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BUSTLES.

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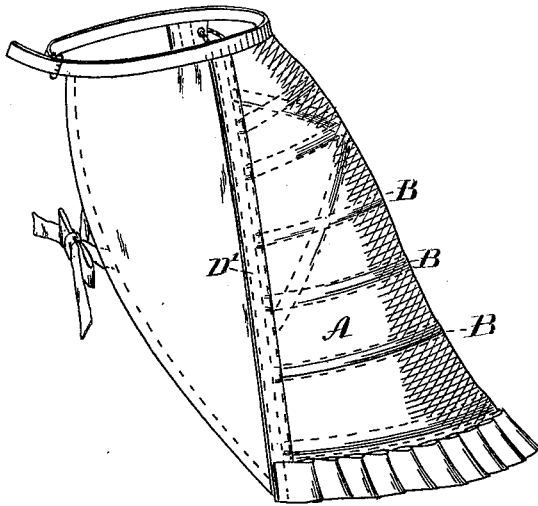


FIG. 1.

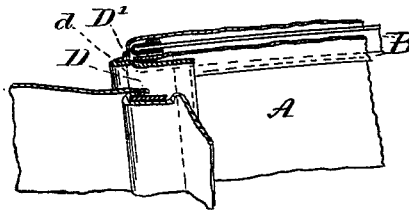


FIG. 2.

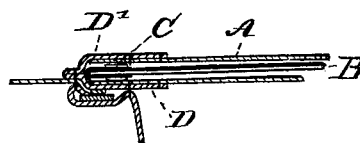


FIG. 3.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, THOMAS C. BARCLAY, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles, of which the following is a specification :

The nature of my invention consists in combining with the bustle, at the edges where the stiffening-wires terminate, a re-enforcing binding of leather.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my bustle. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of one edge at which the stiffening-wires terminate. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same.

This bustle may be made in any of the ordinary styles, and is provided with the usual shaping and holding devices.

A represents the cloth which forms the body of the bustle; B B, the stiffening-wires, and C the ordinary muffer or guard for covering the ends of the stiffening-wires. D D', Figs. 1, 2, and 3, represent a leather re-en-

forcing binding, which incloses the ends of the stiffening-wires B B, and is securely sewed to the body A of the bustle. This re-enforcing binding D D' is strengthened by a seam, *d*, Figs. 2 and 3, which gives additional strength to resist the tendency of the ends of the stiffening-wires to work out.

The common method of fastening the ends of the wires is simply to form a seam in the cloth A. This soon wears through and allows the wire to project.

My improvement obviates this objection.

I claim as my invention—

In a bustle, the re-enforcing binding D *d* D', the body A, and stiffening-wires B B, combined and arranged substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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