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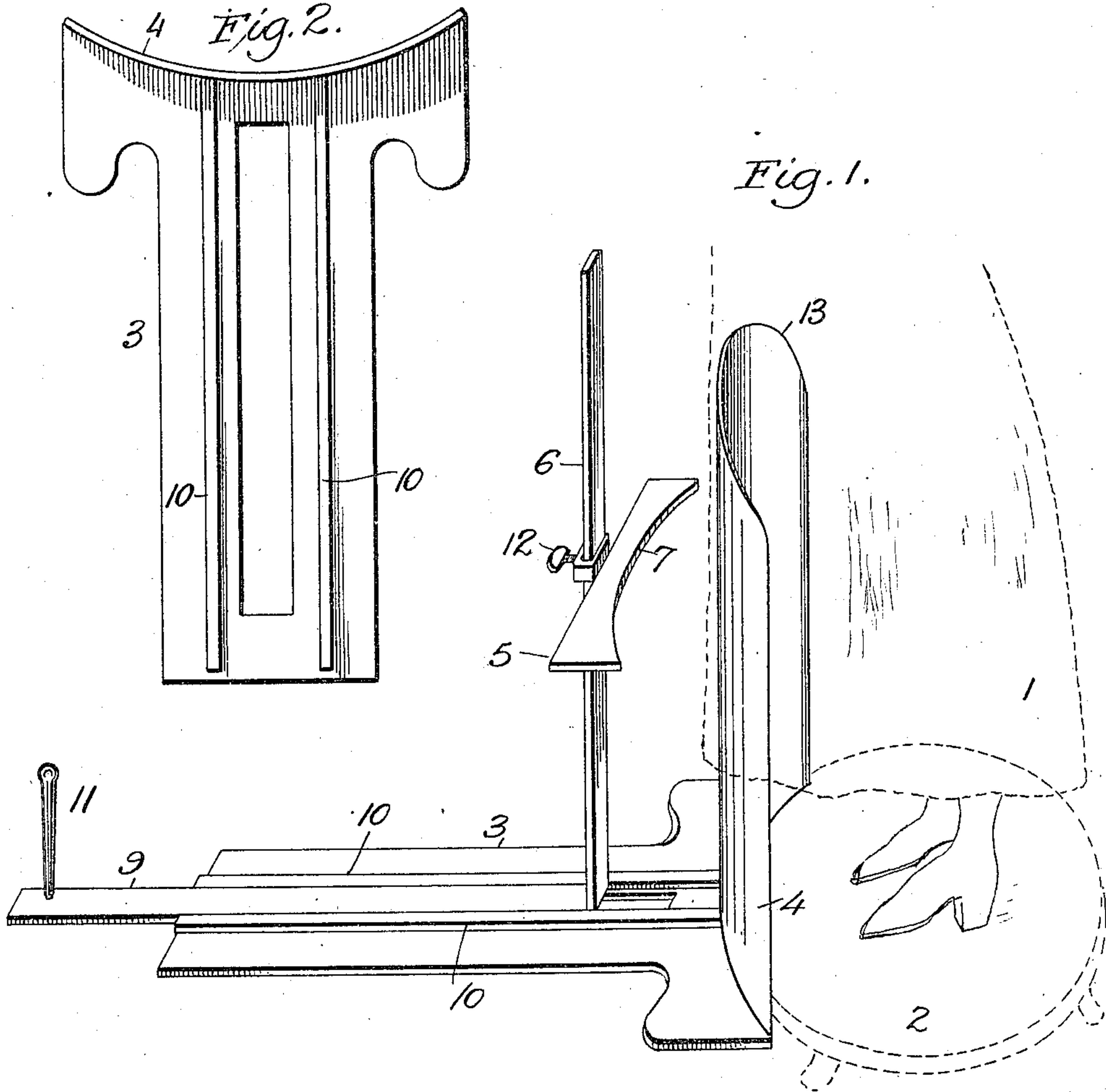
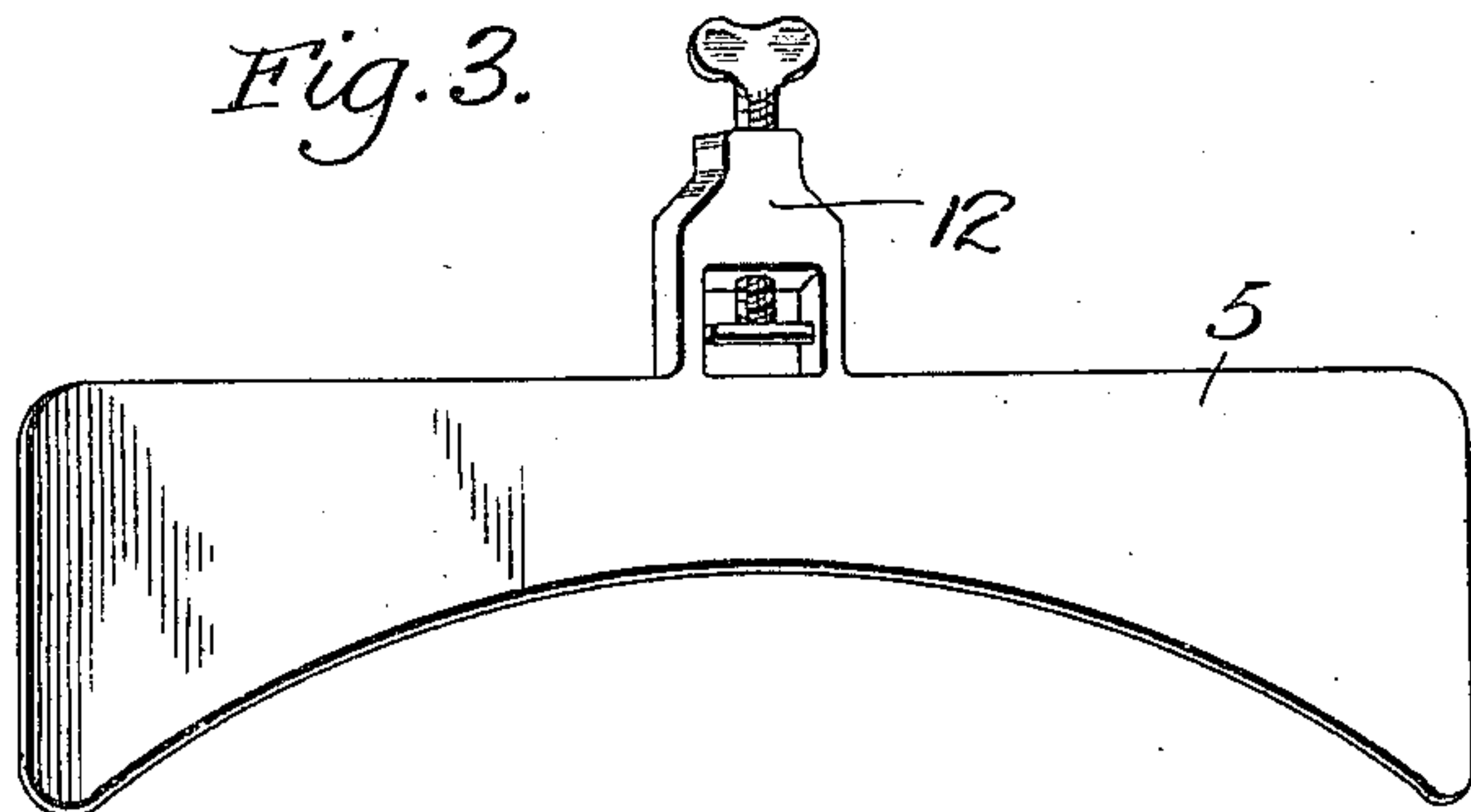


