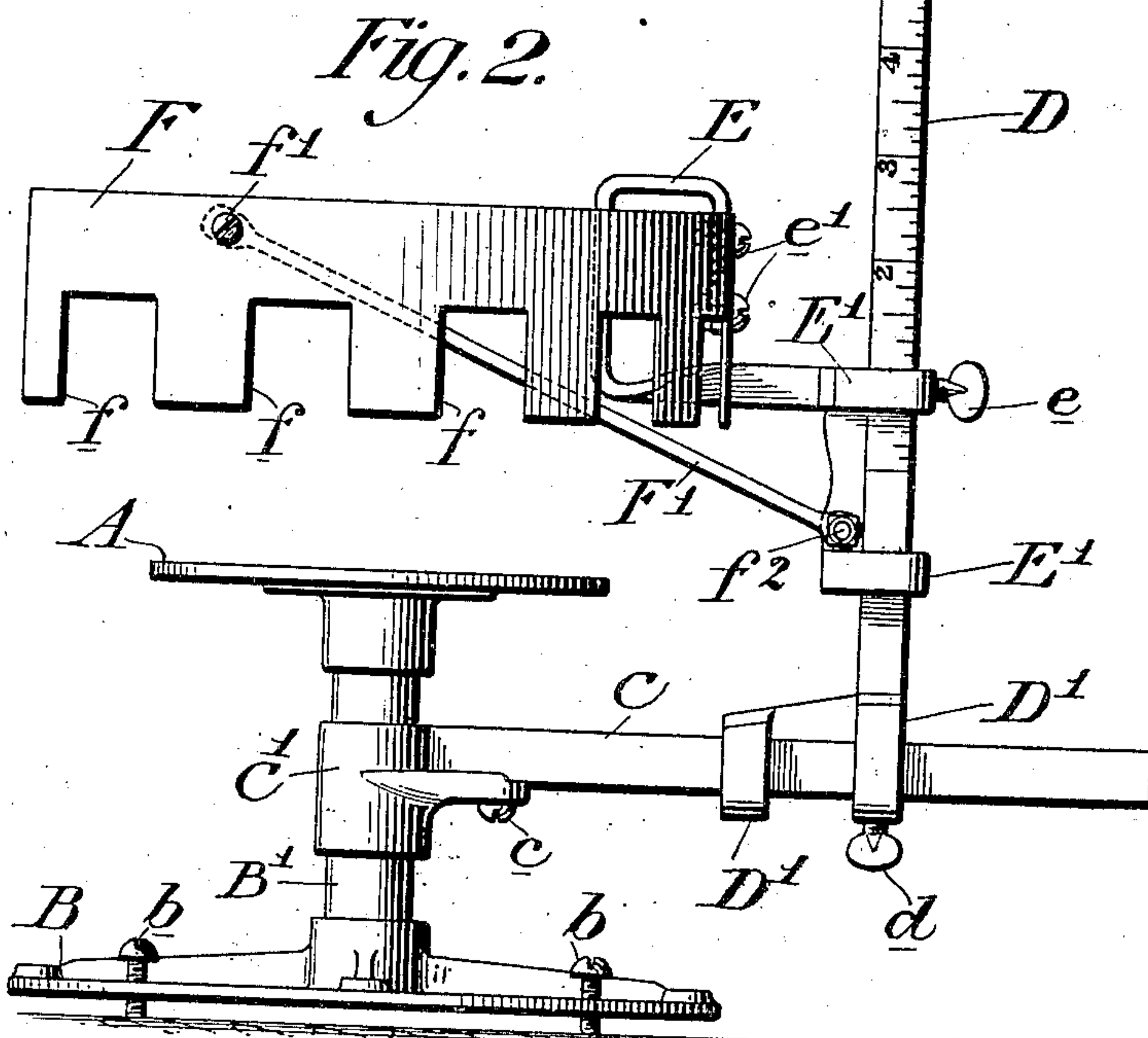
