

SKIRT MARKER.

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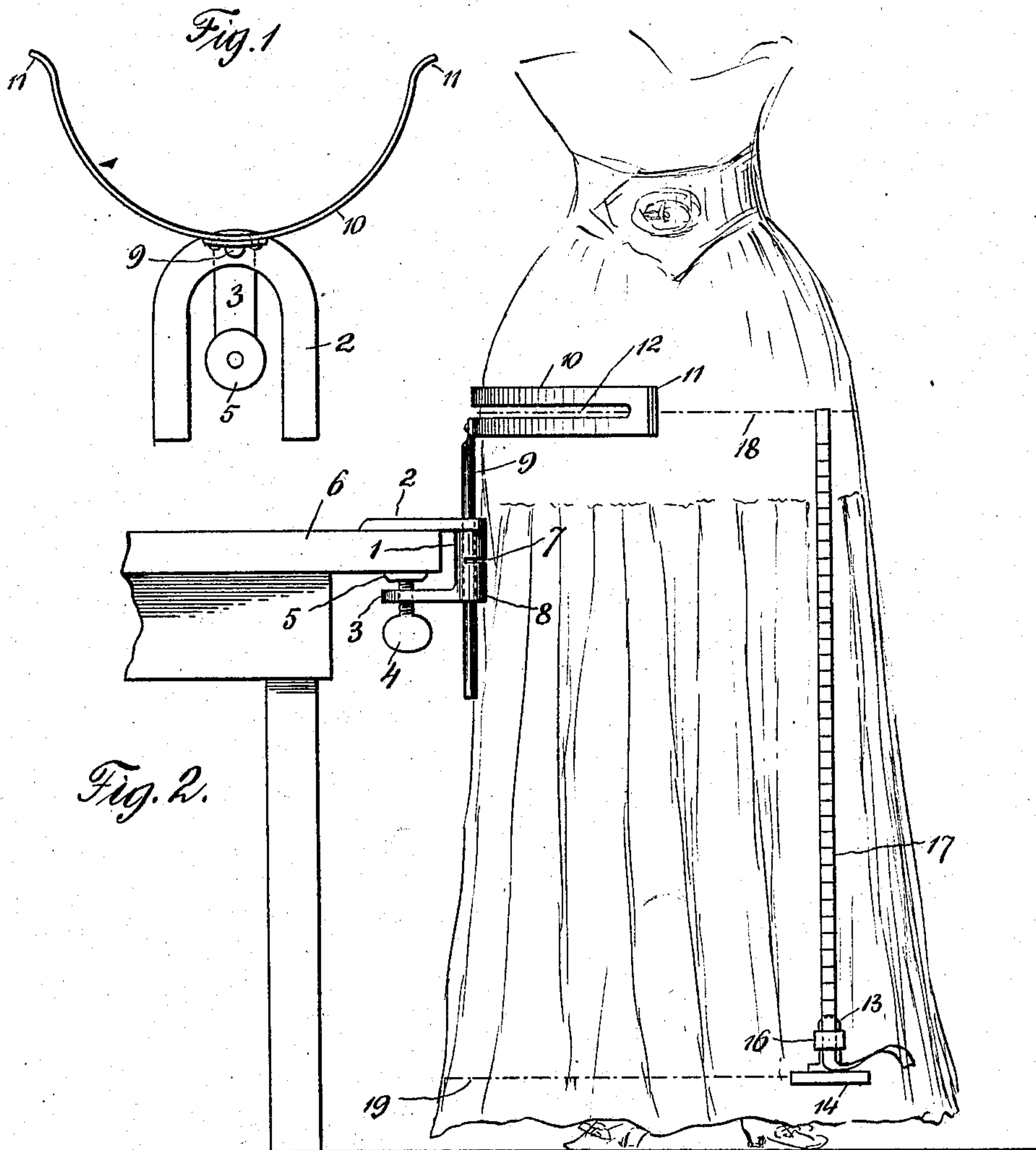


