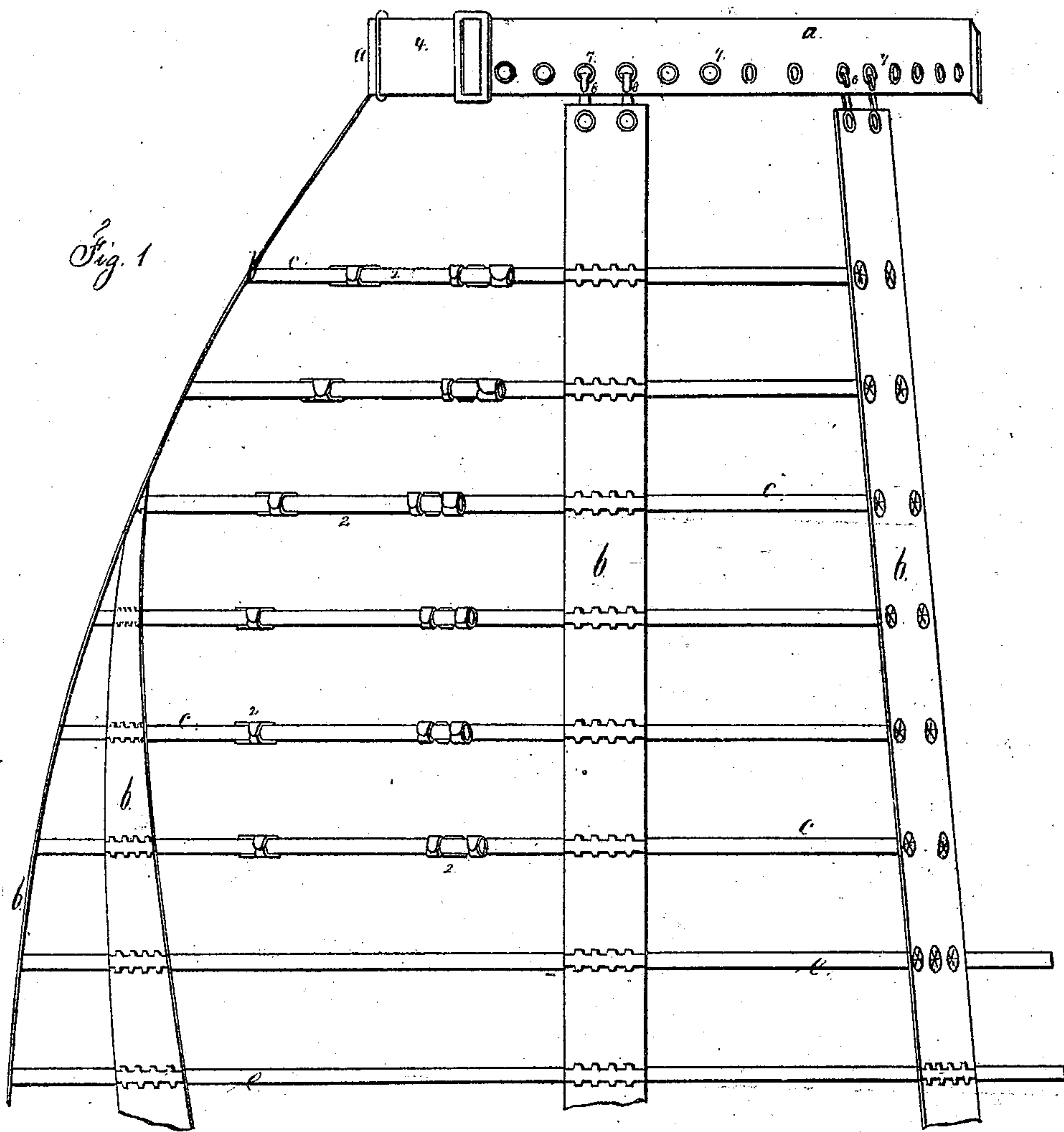


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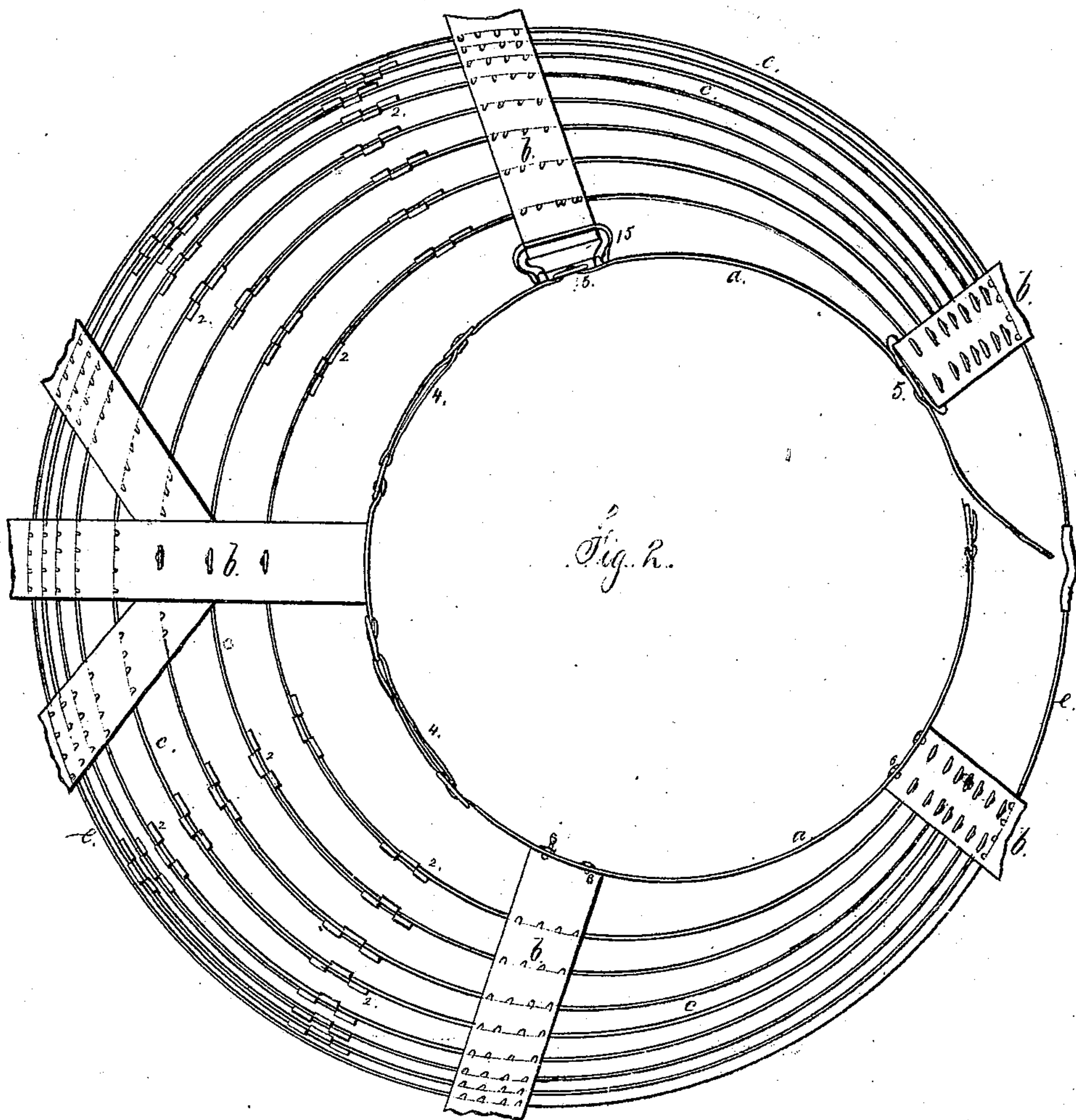
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IMPROVEMENT IN HOOP-SKIRTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE D. DAY, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Hoop-Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the upper part of the skirt, seen sidewise, and

Figure 2 is a plan of the same, showing the bustle-hoops.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

In ladies' hoop or skeleton-skirts, difficulty has been experienced in accommodating the same to the varying sizes of the hips and lower parts of the body, and also in giving to the skirt more or less bustle, or rearward projection, at the upper part of the skirt, according to the dress that is worn, or the desires of the wearer.

The main or body-hoops of the skirt have been heretofore fitted with an extension-slide, so as to vary the diameter of the hoop, and the tapes or vertical connections have been made adjustable at the points of connection with the waistband, but neither of these modes of construction accomplished the object of varying the projection of the skirt at the back, to produce more or less of a bustle.

The nature of my said invention consists in a skirt formed with an adjustable belt, that allows the points of connection of the vertical tapes to be varied as occasion may require, in combination with the bustle-hoops that are fitted with a slide or extension, to allow the bustle to be increased or diminished, and also accommodate the size of the hips.

In the drawing—

*a* is the waistband, or belt,

*b b* are the vertical tapes or connections,

*c c* are the bustle-hoops, and

*e*, the complete or body-hoops of the skirt, only the upper ones of which are represented in the drawing, the skirt being extended below to any desired amount, and the size and shape of the skirt may be according to the usual requirements.

