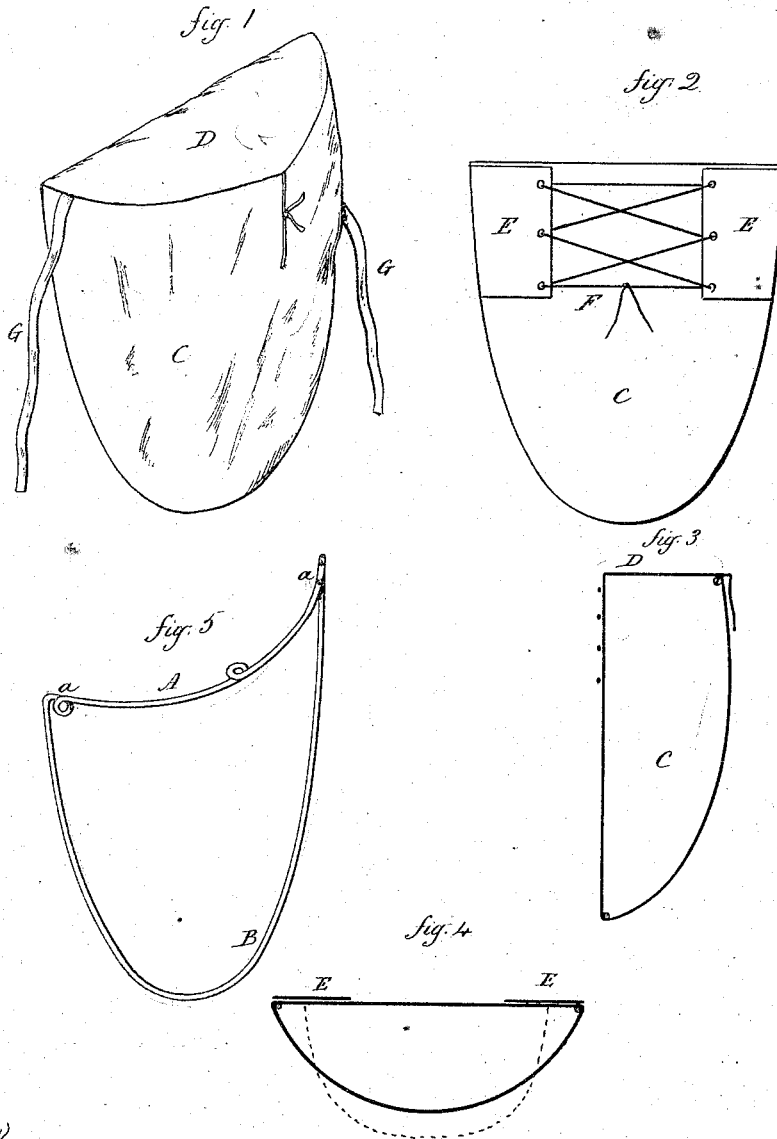


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IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, CHAUNCEY O. CROSBY, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Bustle; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, perspective view; Fig. 2, rear view; Fig. 3, vertical central section; Fig. 4, transverse section; Fig. 5, perspective view of the frame.

This invention relates to an improvement in bustles for ladies' dresses, the object being a construction which will allow of the adjustment of the bustle to different extents, or to be entirely collapsed for purposes of transportation, and also to form a skirt-supporter. It consists of a pocket, with a distending frame, and provided with means for attachment to the person, as more fully hereinafter described. The frame is formed, as seen in Fig. 5, from wire, or other suitable material. The upper or transverse part A of the frame is curved outward, and from the two ends the frame runs downward to form the body-support B. This is formed with a coil, *a*, at each end, which serves to give to the frame a considerable elasticity. Over this frame a fabricated pocket, C, is placed, the inner side drawn substantially taut across the frame, but the outer portion left full, as seen in Figs. 1, 3, and 4, and this is preferably provided with a flap, D, to close the mouth of the pocket. On the inner side flaps E are attached to each side near the top, and provided with lacing-strings F, by which the width of the frame may be

contracted, and thereby throw out the rear, as denoted in broken lines, Fig. 4. Straps G are attached to the bustle by which to secure it to the person, and may be shoulder-suspenders if desired. The pocket is to be filled with papers or other desirable material, and may, by such filling, be extended or contracted to suit the wearer. The lower part of the frame rests against the body, and gives a firm support to the bustle, and by its shape easily retains its position. Suspended from the shoulders, the upper part A of the frame serves the purpose of a skirt-supporter, to relieve the hips from the weight of the skirts. For transportation, the filling of the pocket may be removed, thereby contracting it to a very small compass.

I claim—

1. The bustle frame, formed from wire, or other suitable material, and consisting of the transverse upper part A, and the vertical or body-supporting part B, substantially as described.

2. A bustle consisting of the frame A B, constructed as described, and the pocket C, combined and arranged substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In combination with the distending frame A B, and the pocket C, the flaps E E, and means, substantially such as described, for adjusting the said flaps to extend or contract the bustle.

4. The distending frame and pocket C of a bustle, combined with the flap D, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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