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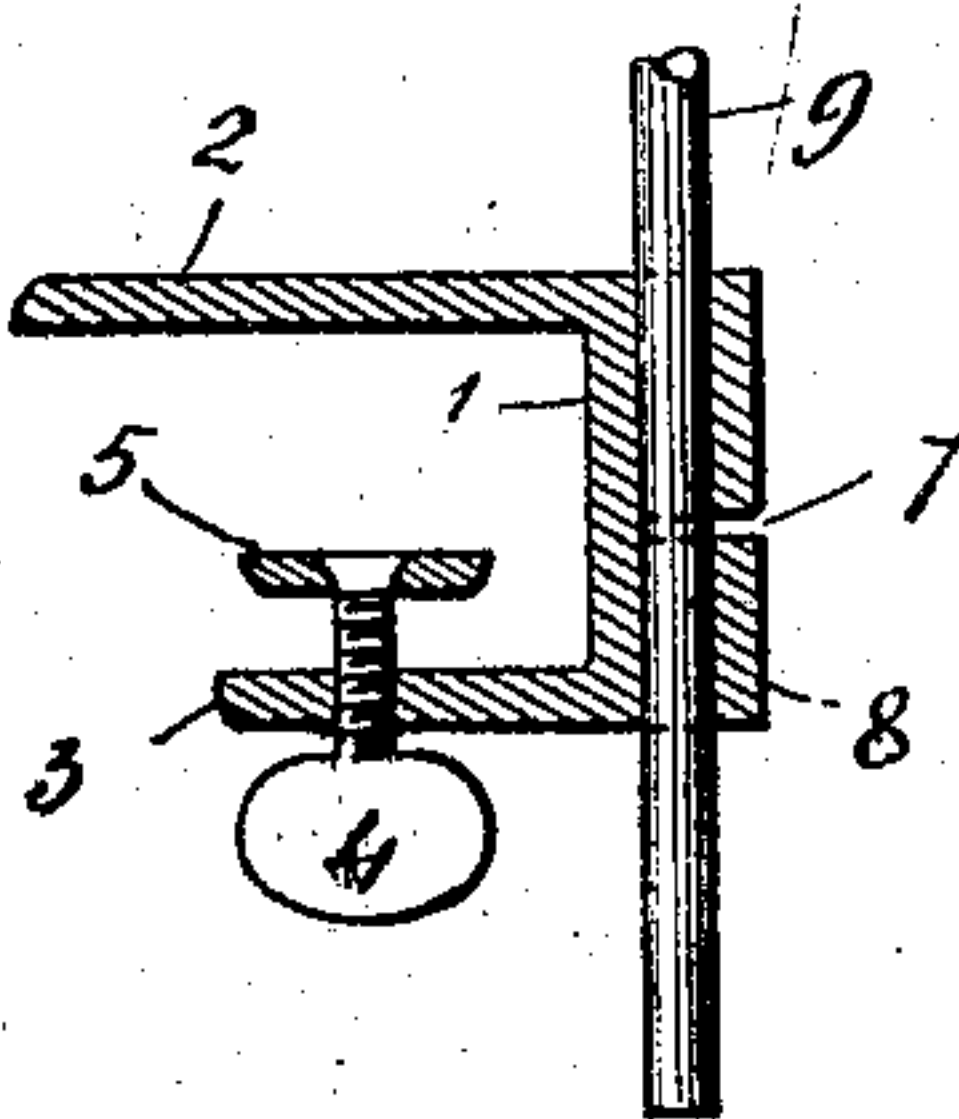
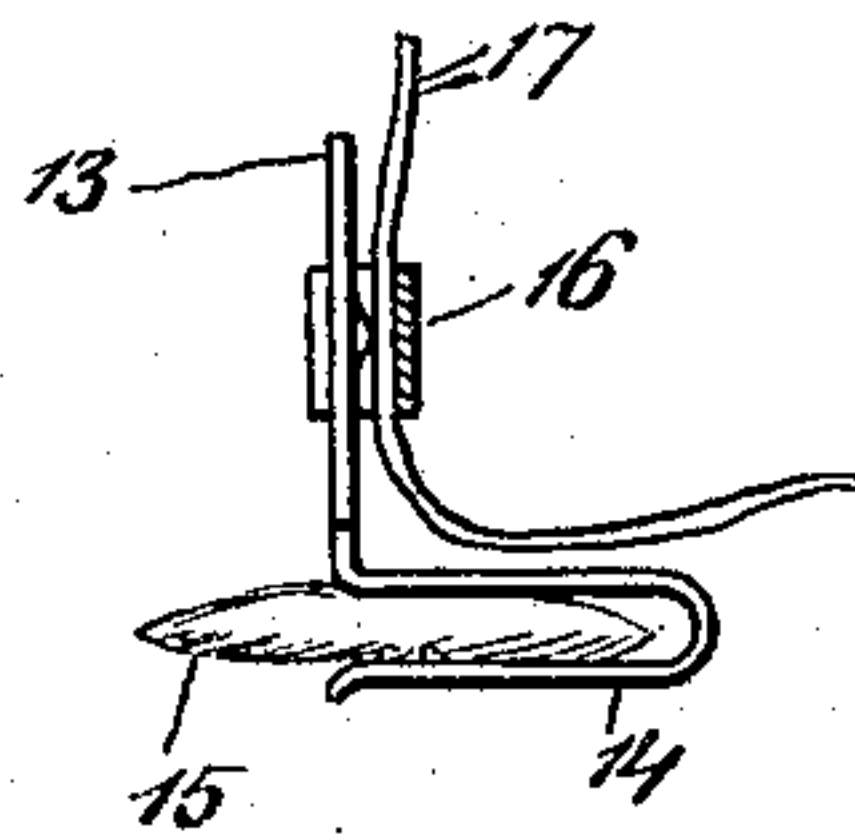


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LAWRENCE McKISOCK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at north side Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skirt-Markers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a skirt marker, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a novel device by which a skirt can be accurately marked, whereby the skirt can be accurately measured for reducing the length of the same.