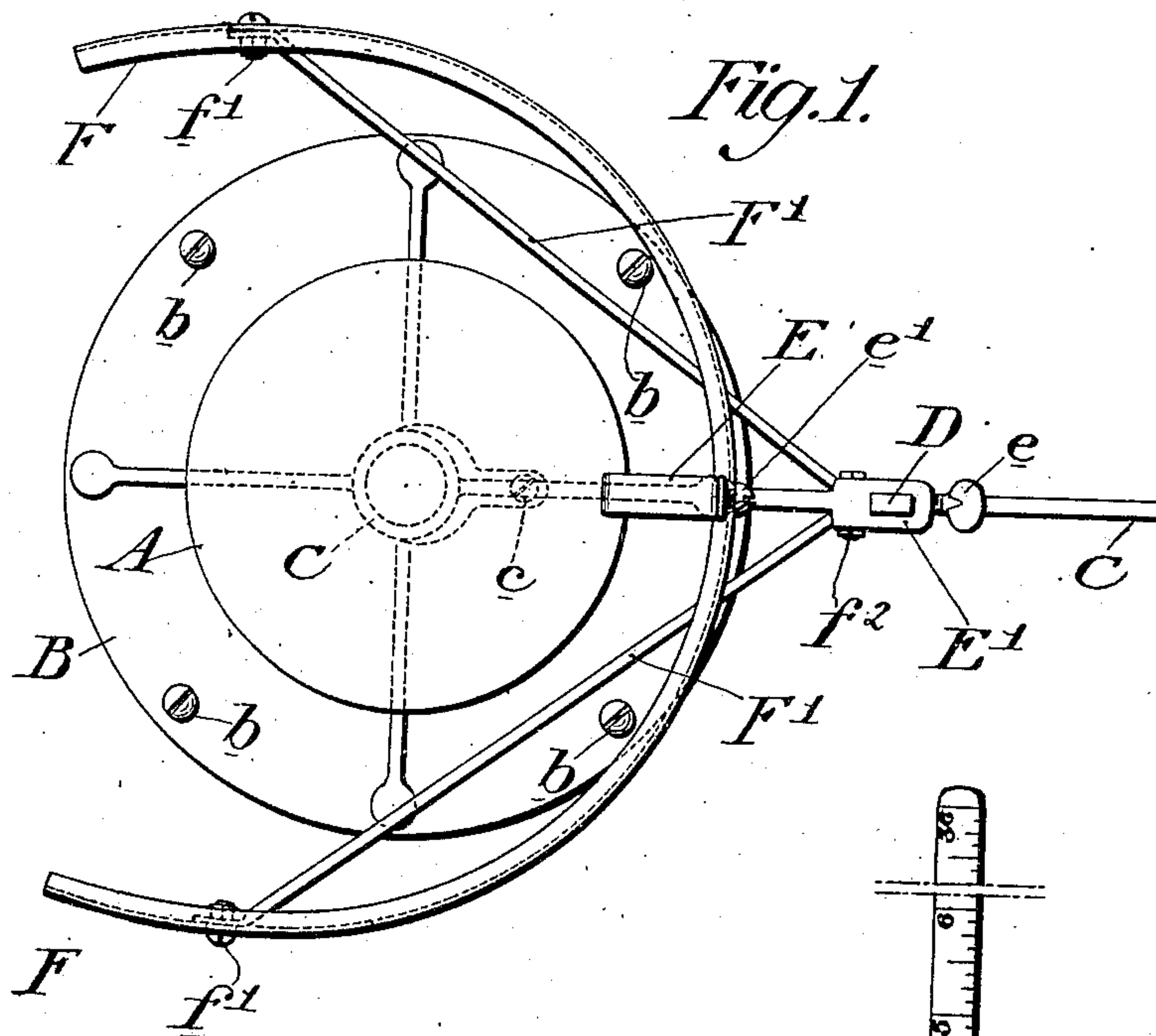


