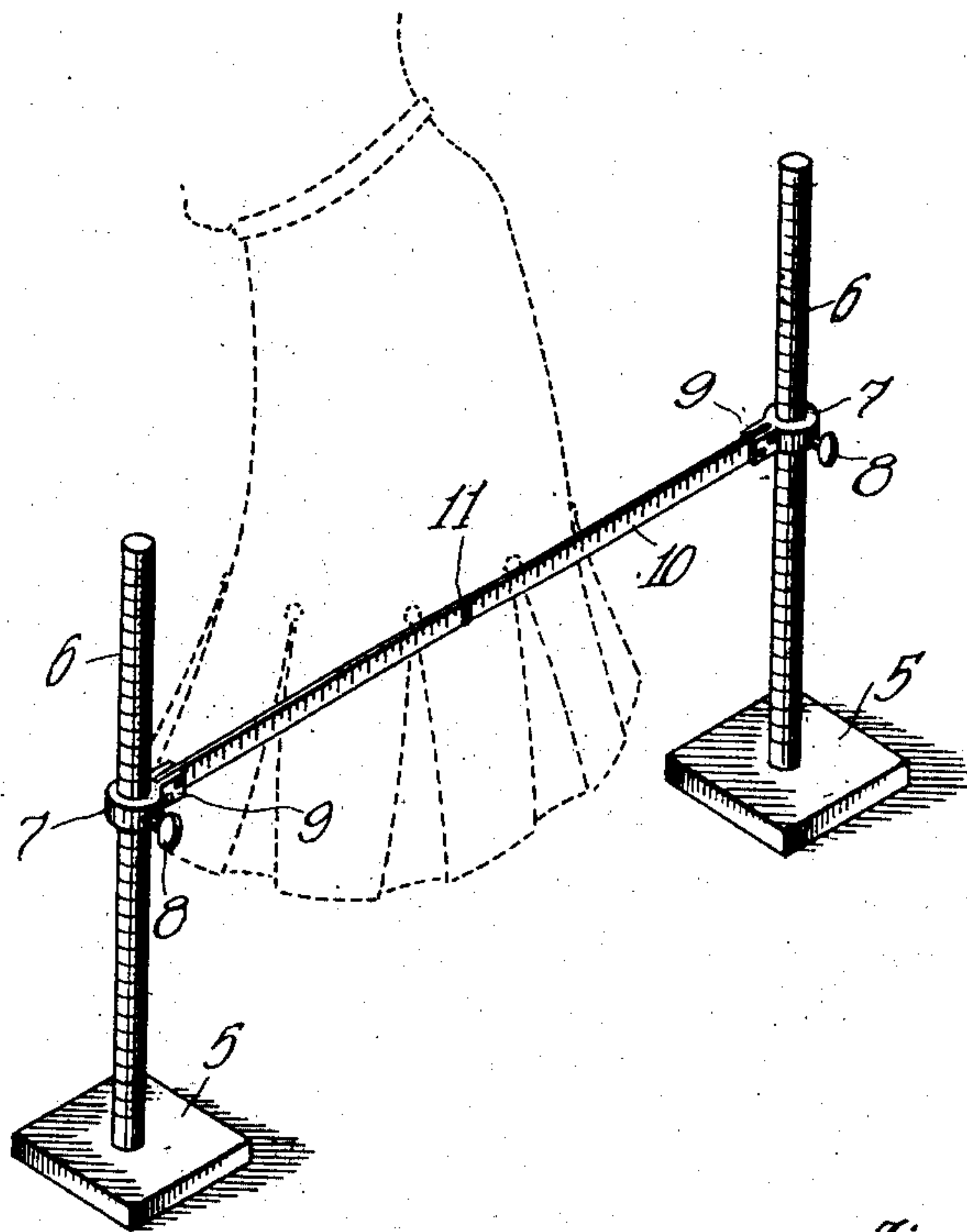


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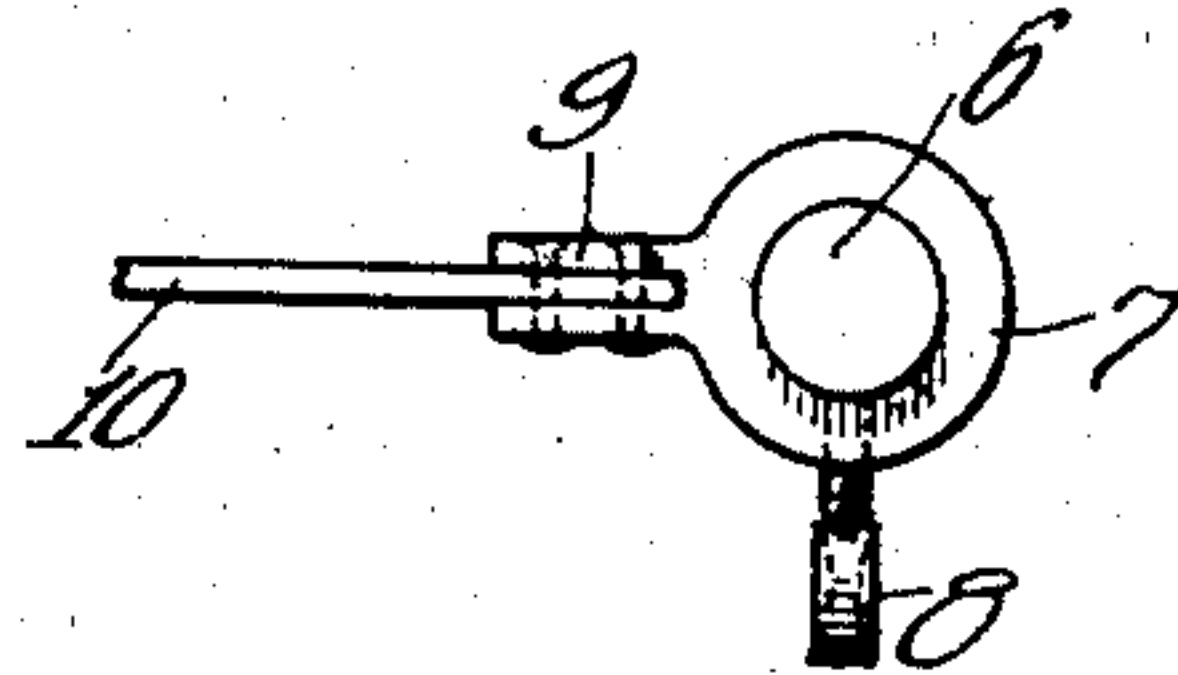
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*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ORCEAL KENNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Longbeach, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented  
5 new and useful Improvements in Dressmakers' Skirt-Gages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to means for accurately gaging the length of a skirt from the floor when secured to a person; and an object thereof is to provide a device  
10 that is simple in construction and by means of which the length of a skirt may be accurately obtained.

A further object is to provide a device that is readily adjusted and that can be folded up when not in use.

I accomplish these objects by means of the device  
15 described herein and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:—

Figure 1—is a perspective view of my device in operative position. Fig. 2—is a detail of one of the adjusting clamps.

Referring to the drawings 5 indicates suitable base plates preferably constructed of wood and rectangular in configuration. Rigidly secured to each of these base plates and extending upwardly in a vertical direction is a cylindrical standard 6 which has a graduated  
25 scale marked thereon. These standards preferably extend at least two feet above the base plate and if desired they could be made foldable by means of hinges (not shown).

Slidably mounted on each of these rods is a collar 7 preferably of metal that may be secured to the standards at any desired point by means of thumb screws 8. Each of these collars is provided with lips 9 to which is secured by means of rivets the ends of a rigid metallic bar 10, upon which may be marked a series of graduations preferably to the inch scale. By means of the graduated scale on the metallic bar the spacing of buttons and the location of ornaments may be accurately obtained. This bar is provided in its center with a hinge 11 by means of which it can be folded to pass  
40 partly around the skirt which is being measured and touch the same at more than one point so as to facilitate

the measuring. This hinge also serves to render the bar of convenient size for transportation.

