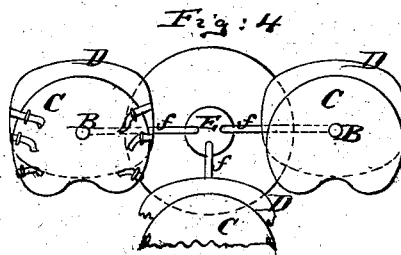
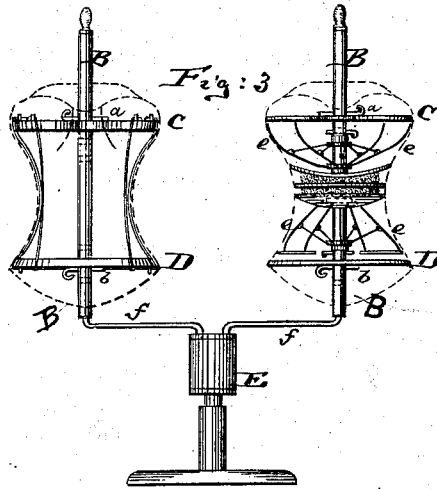
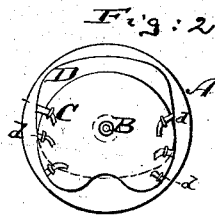
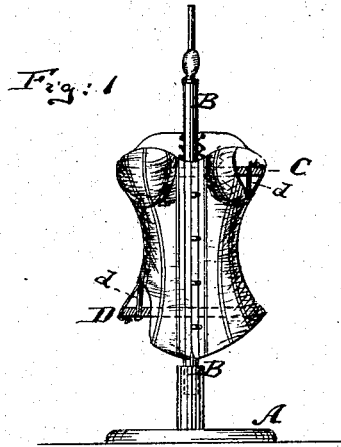


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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSET-EXHIBITORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SHERWOOD B. FERRIS, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Corset-Stand, of which the following is a specification:

In the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front elevation, partly in section, of my improved corset-stand. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front elevation of a modification of the same, and Fig. 4 a top view of the modified stand.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

This invention relates to a new corset form or dummy for displaying corsets in show-windows and other places, and for holding them properly in shape for the display of their exact outline and construction.

The stand is composed of a central stem, upon which are placed two boards—the upper heart-shaped, and the lower nearly circular form. These boards are vertically adjustable on the stem, and may be connected by adjustable tapes, or by umbrella-like frame-work, so as to give body to the corset which is placed around them.

The invention also consists in further details of improvement, hereinafter more fully set out.

The letter A in the drawings represents the base-plate or foot of the corset-stand. From the same projects an upright stem or shaft, B, which extends through, and upon which are placed two horizontal boards, C and D. These boards are placed between pins *a b*, that pass through holes in the stem B, and the distance between the boards C D may consequently be varied at pleasure, in conformity with the length of corset to be displayed. For a shorter corset the boards are brought closer together than for a longer one, and the stem B is provided with a series of holes, if necessary, for different positions of the pins *a b*, to allow the adjustment of the boards referred to. The outer ends

of these two boards C D may be connected by tapes *d d*, each tape being loose at one end, so that it may be stretched after the corset is applied, to cause it to bear against the inner side of the corset; or a frame-work, *e*, constructed of umbrella-like ribs and braces, or equivalent devices, may be placed between the boards C D, so that when stretched or spread laterally such frame-work *e* will bear against the inner side of the corset that is placed around the boards, and tend to impart to it the requisite fullness.

The corset is placed around the two boards in manner clearly indicated in the drawing, the upper board being heart-shaped to fit the bosom-gores, and the lower being of a flattened circular form, to give the desired outline to the lower part of the corset. The tapes, when stretched, or the frame-work *e*, when extended, will, by bearing against the inner side of the corset, give fullness to the same.

The stem B, instead of being affixed to the board A, may, as in Fig. 3, be secured by a horizontal arm, *f*, to another stem, E, and the same stem E may, by this arrangement, be made to carry three or more stems, B, as indicated in Figs. 3 and 4.

One stem, B, may, if desired, carry more than one set of boards C D, so as to display, if desired, two or more corsets, one above the other.

I claim—

1. The corset-stand composed of the central stem, B, and of the boards C D, shaped to conform to the corset, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination of the boards C D and central stem B with the inner distending tapes or frame, substantially as herein shown and described.

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