

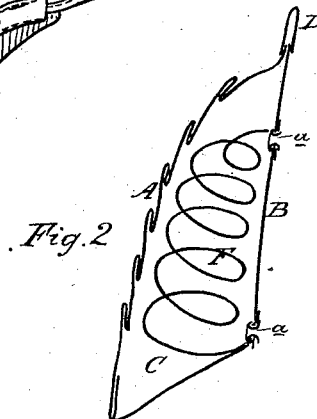
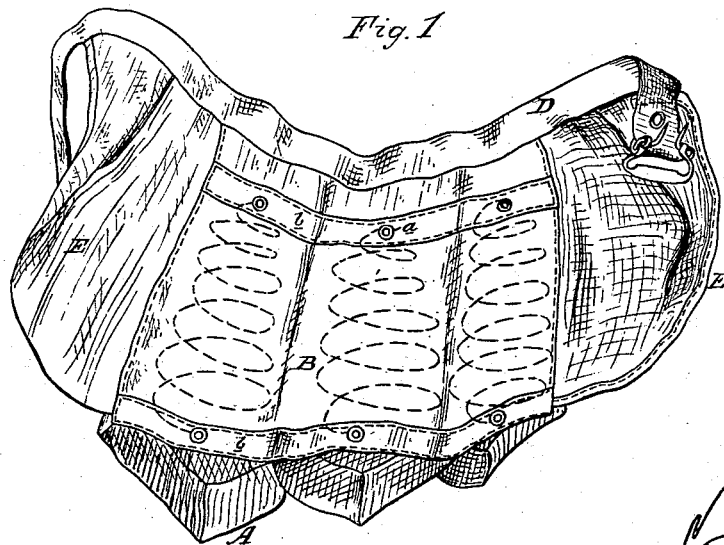
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BUSTLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. HIGBY, of Jackson, in the county of Jackson and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bustles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in the manufacture of bustles.

The invention consists in the peculiar construction and combination of parts, as more fully hereinafter described.

Figure 1 is a perspective elevation. Fig. 2 is a vertical central section.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, A represents the outer section of fabric, crinoline, wigan, or other analogous material, half plaited laterally or in its longest direction, and secured by stitching to a lining, B, so as to form vertical pockets C, the top of the outside fabric and the lining being secured to a band, D, which is provided with a buckle or other common device for securing such band around the waist of the wearer. Coil-springs F, slightly conical in shape, are inserted loosely one in each of the three pockets, the smaller end of the spring being at the top. The ends of these springs are secured near the top of the pockets and at the bottom thereof by hollow rivets a, eyelets, or other suitable devices

passing through loops, one at each end of each spring, through the fabric B, and lateral stays b, which are secured to the fabric B by stitching. To each side of the bustle and to the band are secured the wings E, as shown.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle composed of a suitable woven fabric forming pockets loosely inclosing vertically-pendent coil-springs, increasing in size toward the bottom, substantially corresponding with the increasing diameter of the dress, as described.

2. A bustle composed of vertical pockets secured to a waistband, each pocket containing a tapering spiral spring loosely inclosed therein and secured at the top and bottom to the lining of the bustle, substantially as described.

3. A bustle in which is combined the laterally-plaited fabric A, the lining B, vertical pockets C, band D, vertical coil-springs F, secured within the pockets by means of eyelets passing through eyes in the ends of such springs through the lining and stays secured thereto, substantially as specified.

4. A bustle having the laterally-plaited fabric A, lining B, vertical pockets C, band D, wings E, coil-springs F, eyelets a, and stays b, constructed, arranged, and operating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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