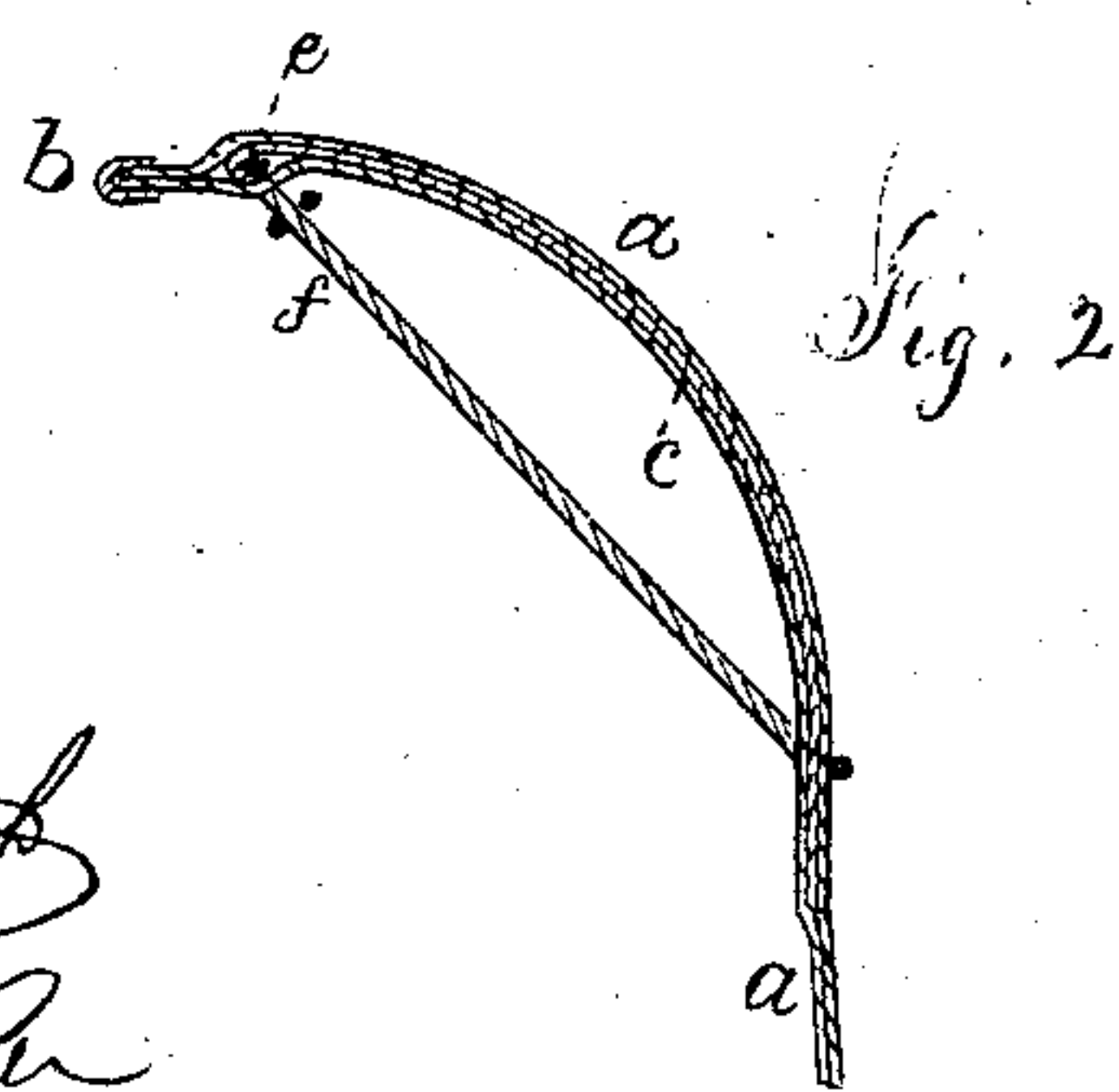
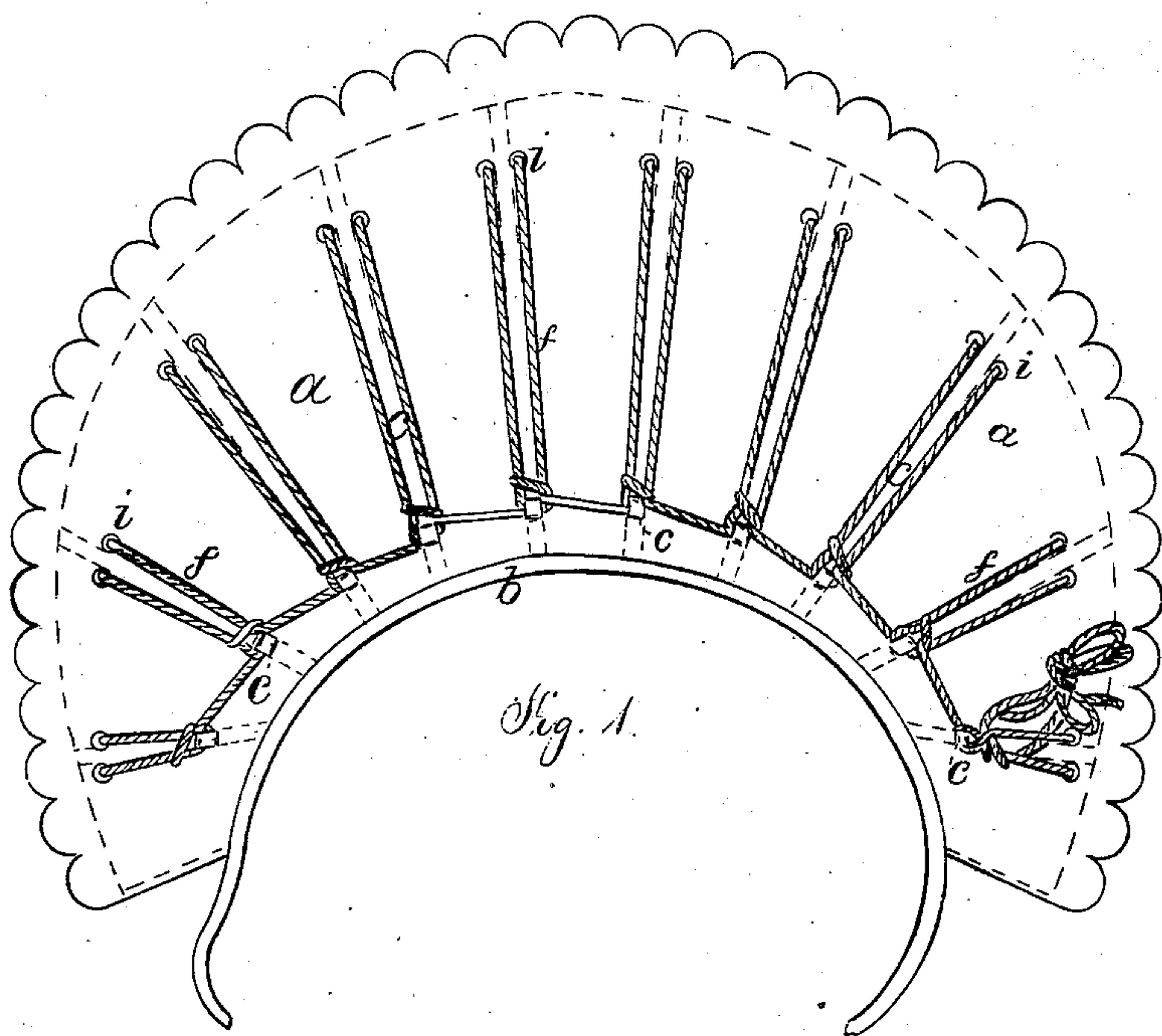