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LORENZO CURCIO, a naturalized citizen of the United States, residing at 1526 South Twelfth street, Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Fitting and Turning Ladies' Skirts and Coats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a device for fitting the bottom and lower edge of women's skirts and has for its object to provide such a device as will be at once simple in construction and capable of quick and accurate work.

My invention will be best understood as described in connection with the drawings forming part of this specification and in which:

Figure 1 illustrates a plan view of the device forming the subject matter of my invention, and Fig. 2 a side elevation of the same showing the vertical arm of the device broken away for convenience of illustration.

Referring to the reference letters of the drawings, A, denotes a platform upon which the person stands in being fitted, B, is the base of the platform and B¹ is a central column by which the platform A, and base B, are united together.

In order to level the platform A, with accuracy, the base B, is provided with a number of set-screws b, b, etc. which are threaded to the base at or near the periphery and rest upon the floor or other means upon which the device may conveniently rest.

About midway between the platform A, and base B, is a horizontally disposed arm C, connected to a hub C¹ by a suitable fitting and held thereto by a screw c, the said arm forming a means of support and adjustment for all of the upper parts of the device through the medium of a vertical arm D. The arm D, is graduated throughout its upper length to form a gage or standard which as shown is preferably marked off in inches and fractions thereof. The lower part of the arm D, is widened out to form bearings D¹, D¹, which engage the arm C, and one of these bearings as shown in Fig. 2 is provided with a set-screw d.

Guided upon the vertical arm D, is a bracket E, provided with bearings E¹, E¹, one of which is provided with a set-screw e. The upper portion of the bracket E, is first twisted and then bent around in the form of a loop to form a suitable support for a guard F. The guard F,

over which the garment is drawn in the operation of fitting comprises a curved metal strip flanged at the top to impart to it strength and stiffness and notches at the bottom throughout its length as shown at f, f, etc. to provide for the insertion of pins or for other temporary means of fastening the upturned portion or hem of the skirt in position while fitting or leveling the bottom of the garment.

The guard F, is connected centrally to the bracket E, by screws e¹, and as an additional means of support is provided with braces F¹, F¹, which are connected at one end to guard F, by screws f¹, f¹, and at the other to the lower portion of the bracket E, by a nut f².

In using the device the person upon whom the skirt or coat is about to be fitted takes a standing position upon the platform A, and the arm D¹, is moved to the right along the horizontal arm C, until the guard F, comes in contact with the inner side of the depending garment. The length of the skirt at a given point having been determined upon, the lower end of the guard F, is adjusted to this point and its position noted by the graduations on the vertical arm D. Beginning at the front of the skirt the fabric is turned inward and upward around the guard F, to form a hem which is secured by pins or stitches located at a point within the notches f, f, etc. of the guard, the guard having been released from the fabric and turned on the upright arm D, which forms its fulcrum is next brought to the rear of the garment which in practice is usually an inch or more longer than the front. This difference if any is noted upon the graduated arm D, and the guard F, is again adjusted accordingly.

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

1. A skirt fitter comprising a platform, a base connected to the platform by a column and provided with leveling screws, a horizontal arm projecting outward from the column, an adjustable gage mounted on said arm and a notched guard bracketed to and adjustable upon said gage, substantially as described.

2. A skirt fitter comprising a platform, an arm projecting therefrom, a gage guided upon said arm and adapted to be moved to and from the platform and a guard guided on said gage comprising a curved plate provided with a number of recesses, substantially as described.

3. A skirt fitter comprising a platform, a horizontal arm projecting therefrom, a base connected to and provided with means for leveling the platform, a vertically disposed arm guided upon the said horizontal arm, and a notched guard carried by a bracket which is adjustably secured to said vertical arm substantially as described.

4. A skirt fitter comprising a base provided with leveling screws, a platform, a column interposed between the base and the platform, a horizontal arm fulcrumed to said column, a vertical arm guided upon said

horizontal arm and provided with a graduated scale, a bracket adjustably guided upon the vertical arm, and a guard fastened to said bracket and having its lowermost portion provided with a series of notches substantially as specified.

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

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