The operation of the device is as follows: After the skirt has been hung from the waist of a person and it is  
45 desired to gage its length, the collars 7 having the metallic bar 10 secured thereto are secured to standards 6 by means of thumb screws 8 the desired distance from the floor. The person on whom the dress is being hung then stands close to the device as is illustrated in the  
50 drawing, and the operator then marks on the skirt along the upper portion of the bar 10 by means of pins or tailors' chalk the indicated distance, the person turning from time to time until the operation is fully completed.  
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It will be noted from the foregoing description that I have provided a simple and efficient device by means of which the length of a skirt is conveniently and accurately obtained.

Having described my invention what I claim as new  
60 and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a portable dressmakers' skirt gage consisting of a pair of standards having a graduated scale marked thereon, bases for which these standards are erected, collars adjustably secured to the standards and a rigid metallic bar secured to the collars and constituting the sole means of connection between the two standards.  
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2. A device of the class described, comprising two base plates each provided with vertical cylindrical standards, said standards having each a graduated scale marked thereon; adjustable collars slidably mounted upon said standards; and a hinged bar with a graduated scale marked thereon secured to said collars.  
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3. A skirt gage, comprising two base plates; a standard on each of said base plates and having graduations thereon; collars slidably mounted on said standards; means on the collars to secure them at any point on the standards; a bar secured to said collars and having graduations thereon; and a hinge near the center of said bar dividing  
80 said bar into two parts adapted to fold on each other.

In witness that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto subscribed my name this 8th day of October, 1906.

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