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Fig. 1.

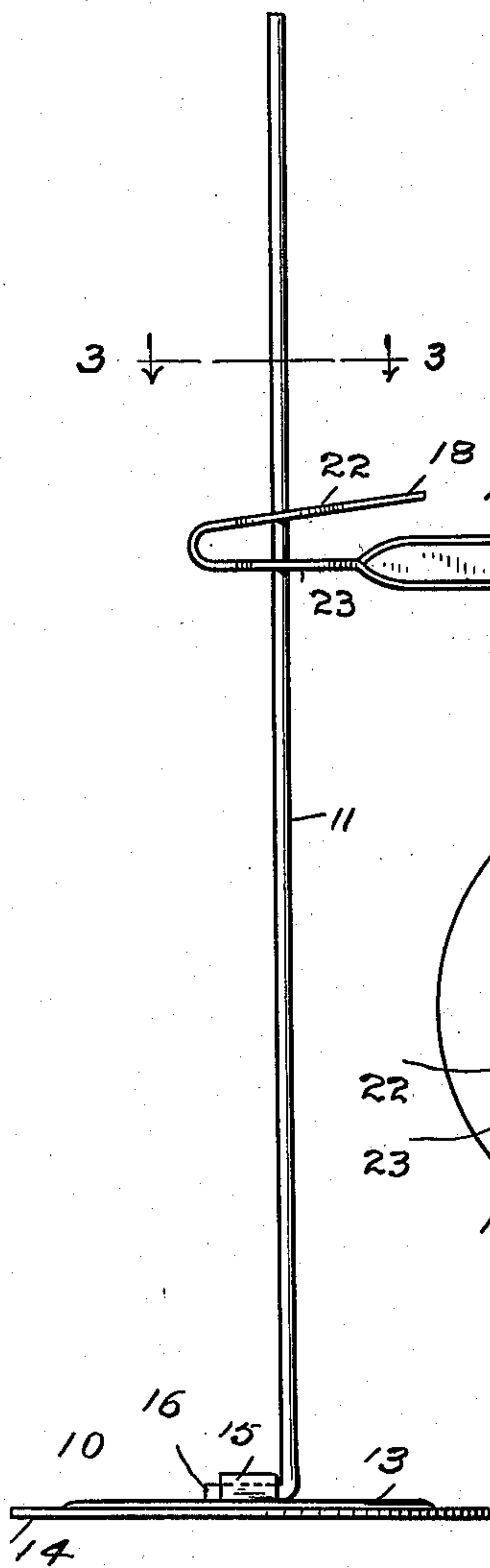


Fig. 2.

