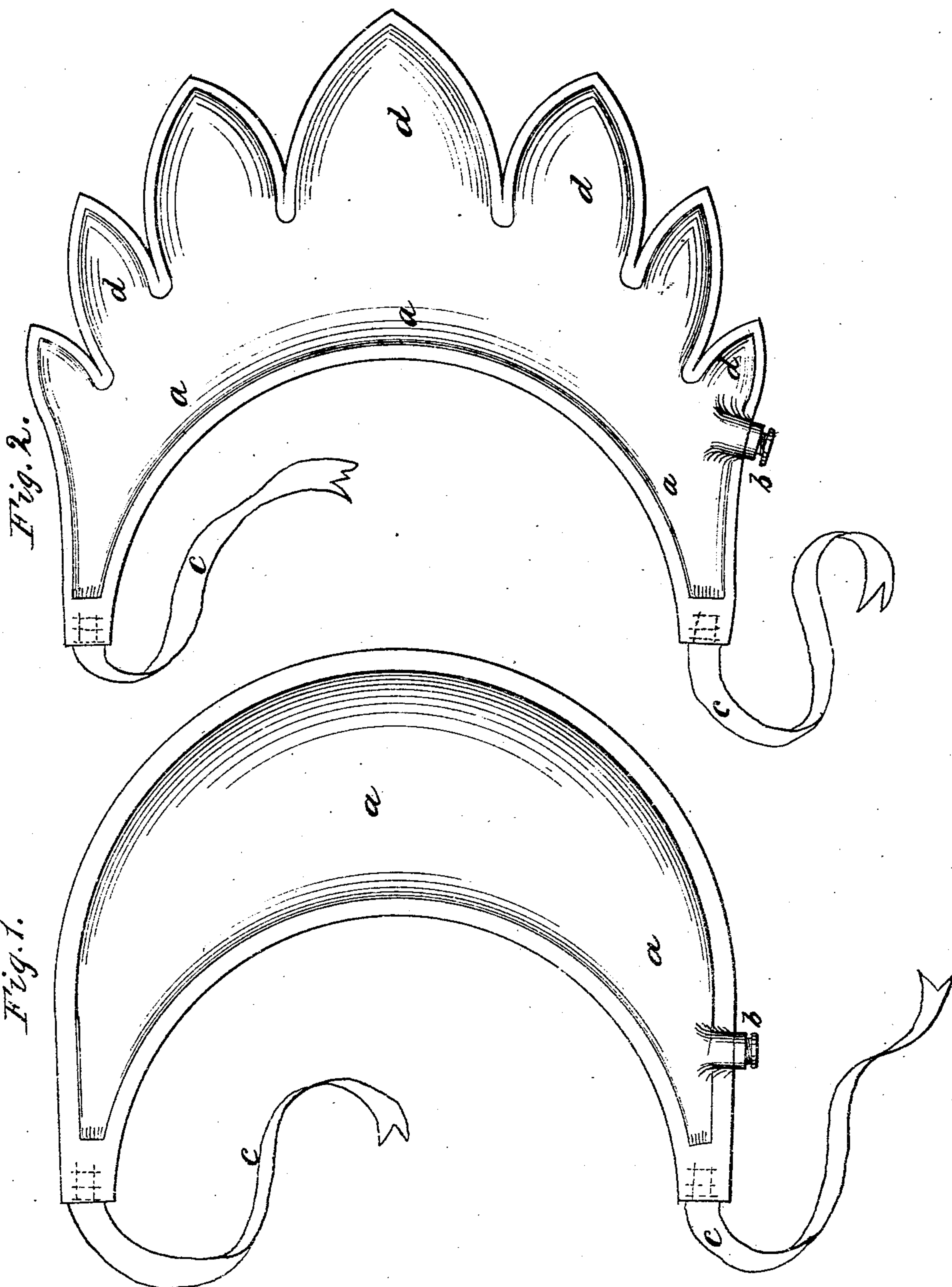


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IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' BUSTLES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 25,211, dated August 23, 1859.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. MOORE, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Bustles for Ladies' Dresses; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of my said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a crescent-shaped inflated bustle, and Fig. 2 is my improved inflated bustle.

My said invention consists in forming an inflated bustle, of india-rubber or equivalent material, in a crescent shape, with projecting hollow points or nipples of such a length that the compressed air within shall act to give a more gentle sweep to the dress and keep it farther away from the person.

My bustle, being inflated with air, is easily compressed into a small space when sitting down, and it is cool, light, and comfortable.

In the drawings, *a a*, Fig. 1, are crescent-shaped pieces, attached together at the edges so as to be air-tight, that when inflated through the valve or mouth-piece *b* they will assume a full round form that tapers and curves toward the ends, where straps or tapes *c c* are provided for attaching to the person.

My improved bustle, Fig. 2, is similar to that in Fig. 1, except that the outer edges of the pieces *a a* are formed with projecting points or nipples *d d*, into which the air enters, and they aid in keeping the dress out; but when compressed they fold down into very little space, and are very convenient and comfortable.

I do not claim, broadly, an inflated bag, as the same has been used for life-preservers; but I am not aware of any previous instance wherein a lady's bustle has been formed by inflated scallops or points projecting from a curved inflated body, whereby a graceful support is given to the dress, and the scallops or points will fold down without injury and occupy but little room.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An inflated bustle for ladies' dresses, formed with the projecting points or scallops *d d*, in the manner and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 3d day of June, 1859.

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