Fig. 3.



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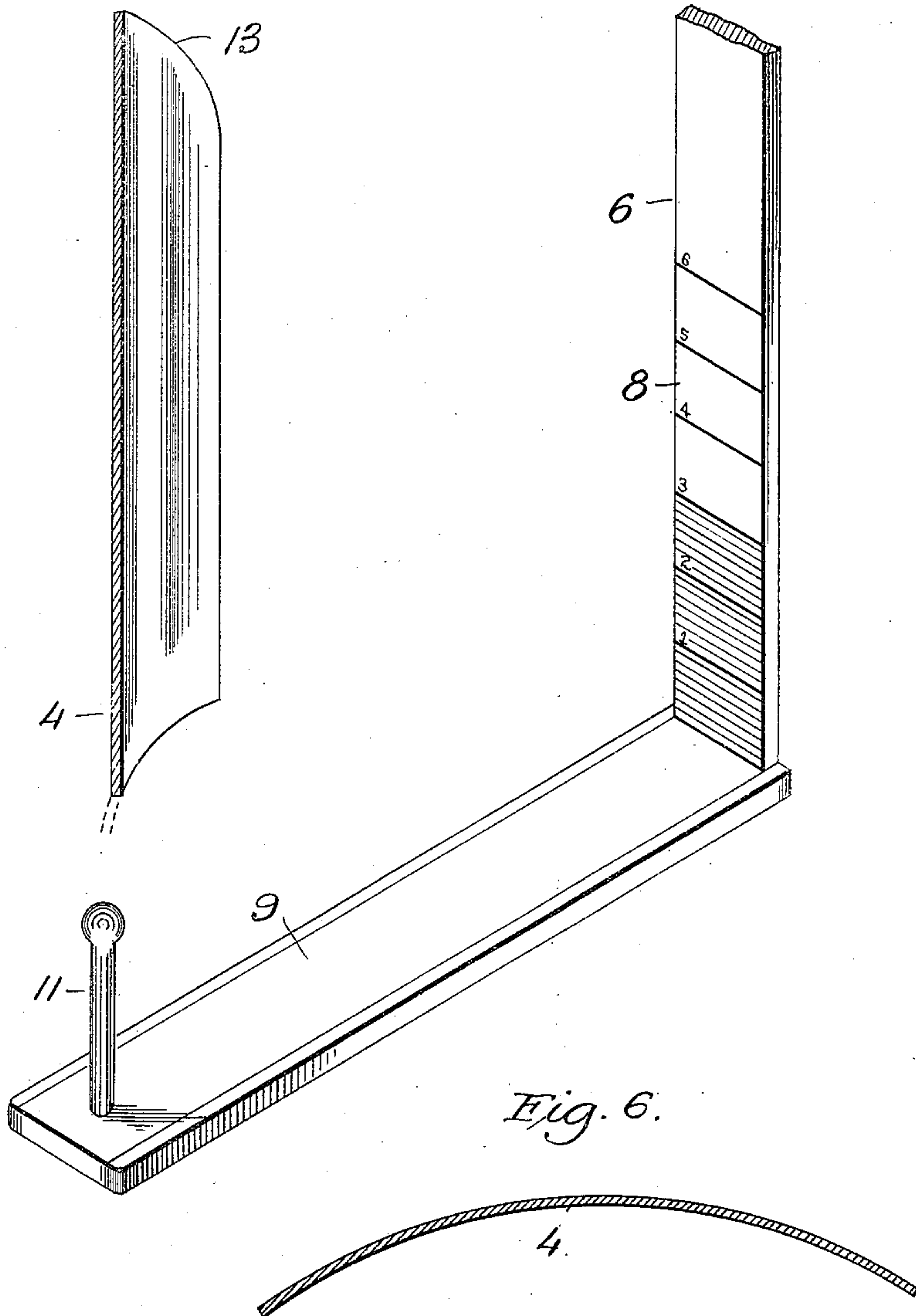
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*Fig. 4.*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MAX BUCHSBAUM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, 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 devices for gaging and marking the length of skirts, garments, cloaks, or other apparel for women and children, and it is especially adapted for use of cutters and fitters in tailoring establishments. Heretofore devices of this kind have been troublesome to use because of the difficulty of drawing the chalk, or other marking material, across the goods or the goods across the chalk while the garment is hanging on the person being measured. The drawing of the chalk across the goods had a tendency to shift them out of position, and thereby make the measurements less exact and more unreliable.

