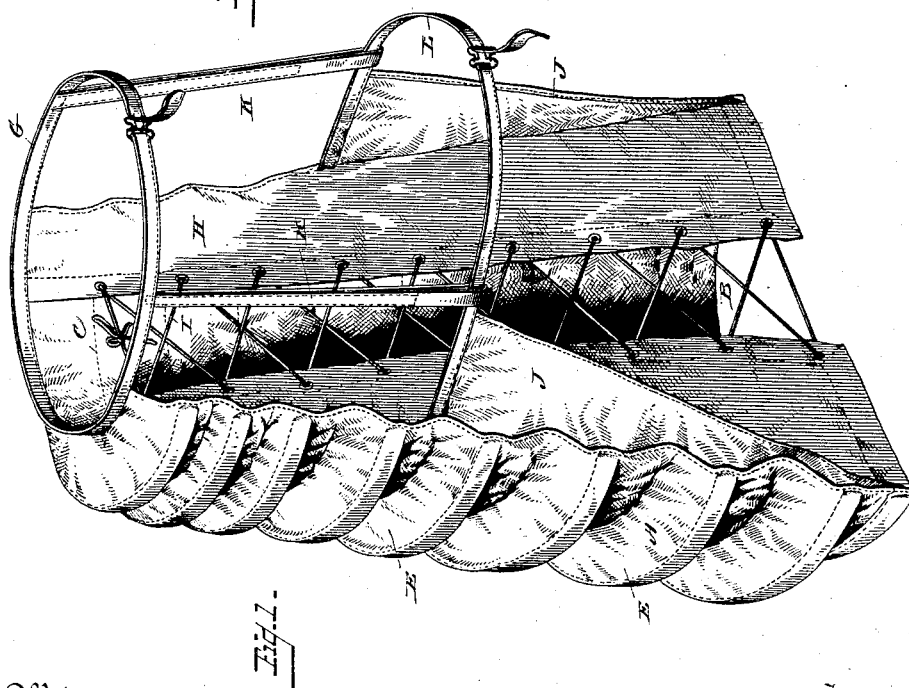
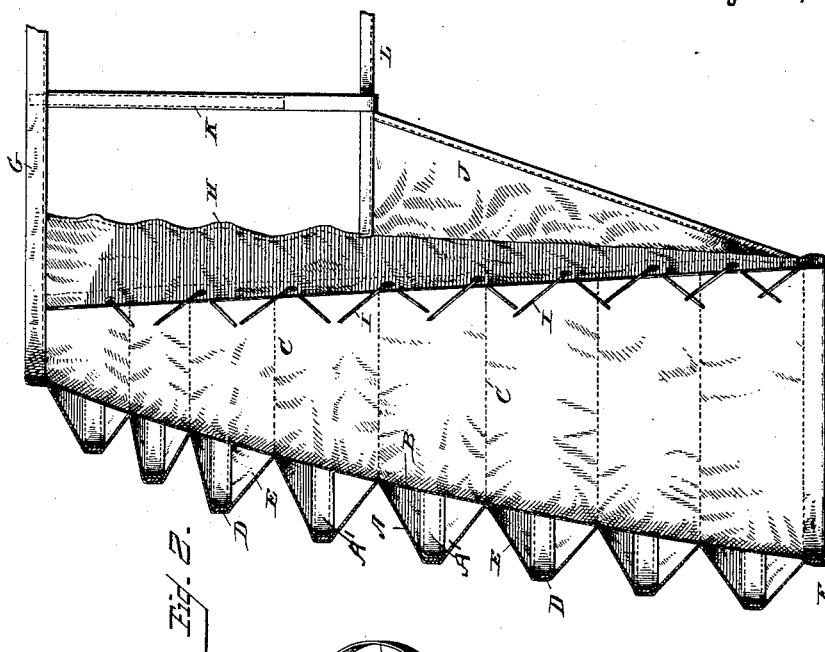


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORITZ ROSENSTOCK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles and Bustle-Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in bustles and bustle-skirts; and it consists, essentially, in constructing the same with puffs formed out of separately-cut pieces or a single or continuous piece of fabric, and in providing each puff with a stiffening and distending wire, all as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a bustle constructed according to my improvements. Fig. 2 represents a vertical section thereof.

