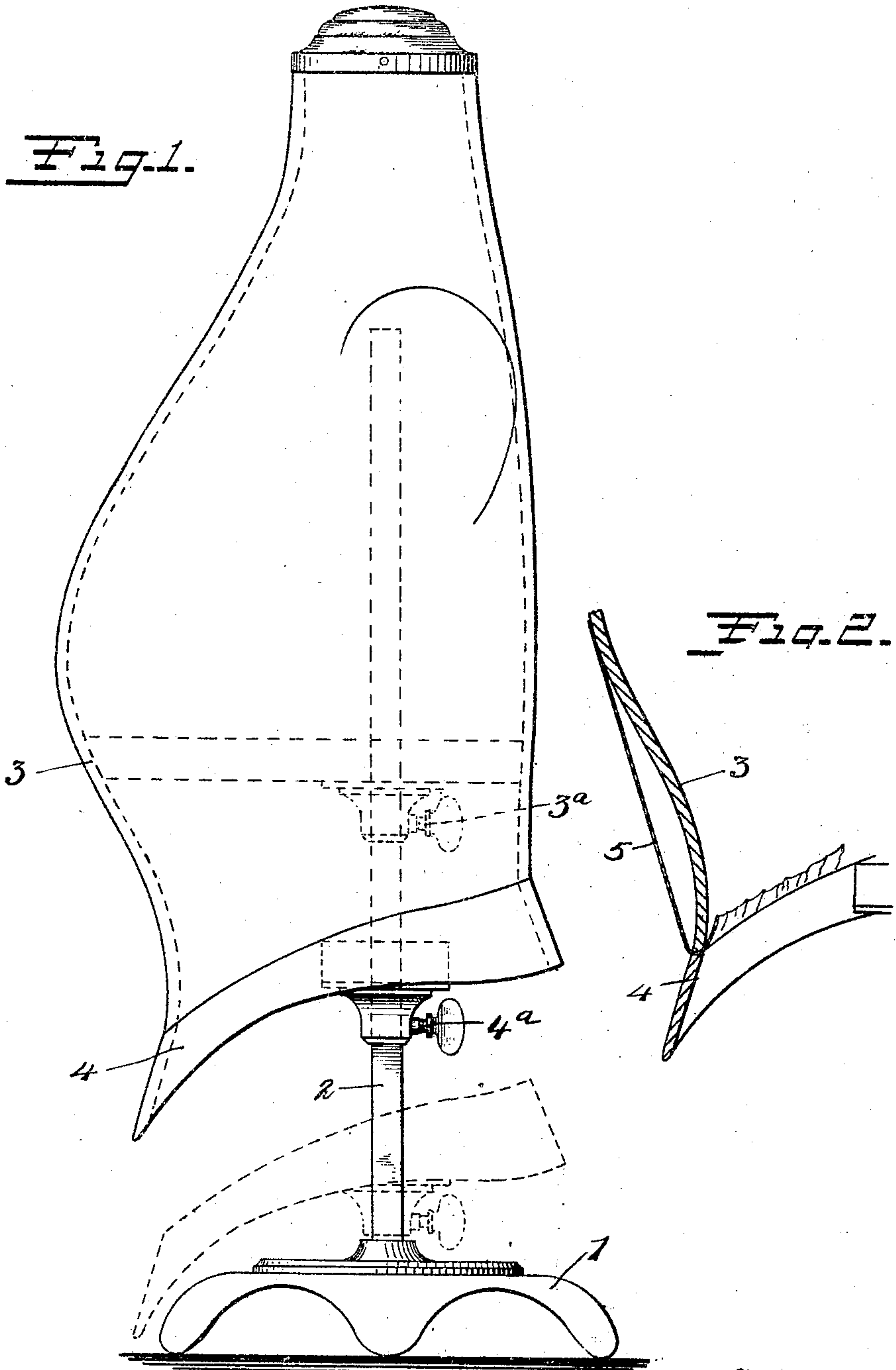


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY FRANKEL, a citizen of the United States residing at New York, New York county, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Forms, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to garment forms, and particularly to forms for the fitting or exhibiting of ladies' garments. As shown, it is of a design adapted for the fitting or exhibiting of shirtwaists.

The object of the invention is to provide an effective appliance over which a shirt-waist may be readily fitted and to which it may be secured in a simple, neat and attractive manner without the necessity of using pins or similar fastenings. Heretofore in the exhibiting of shirtwaists on forms of this general character, it has been necessary to turn under and pin the lower edge or skirt of the garment, not only for the purpose of holding the garment properly in place, but for the purpose of adjusting it to remove wrinkles.

The proper holding of the garment is necessary to the favorable exhibition of the same. To accomplish this in the past much labor has been required, while the use of pins and like fastenings have punctured or otherwise injured the fabric, so as to reduce its value. By my invention the amount of labor required to properly dress the form has been materially lessened, while the danger of injury to the article has been entirely eliminated. Furthermore, when the article is ready for exhibition it appears in a form much more attractive than possible with devices of this character as heretofore employed. Whereas, heretofore it required skilled labor to properly adjust a waist on a dummy form, the degree of skill required by the present invention is substantially less.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the form complete; Fig. 2 is a sectional view of a portion of the form shown in Fig. 1.

1 represents a bracket or base of any suitable construction by which the form is supported.

2 is a supporting rod extending upwardly from the base.

3 is a form, the body of which is of the desired contour, depending upon the article to be exhibited. The body 3 is adjustable upon the rod 2 and may be secured by set-screw 3^a.

4 is a shield or hip member which is preferably mounted to slide on the rod 2 and to be locked thereon by set-screw 4^a. This shield is adapted to the lower part of waist of the body 3, conforming properly to the lines thereof.

In operation, the waist portion of the garment is placed over the body 3, the shield 4 being then in a lowered position (see dotted lines, Fig. 1). The lower edge of the skirt of the waist is then merely turned in and the shield 4 is brought up so as to frictionally hold the material of the waist between its upper edge and the body 3 (see Fig. 2). This frictional engagement of said material should be sufficient to hold it against accidental displacement. The operator may now reach up under the shield 4 (which has proper handholes or openings in its under side) and by grasping the edge of the garment he may quickly shift it around and adjust it so as to remove wrinkles and give to the article being exhibited the proper appearance. A portion of the article being exhibited is shown at 5 in Fig. 2. By this arrangement the edge of the waist is hidden from view and a superior display is afforded. The presence of the shield furnishes at once a handsome finishing piece or may be extended in area to provide a hip support upon which to display the skirt.

In the preferable construction the engaging edges of the body 3 and shield 4 are covered with a suitable material, preferably of fabric which will not cut or injure the material of the article being exhibited.

What I claim is:

1. In a dress form, a body portion, a support therefor, a shield conforming to the outline of the lower part of the body portion and adjustable on said support, said body portion and shield cooperating to frictionally hold the edge of a garment mounted upon said body portion for fitting or display.

2. In a dress form, a support, a body portion adjustable thereon, a second portion conformed to the lower part of the body portion and adjustable on said support and cooperating with the first portion to frictionally hold a garment mounted upon said body portions.

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