The bustle-hoop or hoops *c* are provided with an extension at 2, the same being formed by the ends of the hoop lapping, and being provided with sliding clasps.

I prefer to have all the bustle-hoops extensible, and also to have each hoop or spring formed of three pieces, with extension-slides, 2, located, one on each side of the back vertical tape of the skirt, as shown. The bustle can be varied, as desired, by this adjustment, so as to stand out more or less.

In order to raise or lower the bustle, the vertical tapes or connections may be variable or adjustable by a buckle-clasp, or similar device, at or near the point of connection with the waist-belt *a*, as seen at 15.

The adjustment of the size of the bustle-hoop renders it important that the points at which the vertical tapes or connections intersect the waist-belt be varied, so as to cause the parts to set smoothly and correctly. This may be accomplished by lengthening the waist-belt, or shortening it, between the respective points of attachment, by the use of a clamping slide-buckle, as shown at 4, or the tapes *b* may terminate in a metallic slide or loop, as at 5, through which the belt *a* passes, so that the said loop 5 may be slidden on the said belt to any required point.

The hooks 6, and eyelets 7, or analogous means, may be employed, so as to change the point of connection of the tapes to the waistband, as occasion may require.

The advantages of this construction of skirt, and the merits possessed by the same over the skirts heretofore made, will be apparent from the foregoing.

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

A hoop-skirt, in which the bustle-hoops are formed with a slide, so as to be extended or contracted, in combination with the waistband, fitted substantially as specified, so that the distance between the vertical tapes or connections can be varied, for the purposes specified.

Dated, November 12, A. D. 1868.

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