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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUSTLES.

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, MYRON H. BECKWORTH, of Camden, in the county of Oneida, and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Bustles; 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 inverted plan of said bustle, as spread out flat, or nearly so, and

Figure 2 is a section of said bustle at one of the springs.

Similar marks of reference denote the same parts.

This invention relates to a bustle, to be worn by ladies, to set out the dress near the waist and at the back of the person.

It is made so that it can be allowed to set almost close to the person, or else be projected to any desired extent, according to the taste of the person, the dress that is to be worn over it, or the occasion on which the bustle is used, thus avoiding the purchase of more than one bustle at a time, and this bustle is light, cool, cheap, and strong, and is not liable to be injured in use, because it yields freely to the person or to the dress, when sitting, and there is no risk of injury to the person from the springs, when compressed against the back of a seat, or otherwise.

In the drawing—

*a* is a crescent-shaped fabric, formed of one or more thicknesses. I prefer to have two thicknesses, so that

they can be stitched together, and form radiating pockets, into which the springs are introduced.

At the inner edge of the crescent the band *b* is attached, and tapes, straps, or other means for fastening the bustle around the waist, are provided.

The springs *c* are each formed with an eye, bent up at one end as at *e*, (see fig. 2,) and through these the cord, strap, or tightener *f* is passed, and also threaded through eyelets at *i*, inserted in the fabric *a*.

By tightening this cord, the arc of a circle formed by the spring, as in fig. 2, can be increased so as to project more abruptly from the person, or by slackening the cord, the reverse will be effected.

The eyes *e* in the springs *c*, coming next to the person, prevent scratching or injury by the end of the spring.

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

The ladies' bustle, formed of a fabric, into which the springs *c* are introduced, in combination with the tightener or cord *f*, passing through eyes at the ends of the springs, and through eyelets near the other ends of the springs, as set forth, and for the purposes specified.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this 9th day of February, 1869.

MYRON H. BECKWORTH.

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ROBERT AIRD.