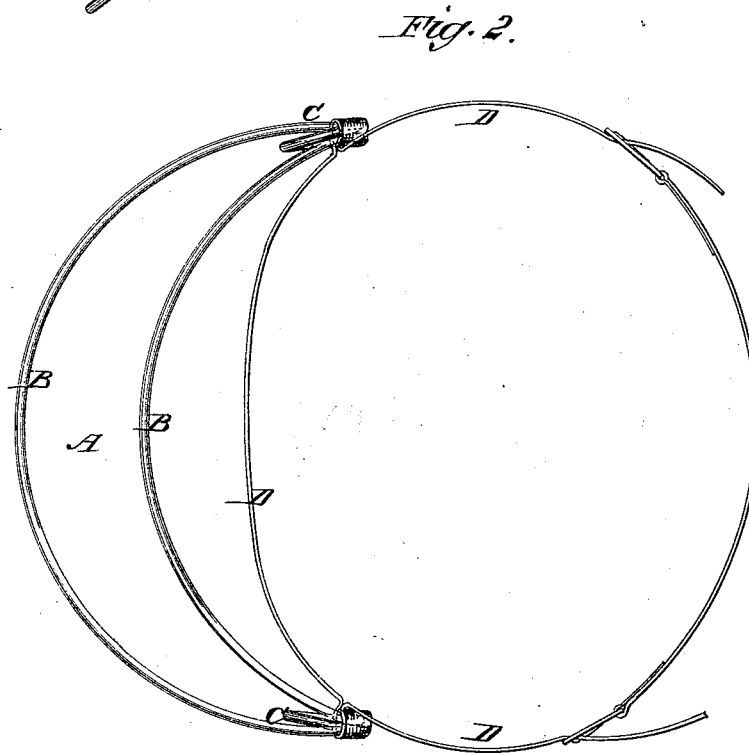
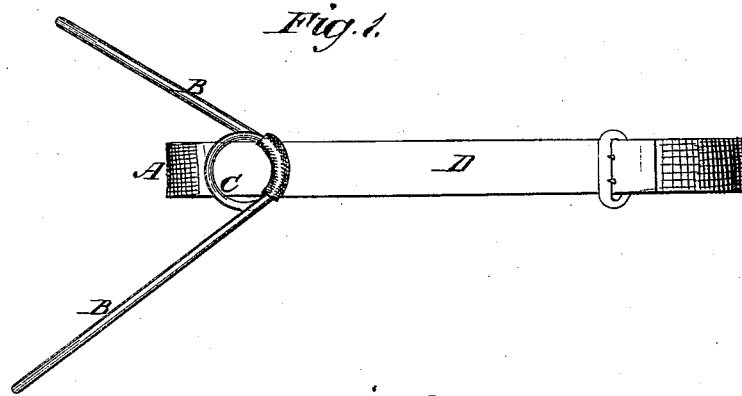


ALWILDA SWALLOW.
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IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. ALWILDA SWALLOW, of Shelbyville, in the county of Shelby and State of Illinois, have invented a new and Improved Bustle, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a side view, and Fig. 2 a top view, of my improved bustle.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention relates to an improved bustle, that combines lightness and durability with coolness and easy adjustment to the varying positions of the body in sitting, lying, or walking, being made in such a manner as not to soil or injure the clothing.

The invention consists of a bustle, made of one piece of spring-wire, and bent to form two bows, of which one is larger than the other, said bows being arranged at suitable angle and connected by coiled springs, to which the belt is attached.

In the drawing, A represents my improved bustle, which is bent of one piece of wire, preferably of brass spring-wire, of suitable thickness, so as to form two bows, B, and the coiled springs C at the angle or point of connection of the bows B. The ends of the piece of wire of which the bustle is made are jointed by being soldered together and wrapped with tin, or connected in any other suitable manner.

The lower bow B, is made somewhat larger than the upper, so that the bows may be pressed past each other in sitting or lying

down, the bows being instantly sprung back to their former position, when the pressure thereon is relaxed.

The bows B are arranged at a suitable angle of inclination to each other and prevented from spreading in lateral direction by the belt D, that is fastened to the coiled springs at each end of the bustle. The belt D may be made of elastic or other material, and serves to attach the bustle to the body. The bustle has no sharp edges to cut the clothing, is cheap, light, and cool on account of the simplicity of its parts, and strong and durable in construction.

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

1. A bustle, bent from one piece of spring-wire, to form two bows that are connected by coiled springs, substantially in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination of a bustle, bent from one piece of spring-wire into spring-connected bows, with a belt attached to the spring ends of the bustle, substantially as specified.

3. A bustle, composed of one piece of wire bent to form two spring-connected bows, and one bow being larger than the other to admit passage of bows, past each other, substantially as set forth.

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