 10^a, which projects underneath and bears against the under face of the scale-bar with sufficient friction to hold the said sliding piece in any position to which it may be adjusted. I prefer to provide a nib on the sliding piece, as indicated at 10^b, which may be engaged by the thumb and finger to adjust the said sliding piece along the scale-bar.

The sliding piece, with its tongue 10^a, projection 10^b, and part 11, may be made in a single piece, and thus the whole device will be formed of but two pieces, which may be stamped up from sheet metal or molded from celluloid in a very simple and inexpensive manner.

While the device is capable of use on either hand, it is intended more especially for use on the left hand. By so using it the proper indicating-marks may be made by the left

hand at the same time that the goods are held or gripped by the fingers of that hand, while the right hand may be used to do the stitching or sewing uninterruptedly.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. In a device of the character described, a tubular thumb-piece, a chalk-holder projecting forwardly from the upper side thereof, 10 and a scale-bar projecting laterally from the thumb-piece and having a sliding indicator, substantially as described.

2. In a device of the character described, a thumb-piece, a chalk-holder carried thereby, 15 means for adjustably holding the chalk therein, a scale-bar connected to the thumb-piece, and a sliding indicator on the scale-bar, substantially as described.

3. In a device of the character described, a 20 thumb-piece or socket, a tubular chalk-holder projecting therefrom and having a plurality of slots or recesses, a plate adapted to be removably seated in said recesses to form an abutment against which the chalk bears, a

scale-bar carried by the thumb-piece, and a 25 movable indicator on the scale-bar, substantially as described.

4. In a device of the character described, a thumb-piece, a scale-bar formed of a single 30 piece of sheet metal coiled upon itself to form the thumb-piece and extending horizontally to provide the scale-bar with a spring connection between said thumb-piece and scale-bar, an integral extension from the thumb-piece bent upon itself to form a chalk-holder, and a 35 sheet-metal indicator bent around the scale-bar so as to have a sliding and frictional engagement thereon, and an operating thumb-piece projecting from said sliding indicator, substantially as described. 40

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

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