

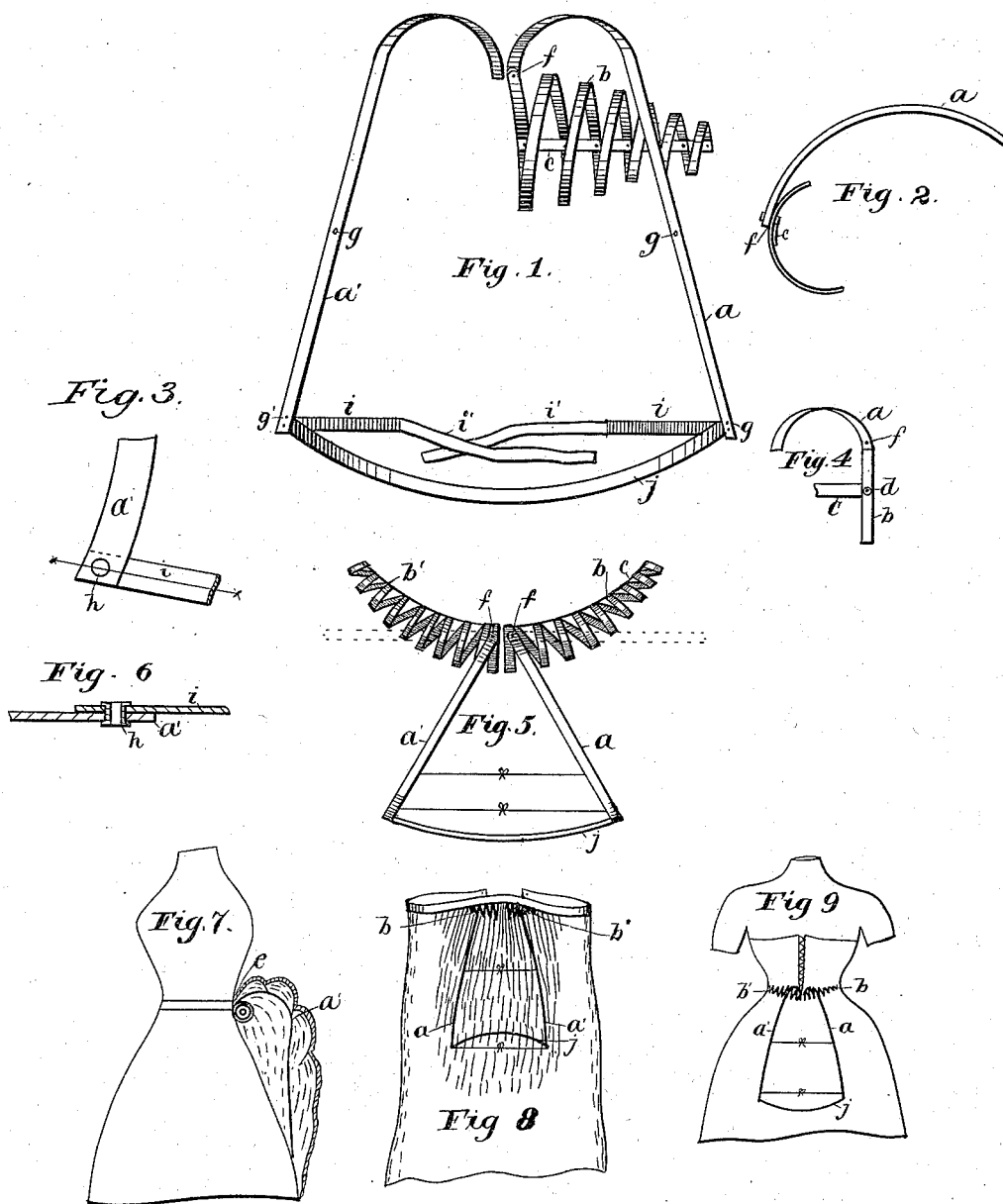
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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLOTTE O'DAY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles; and I do 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 and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to bustles which are used as attachments to dresses.

The object of my invention is to provide a cheap, strong, and durable bustle, which may be placed in dresses, and which will hold the drapery of the back of the skirt in the proper position without inconvenience to the wearer. I accomplish this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the back braces and one of the waist spirals, the other being broken away. Fig. 2 is a side view of a portion of one of the waist spirals and also one of the back braces, showing the manner in which they are pivoted together. Fig. 3 is a view of the lower end of the left-hand back brace, showing the manner and means of attaching the adjusting-tapes. Fig. 4 is a view of Fig. 2, looking from left to right, showing a portion of the spiral brace. Fig. 5 is a top view of my entire device. Fig. 6 is a sectional view of Fig. 3 on the line *xx*. Fig. 7 is a side view of a form with my device in place on the same, with the back drapery of the skirt resting on the bustle, which drapery is shown in section. Fig. 8 is a view of a dress-skirt turned inside out, showing the manner of attaching the bustle to the same. Fig. 9 is a back view of a form with my device attached, showing its proper position while being worn.

In the drawings, *a* represents the right-hand back brace, and *a'* represents the left-hand back brace.

*b* represents the right-hand waist spiral, and *b'* represents the left-hand waist spiral.

The bustle being constructed of two sections, each the same as the other, with the exception that the spirals are wound in opposite directions, I will proceed to describe one section constructed as I prefer to make them. I take a thin flat spring of any suitable material and form a cone-shaped spiral. I then attach to this spiral, either inside or outside, a brace, *c*, (which attachment may be made with rivets, eyelets, sewing, or other well-known means; but I prefer to use eyelets, as shown in Fig. 4, marked *d*, which enable the dress-maker to sew the bustle to the fabric of which the skirt is constructed by passing the thread through the eyelet.) The brace *c*, being firmly fixed to each coil of the spring or waist spiral, holds the same in position, and this brace being flexible, it readily conforms to the shape of the waist of the wearer, and as the coils of the spiral increase in size as they recede toward the back they hold the dress-skirt in the desired position at the point marked *e*, Fig. 7. I then pivot a back brace to the spiral at *f*. This back brace is constructed of a flexible spring and is provided with holes *g* and *g'*, through which the brace may be sewed to the skirt. A spring or an elastic tape, *i*, is fixed to the lower ends of the back braces by sewing, or, preferably, by an eyelet, *h*, as shown in Figs. 3 and 6. To the inner end of this spring or tape is attached a tape, *j*, which is to be tied to the opposite corresponding tape on the other back brace after the two braces (which are attached to the skirt) are adjusted to give the required fullness to the skirt in the back. The back braces are also provided with tapes and elastic tapes or springs, as before described, attached near or at the holes *g*. The use of these tapes and the pivoted joints at *f* are for the purpose of allowing the back braces, *a* and *a'*, to turn to the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 5, when the wearer is sitting and the back of the chair or sofa comes in contact with the dress, forcing the braces to the position shown. The springs or tapes *i* are then expanded, and when the wearer arises the springs or tapes contract and leave the drapery in the proper position.

If it is desired, a flexible flat or coil spring,

*j*, may be attached to the lower ends of the back braces for the purpose of holding in position that portion of the skirt intermediate between the back braces.

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

In a bustle attachment for dresses, the double sections consisting of the cone-shaped  
10 spirals *b* and *b'* and outwardly and down-

wardly curved back braces, *a* and *a'*, pivoted to the inner ends of the respective spirals, in combination with the contracting-tapes, substantially as described.

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

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