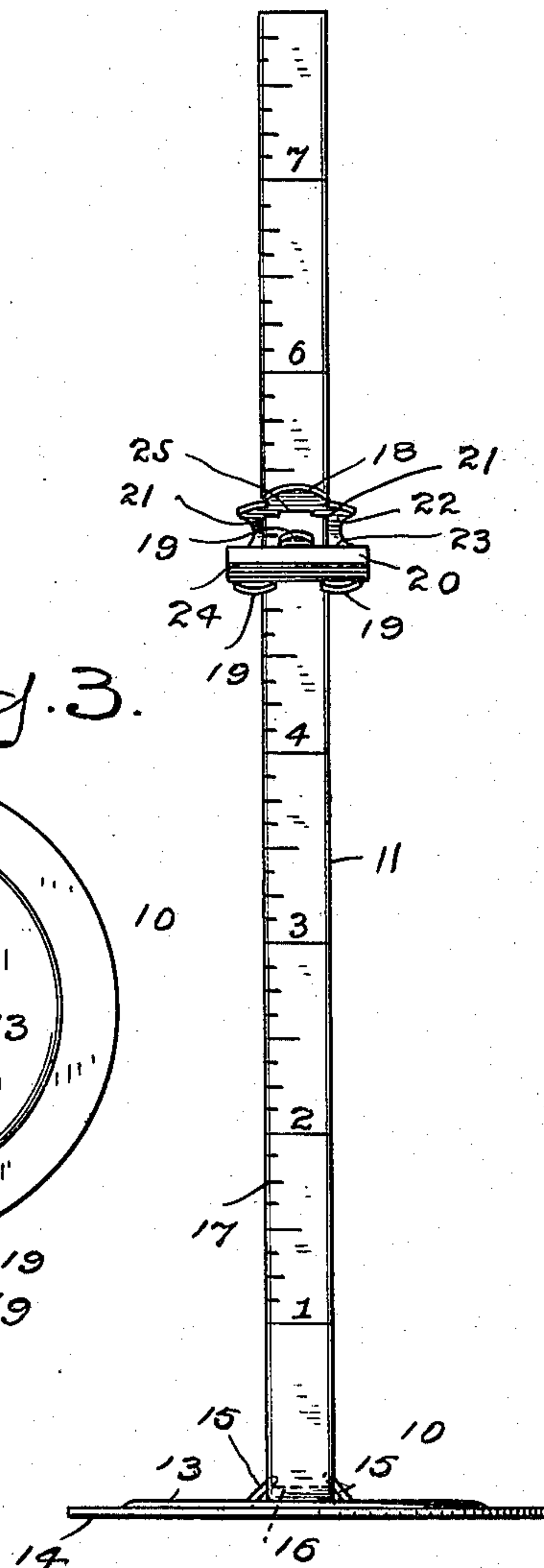
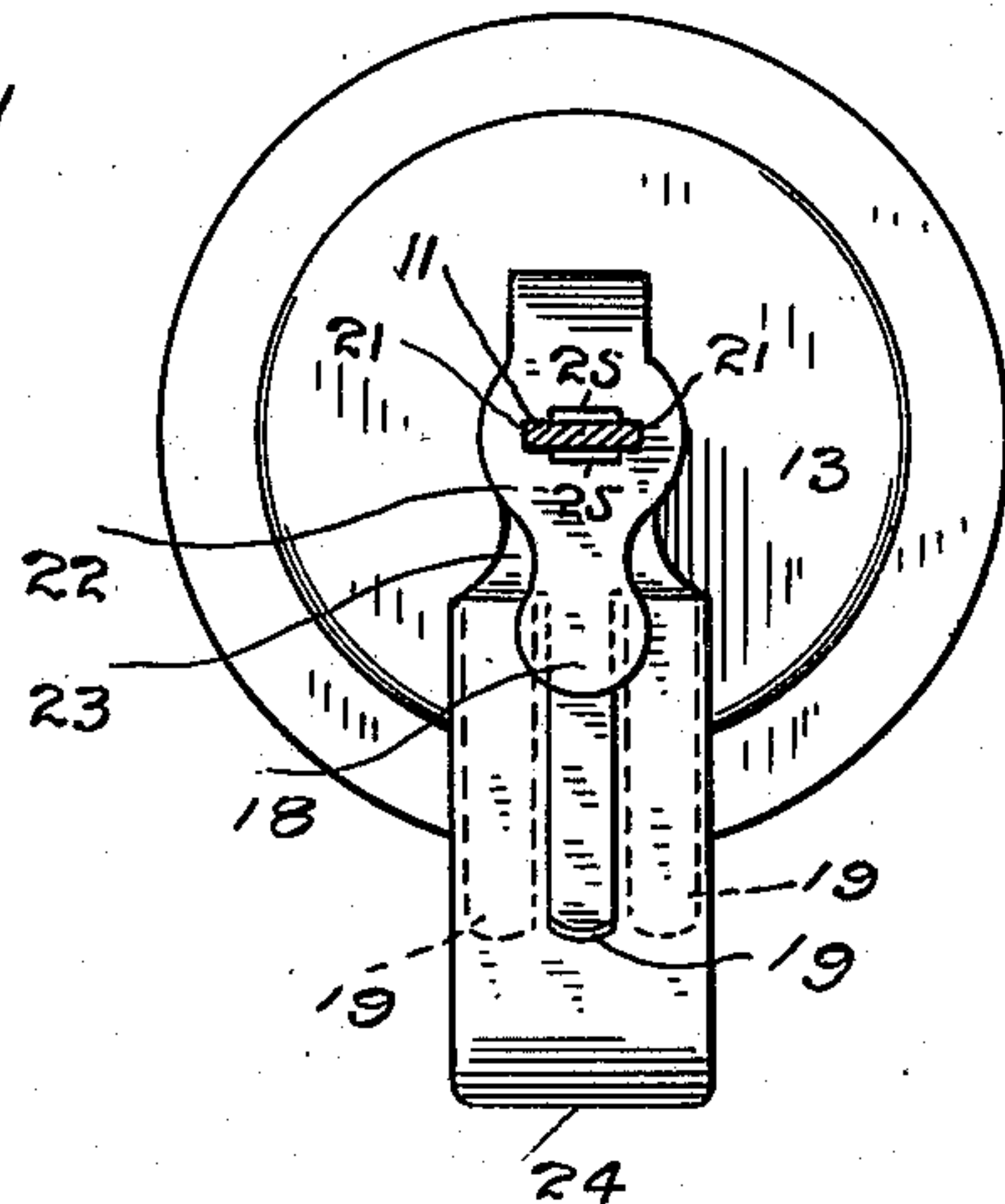


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IRVING H. PECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Derby, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Skirt-Marker, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive adjustable skirt marker, that is a device used in dressmaking to enable the operator when trying on a skirt to make a mark entirely around the bottom of the skirt at which to fold the skirt inward previous to stitching, so that the edge of the finished skirt will hang at the same distance from the floor entirely around.