The object of my invention is to provide a device which will print or stamp the measurements desired on the goods, in contradistinction to one in which it is necessary to draw a line across them, and further to provide an apparatus which will be more cheap, simple, absolutely reliable and accurate, and easier to operate than those formerly used.

To this end my invention consists in the peculiar features and combinations of parts more fully described hereinafter and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my complete invention, wherein dotted lines indicate the garment of a woman in the act of being measured. Fig. 2, a plan view of the main portion of my device. Fig. 3, a top perspective detail view of a marking slide, and Figs. 4, 5 and 6, views of details.

The wearer of a garment 1, shown in dotted lines, stands upon a foot stool 2, in the manner customary to those who are having garments measured and marked by a cutter or tailor. 3 is a base rising perpendicularly from the front of this base and secured thereto is a convex or curved shell 4 constituting a platen, preferably made of some light sheet metal so that the two parts form a substantially L-shaped structure. The curvature of the shell corresponds sub-

stantially to the curvature of the foot stool 2, or of the garment to be measured. The upper edge 13 of this shell 4 is curved transversely, so that the dress may fall over the shell with facility preparatory to marking it. The marking operation is accomplished by means of a sliding horizontal marker or impression type 5 adapted to slide up and down on a vertical fork 6 placed opposite the shell 4. The right hand edge of the sliding marker is provided with a curved edge 7 corresponding with the curvature of the shell 4. This edge is roughened for the purpose of receiving an application of chalk, so that when it is pressed against the garment and the garment against the shell a line will be marked on the garment to indicate the proper length desired.

As seen in Fig. 5, the vertical fork 6 is provided with a scale 8, which indicates the exact height of the marker, and the fork is secured to and carried by a horizontal runner or slide 9 which works back and forth between the pair of guides 10 on the base 3, the fork and slide together also forming a movable L-shaped member. The handle 11 enables the operator to move the slide 9, and hence the marker, toward and from the platen 4. The marker 5 may be moved and locked in any desired elevation upon the fork 6 by means of a clamping screw 12. The element which is called a shell, over which the garment is adapted to hang, should with propriety be called a platen, because it serves as such when it receives the force of the marker 5 which advances in a right line and acts like a type upon it in the act of printing with chalk the desired height. By moving the instrument around the stool and hence the garment, a true circle can be printed or stamped upon the latter at a uniform distance from the floor with unfailing accuracy, because the garment does not yield when pressed upon by the marker, and because the latter is held always at a uniform distance from the floor. If it is not convenient to move the marker around the garment, the person being measured can turn completely around instead and the desired marking be performed.

Although I have shown a specific construction for carrying out my invention, it is obvious that innumerable changes might be made therein without departing from the spirit and scope of my device, and therefore I wish it understood that I do not limit



myself to the precise construction herein shown and described, but consider myself entitled to all such changes as may be made within the spirit and scope of my invention.

5 Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a skirt or garment marker, the combination with an upright platen over which  
10 a garment or skirt is adapted to fall, of a horizontal base to which it is rigidly secured said base having guiding means, a horizontal runner or slide adapted to work back and forth in said guiding means, an  
15 upright fork carried by said runner and movable toward and away from the platen, a manually movable printing marker adapted to slide up and down upon said fork, and means for locking said marker in any de-  
20 sired position to which it may be adjusted.

2. In a skirt or garment marker, the combination of an upright platen over which the garment or skirt is adapted to fall, a supporting horizontal base to which the platen is fixedly secured, an upright fork arranged  
25 to move toward and away from the platen, said fork having also a base, a printing device provided with a face adapted to receive and carry the marking pigment, said device being adapted to slide up and down upon  
30 the upright fork, and means for holding the printing device in any desired position to which it may be adjusted.

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

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