The main portion or body of the bustle or bustle-skirt is formed of two thicknesses or breadths of textile or other suitable fabric, A B, connected together at their respective edges. At suitable distances apart, vertically, the two pieces A B of fabric are connected together by stitching extending horizontally across the same, as shown at C, so as to form vertical divisions therein. Centrally, or nearly so, of the divisions thus formed in the outer fabric are inserted wires or strips of stiffening material D, which are secured in position by flaps or strips D', stitched to the fabric, and which distend said divisions or pockets, and thus form in said outer fabric a series of puffs, E, of angular form in cross-section.

The two parts A B are of unequal length, the outer part, A, being longer than the inner part, B, in order that there shall be sufficient material therein to permit of the formation of the puffs E therein without interfering with or destroying the continuity in a straight and even line of the face of the inner part, B. Were the outer portion, A, of equal length to that of the inner portion, B, the puffs could not be formed so as to extend the entire length of the skirt,

owing to the amount of material necessarily consumed in their construction. By forming the puffs in the outer portion, A, alone the inner portion is left perfectly straight and even without any bulging or loose portions. By this construction the skirt will set closely to the under-garments, and thus insure a better set to the skirt and leave the under-garments smoother than is the case where the inner wall of the skirt is uneven.

By forming each of the puffs with an upper and an under portion and a central distending wire and independently connecting each puff by stitching it at top and bottom to the straight under or inner piece of fabric said puffs are supported in position and held at a tension. The inner fabric also serves as an efficient support and backing to the puffs by reason of its being of less length and width than the outer portion, A, and having a straight surface stretched tightly across the hollow portion of each puff.

I am aware that ruffles have been constructed with wires inserted in the lower edges thereof, and with strips attached to the center of said ruffles for the purpose of maintaining the same in position and keeping them together. I am also aware that a skirt has been formed with two tapering cloth tunnels or arches attached thereto, each tunnel or arch having sewed to the exterior thereof a series of strips of tape or bands, within which are inserted strips of steel; but by forming my bustle or bustle-skirt in two thicknesses of fabric and connecting the same together at intervals I am enabled to form therein a continuous series of puffs extending along the entire length of the single piece of fabric constituting the outer face of the bustle or bustle-skirt, and thereby dispense with the necessity of making the ruffles separately and attaching thereto a separate strip for the purpose of keeping them in place. I also by my construction avoid the necessity of sewing to the body separate tapes or bands for the purpose of covering the distending-wires.

F represents a wire or strip inserted in the bottom of the bustle for the purpose of acting as a stay-piece.

G represents the attaching band or belt, to which the upper ends of the fabric A B are attached.

H represents an apron having elastics or

lacing I, for the purpose of regulating the degree of distension and rotundity of the bustle or skirt, as may be desired.

J represents the apron; K, the looped bands or tapes attached to the body band or belt G, and L bands or tapes attached to the apron J and passing through the looped lower ends of the bands or tapes K in the manner and for the purpose described in my former patent, dated November 20, 1877, No. 197,409. I laying no claim thereto in the present application, deem it unnecessary to make special reference thereto herein.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A bustle or bustle-skirt having a body portion composed of an inner and an outer wall, each composed of one or more pieces of fabric, the outer wall being of greater length and width than the inner and having a series of distended puffs therein, each puff being independently connected at its top and bottom portions to the inner wall, substantially as set forth.

2. A bustle or bustle-skirt having a body portion composed of an outer and an inner portion, the outer portion being of greater length and width than the inner portion, and being

composed of one or more pieces of fabric and having a series of puffs each having a distending-wire and being independently connected to the inner fabric, substantially as set forth.

3. A bustle or bustle-skirt having a body portion composed of an inner and an outer wall, the outer wall being composed of a series of puffs formed out of one or more pieces of fabric, each puff having at or near its center a distending-wire and being independently connected by stitching to the inner wall, and said bustle having a distending-wire at its bottom, substantially as set forth.

4. A bustle or bustle-skirt having an inner strip or piece of fabric, a series of puffs formed out of one or more pieces of fabric and increasing in size from top to bottom of the bustle, each puff having at or near its center a distending-wire and having independent connection at its top and bottom edged to the inner piece of fabric, substantially as set forth.

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

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