With this and other objects in view I have devised the simple and novel marker, of which the following description in connection with the accompanying drawing is a specification; reference characters being used to indicate the several parts:

Figure 1 is an elevation illustrating my novel skirt marker as in use; Fig. 2 an elevation as seen from the right in Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1 looking down.

My novel skirt marker comprises three parts only, each made from a single piece of metal and each detachable from the others, to wit: a base indicated by 10, a standard indicated by 11 and a chalk holder indicated by 12. The base is simply a plate of sheet metal, preferably a disk, and preferably provided with a raised center 13 so that the edge only, indicated by 14, will rest upon the floor. At the center of the base are two retaining lugs 15 struck up from the metal thereof. The standard is simply a strip of metal, the lower end of which is bent at a right angle to form a foot 16 which passes under and closely engages the retaining lugs on the base, as clearly shown. The engagement of the foot of the standard with the lugs upon the base is sufficiently firm to retain the parts securely in place in use and yet permit their convenient detachment when required, as in packing for shipment. One or both sides of the standard are provided with a scale 17. The chalk holder is formed from a single piece of spring metal curved intermediate its length so as to form two spring arms which are indicated respectively by 22 and 23 and lie at a slight angle to each other, arm 22 forming a thumb piece indicated specifically by 18, and

arm 23 comprising spring fingers 19 lying in different planes, which retain between them a piece of tailor's chalk indicated by 20. The fingers are formed by slitting arm 23 of the chalk holder and offsetting alternate fingers upward and downward. In the present instance I have shown that arm of the chalk holder as slitted twice to form three fingers, the outer fingers being shown as offset downward and the intermediate finger as offset upward, said fingers being so curved as to cause them to grip and retain the piece of chalk securely in place.

Both arms of the chalk holder are provided with slots 21 which just receive the standard and permit the chalk holder to be moved upward and downward freely on the standard when arms 22 and 23 are pressed slightly toward each other, the spring of the arms locking the chalk holder securely to the standard as soon as the arms are released and retaining the chalk holder in any position in which it may be placed. In practice, arm 23 lies substantially at a right angle to the standard and arm 22, in the locking position, lies at an acute angle to arm 23, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. As the upper and lower spring fingers are offset the same distance, the marking edge of a piece of chalk held by the fingers and indicated by 24 will lie in alinement with arm 23, so that by setting said arm in registration with the scale, a skirt may be marked at any required distance from the floor. In practice, the numerals of the scale are placed at the mid-width of the standard, as shown, and the metal of the arms is cut away to form recesses 25 on opposite sides of slots 21 contiguous to the numerals, so that the surface of the standard at the center where the numerals are placed will not be marred by moving the chalk holder upward and downward on the standard, the grip of the arms upon the standard being at the ends of the slots and near the edges of the standard and there being no contact of the walls of the slots with the center of the standard. The recesses 25 in arm 23 are not shown but are similar to the recesses in arm 22 shown in Fig. 3.

The operation in use is simply to disengage the walls of slots 21 from the standard by pressing the arms of the chalk holder toward each other slightly, and then move the chalk holder upward or downward on the standard as may be required to place the



marking edge of the piece of chalk at the required distance from the floor as indicated by the registration of lower arm 23 with the scale on the standard.

5 Having thus described my invention I claim:

10 1. A skirt marker comprising a plate of sheet metal having lugs struck up therefrom, a standard having its lower end bent to form a foot which detachably engages the lugs and a chalk holder adjustable on the standard.

15 2. A skirt marker comprising a base, a standard detachably secured thereto and a chalk holder comprising two spring arms lying at an acute angle to each other and having slots through which the standard passes, one of said arms having chalk-grasping fingers substantially at a right angle to the standard, said chalk holder being movable on the standard when the arms are pressed toward each other and being self-locking on the standard when the arms are released.

20 3. A skirt marker comprising a base, a standard secured thereto, and a chalk holder comprising spring arms lying at an acute angle to each other, one of said arms forming a thumb piece and the other arm extending substantially at a right angle to the standard and provided with oppositely offset spring arms to hold a piece of chalk and both of said arms having slots through which the

standard passes, the spring of the arms making the chalk holder self-locking on the standard wherever placed.

35 4. A skirt marker comprising a base having struck up lugs, a standard having a foot to engage said lugs and a scale, and a chalk holder comprising spring arms engaging the standard the chalk-carrying arm being substantially at a right angle to the standard and having spring fingers to retain a piece of chalk in alinement with the lower arm, so that the chalk holder may be set by the gage to mark a skirt at any required height from the floor.

50 5. A skirt marker comprising a base, a standard detachably secured thereto, and having a scale at its mid-width and a chalk holder comprising spring arms lying at an acute angle to each other and having slots to receive the standard and recesses on opposite sides of the slots at their mid-length, so that the standard will be engaged by the walls of the slots in the arms near the edges only and the portion of the standard bearing numerals will not be marred by movement thereover of the chalk holder.

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

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