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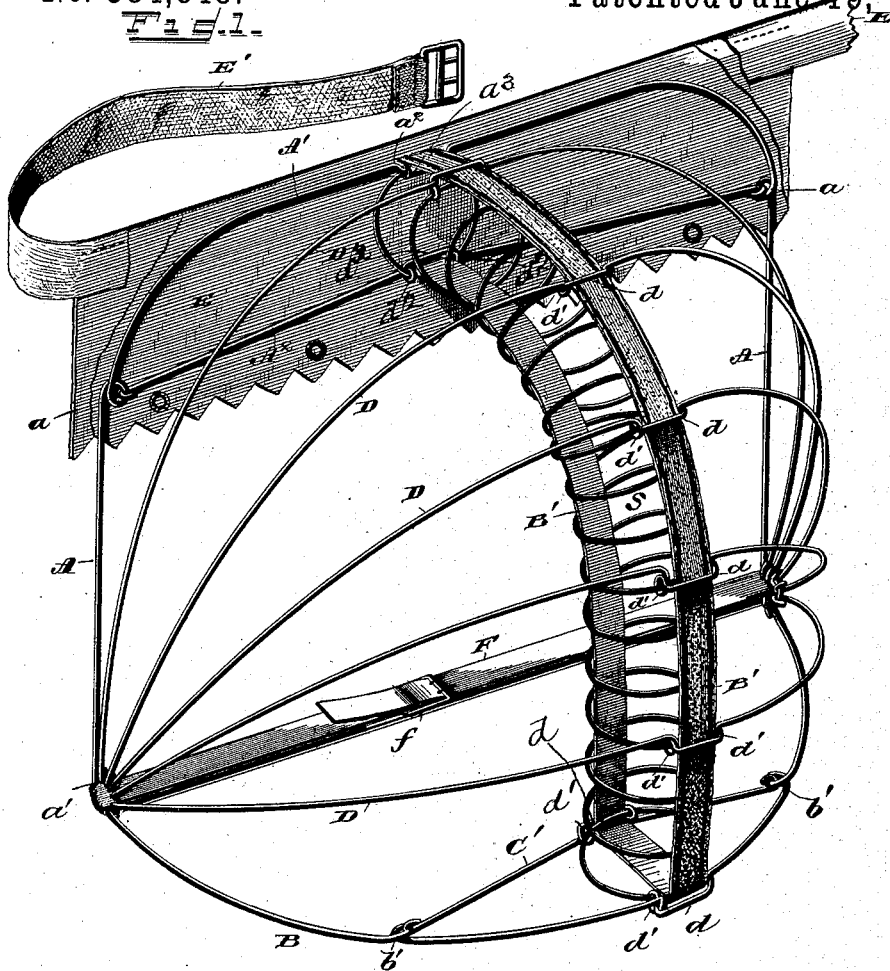
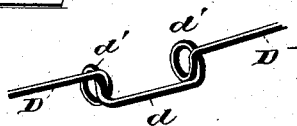


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. HOGSETT, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Dayton, in the county of Montgomery and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles; 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 the letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bustles; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of the parts thereof, which will be more fully hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

The main object of my invention is to provide a bustle which is convenient in all particulars, strong and durable, adjustable in its parts, and easily and readily handled. I attain this object by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like letters of reference indicate similar parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved form of bustle. Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of a portion of one of the cross-wires D, showing the loop d formed therein.

A indicates the main supporting-bow, having an upper arch, A' , formed with eyes a , and having its lower ends also bent to form eyes a' . A cross-wire, A^2 , is connected at its ends to the eyes a in the upper part of the main supporting-bow A. The central part of the arch A' is formed with an offset, a^2 , and the central part of the cross-wire A^2 with eyes d^2 and an offset, d^3 . A cloth shield, E, is secured to the arch-wire A^2 , and has waist-straps E' attached thereto for securing the bustle upon the wearer. A base-bow, B, is connected at its ends to the lower eyes, a' , of the supporting-bow A, and has eyes b' formed therein, and between said eyes an offset, d , is constructed, having eyes d' on each side thereof. To the eyes b' in the base-bow B the ends of a short brace-bow, C' , are secured,

the central part of said brace-bow being also

formed with an offset, d , with eyes d' on each side thereof.

Between the main supporting-bow A and the base-bow B a series of intermediate bows, D, are mounted and secured at their ends in the eyes a' of the said supporting-bow A. The central part of each of the intermediate bows, D, is formed with an offset, d , having eyes d' on each side thereof—a construction similar to what has heretofore been described in connection with other parts of the bustle. The lower spiral of a coiled spring, S, is secured in the eyes d' ; formed with the base-bow B and its brace-bow C' . A part of the remaining coils of said spring also pass through the eyes d' in the intermediate bows, D, and the upper spiral of said spring is secured to the offset a^2 of the arch-wire A' of the supporting-bow A by a metallic clip, a^3 , and to the eyes d^2 on each side of the offset d^3 in the cross-wire A^2 . The one end of a tape, B', is secured to the shield E, and is then passed over the outer part of the spirals of the spring S, passing through and inside of the offsets d in the intermediate wires, D and B, and then down under the lower spiral of the spring S and inside of the offset d in the brace-bow C' , and upward through and on the inside of the spirals of the said spring, under the offset d^3 in the cross-wire A^2 , through the shield E, and then secured adjacent to the other end thereof.

To control and adjust the degree of lateral extension of the sides of the bustle, an adjusting-strap, F, having a buckle, is passed through the eyes a' of the main supporting-bow.

The coiled spring S bends to normally hold the intermediate bows, D, and the lower bow, B, in the open position shown, and the full resilient effort of the spring is retarded by the tape B', mounted in connection therewith, as hereinbefore set forth. The brace-bow C' , with the lower bow, B, forms a means of attaching two parts of the lower spiral of the spring S, and the same is true of the upper spiral of the spring with relation to the upper arch, A' , and cross-wire A^2 . The said tape also prevents the garments of the wearer from being caught between the spirals of the spring when the latter is folded against the supporting-bow A.

The cross-wire, in addition to its above functions, also braces the main supporting-wire against lateral strain, and, together with the adjusting-strap F, tends to hold the supporting-bow in proper shape.

When the bustle is applied by the wearer and a standing or walking position is assumed, the bustle retains the position in Fig. 1. When, however, a sitting position is assumed, the said spring, together with the base and intermediate bows, is pressed up against the main bow A. By this means no inconvenience is consequent upon the rear extension of the bustle when the wearer is in a sitting position, but adjusts itself to either a sitting or standing position.

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

1. In a bustle, the combination, with the main bow arched at the top, the cross-wire secured thereto, the base-bow attached to the lower ends of the main bow and having a brace-bow attached thereto, the intermediate bows having the central offsets, with eyes on each side of said offsets, the coiled spring

secured at its lower end to the base-bow and brace-bow intermediately to the intermediate bows and at its upper end to the top arch and cross-wire, and the tape passing on the outside, returning under and through the coils of the spring, substantially as described.

2. In a bustle, the combination, with the main supporting-bow, of the base-bow having the brace-bow, the intermediate bows having central offsets with eyes on each side of said offsets, the coiled spring, the spirals of which are attached to the eyes in the said bows, the band or tape passing through the bends of the bows and returning through said spring, the shield attached to the main supporting-bow having waist-belts secured thereto, and adjusting-straps attached to the lower ends of the main supporting-bow, substantially as described.

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

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