Another object of my invention is to provide a novel clamp for adjustably supporting a resilient stencil employed for accurately placing a circumferential line upon the skirt, whereby by the use of a tape measure and marker, another circumferential line can be marked upon the skirt as a guide line for cutting and shortening the same.

A further object of my invention is to provide a simple, durable and inexpensive skirt marker that can be advantageously used by dress makers, ladies'-tailors and in the skirt departments of stores.

With the above and other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be presently described and then claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a plan of my skirt marking device, Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same, illustrating the manner in which the device is used, Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the clamp forming part of my invention, and Fig. 4 is a chalk and tape holder used in connection with the device.

To put my invention into practice I use a bracket clamp, said clamp comprising a tubular body 1, having the end thereof provided with parallel arms 2 and 3 extending outwardly at right angles to the body 1. The arm 3 is provided with a set screw 4 having a head 5, said head being employed in connection with the arm 2 for clamping a stand or suitable support 6.

The body 1 of the clamp, intermediate the ends thereof is slitted or slotted, as at 7 whereby the lower part 8 of the body can be

slightly moved when the clamp is placed in engagement with the stand or support 6. In the tubular body 1 is arranged an adjustable rod 9, this rod being held in a fixed position by the lower part thereof, and before said rod can be adjusted or moved, it is necessary to loosen the screw 4. Fixed to the upper end of the rod 9 is a semicylindrical resilient stencil 10 having flared ends 11. This resilient stencil is provided with a slot 12 extending approximately from one end of said stencil to the opposite end, whereby the piece of chalk or soapstone can be inserted in the slot 12 and moved to draw a line upon a skirt.

Assuming that a skirt is to be shortened, the purchaser of the skirt, or the party on whom the skirt is being fitted moves into engagement with the resilient stencil, whereby said stencil will snugly fit the hips and permit of a true line being drawn upon the skirt. The party wearing the skirt slowly turns around until the skirt fitter has made a circumferential mark upon the skirt. The skirt is then removed, and a combined chalk and tape line holder used, this holder comprises a metallic plate 13 having one end thereof bent, as at 14 to hold a piece of soapstone or chalk 15. The opposite end of the plate 13 is provided with a guide 16 for the end of a tape measure 17.

Assuming that two inches are to be removed from the lower edge of a skirt, the distance between the slot 12 and the floor line is ascertained. For instance, if the distance is thirty inches, two inches are deducted from this distance, and the chalk holder is set upon the tape measure at the twenty-eight inch graduation. One end of the tape measure is placed upon the hip line 18, while the chalk holder is employed to describe another line 19 at the lower edge of the skirt. As the distance between the lines 18 and 19 is equal all around the skirt, the skirt can be cut upon the line 19 to properly hang and present a proper appearance with respect to the upper part of the skirt.

In making the stencil 10 of a resilient metal and flaring the ends thereof, this stencil will readily adjust itself upon the hips of a person without injuring the skirt.

The stand or support 6 can be made portable, whereby the skirt marking device can be easily moved about in a skirt department.

While in the drawings forming a part of

this application there is illustrated the preferred embodiments of my invention, I would have it understood that the elements therein can be varied or changed without departing
5 from the spirit and scope of the invention.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, is;—

1. In a skirt marking device the combination with a stand, of a clamp secured thereto, said clamp comprising a tubular body,
10 parallel arms carried thereby, a set screw adjustably mounted in one of said arms and cooperating with the other of said arms for gripping said stand, a rod adjustably mounted
15 in said tubular body, said tubular body being slitted to permit of the lower edge of said body binding said rod therein, and a semi-cylindrical resilient stencil fixed upon
20 the upper end of said rod, said stencil having flared ends and a slot formed therein extend-

ing from one end of said stencil to the opposite end thereof, substantially as described.

2. In a skirt marking device the combination with a stand, of a clamp, a vertical rod
adjustably mounted in said clamp, a semi-
25 cylindrical slotted resilient stencil carried by the upper end of said rod, and means in connection with said clamp for simultaneously fixing said clamp to said stand and said rod
to said clamp.

3. A skirt marking device comprising a
30 clamp, a rod adjustably mounted in said clamp, and a slotted resilient stencil fixed upon the upper end of said rod.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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