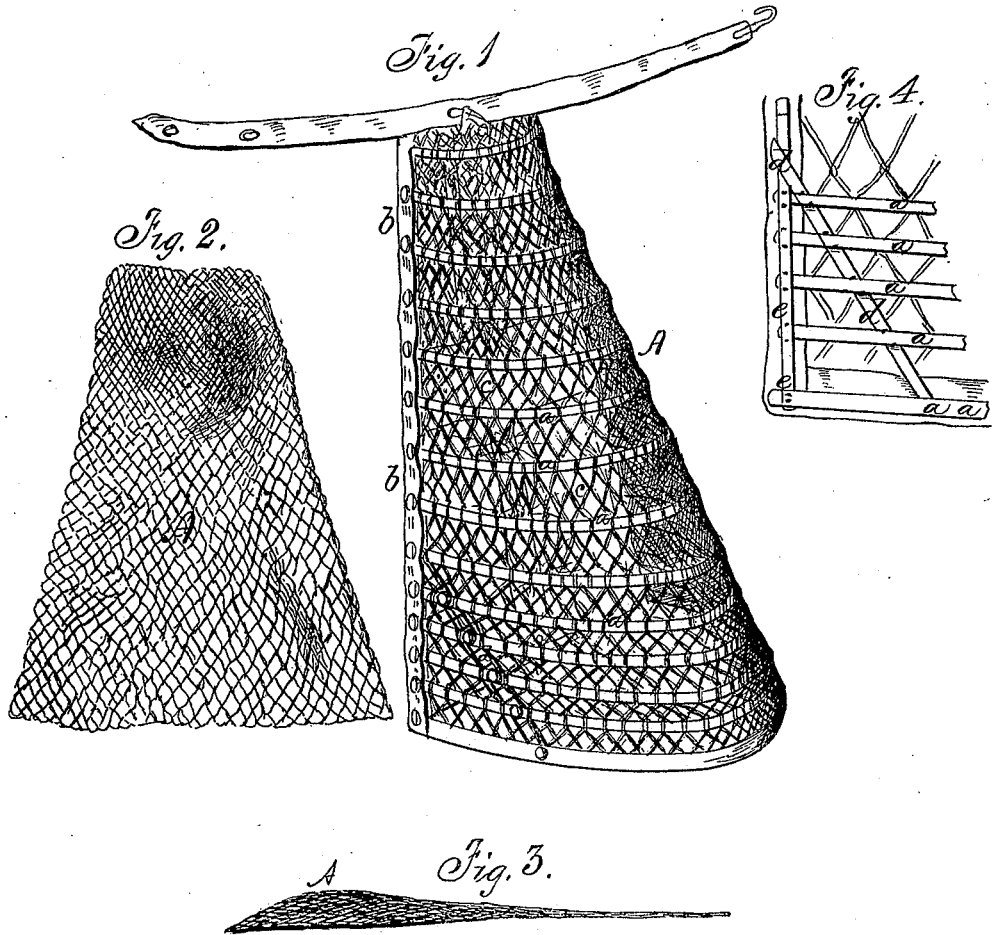


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES JENKINSON, of Brooklyn, Kings county, New York, have invented certain Improvements in Bustles, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to ladies' bustles or panniers, the backs of which are composed of a single piece of open or net work material, through the meshes of which the steels are run.

In this class of bustles prior to my invention, and so far as known to me, the back was cut from a plain piece of material, and, as in most cases, this material was knit fabric, the cut edges of the back would unravel, thus rendering it useless; and in binding these edges great pains had to be taken, and much difficulty was experienced, in securing the edges, while it was impracticable to employ the ordinary staple-fasteners for the purpose. Another great objection was that, the back being cut from a plain piece of material, the shape of the bustle depended greatly on the elasticity of the back.

My invention is designed to obviate these difficulties, and to otherwise improve the bustle, and consists in weaving or knitting the back in one piece of the desired shape, whereby the edges are smooth and intact or selvaged, and the proper shape imparted to the bustle when made up.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bustle. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the piece forming the back; Fig. 3, a side view of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view.

A represents the back of the bustle, composed of a single piece of open or net work material, knit or woven of the shape shown in Figs. 2 and 3, with the upper section "bag-

ging," as shown, and gradually widening toward the bottom. The edges of this back are smooth and intact, or selvaged, which obviates the danger of their raveling out, while it facilitates their being bound by the ordinary fasteners used for such work. *a* are the steel wires for shaping the bustle, which are inserted through the meshes of the back, as shown. *b* is the binding, for binding the edge of the back and inclosing the ends of the wires *b*. *c c* are the lacing-flaps in front of the bustle, as usual, for regulating its size. The stays *d d* are attached at one end to the bottom wire of the bustle, and at the other to the perpendicular supporting-wire *e*, thus forming a triangle, *a d e*, with these two wires, as shown at Fig. 1. All the wires *a* which cross the stays *d d* are fastened thereto. This arrangement effectually prevents the bottom of the bustle doubling up.

I am aware that hoop-skirts have been made from a net-work skirt made in one piece, as shown in the Letters Patent No. 22,197, 22,426, 20,720, and 21,806 of 1858, and I disclaim all such.

I claim—

1. The bustle or pannier herein described, the back of which is composed of a single piece of open or net work material, knit or woven of the shape shown, substantially as shown and described.

2. The bustle-back A, of open or net work material, knit or woven of the shape shown, and having selvaged edges, substantially as described and specified.

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