

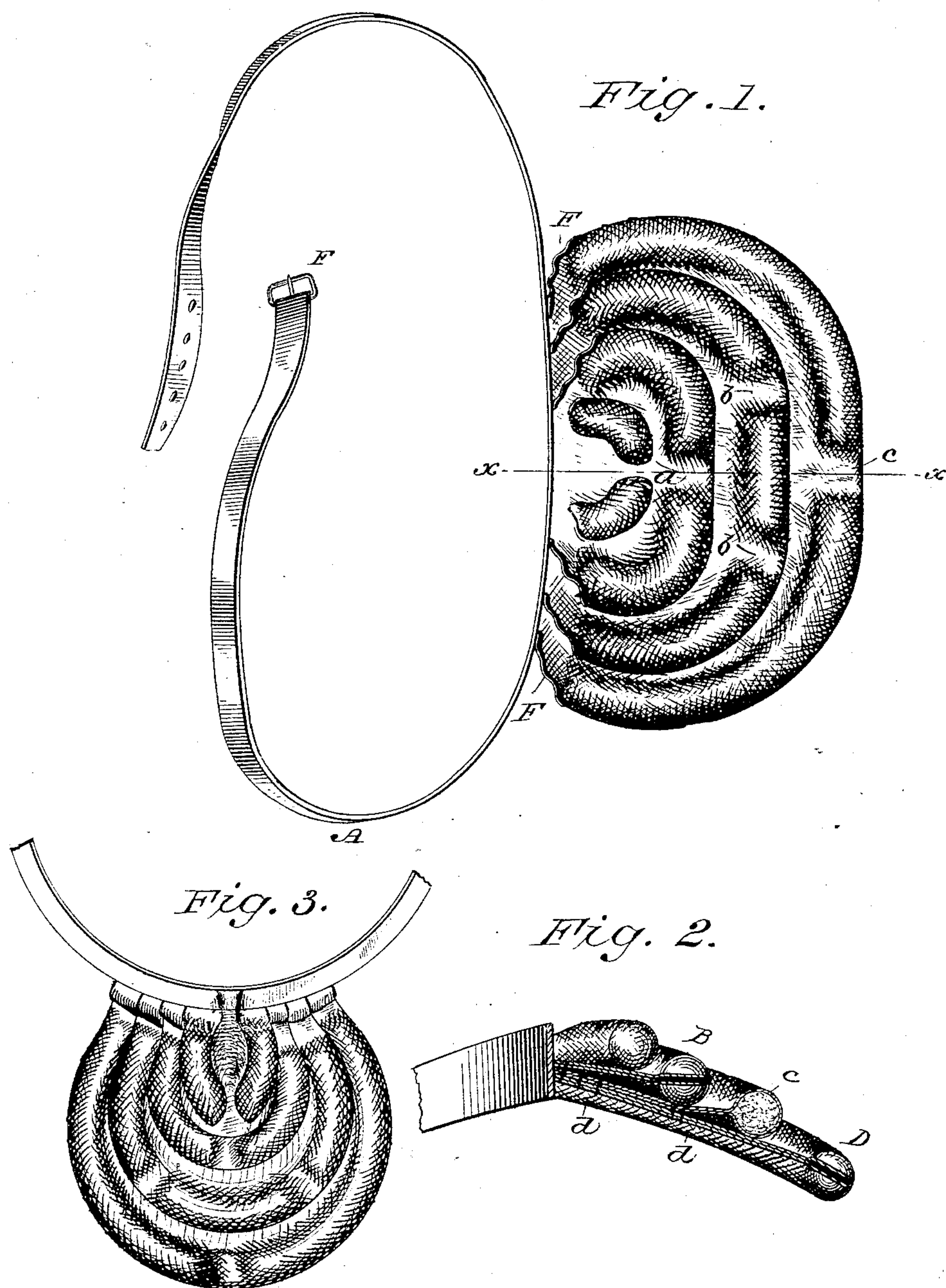
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERICK W. CROCKER, of Macedon, county of Wayne, State of New York, have invented a new and useful  
5 Improvement in Bustles, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings to more clearly set forth the same.

The invention consists in the construction  
10 of a bustle in such a manner that the same is more comfortable and will not be subject to displacement when it comes in contact with an object, such as a chair back or arm.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is  
15 a plan view. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on line *x x*, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a perspective view.

A is the belt; B, the first or upper leaf, which is made, as shown in Fig. 2, of a piece  
20 of cloth folded upon itself, the lower edge of which is provided with pockets—two on each side of the center—said pockets being formed into rolls by being filled with any suitable elastic material, such as hair; or a coiled spring  
25 may be used, that portion of the cloth between the pockets forming the flexible hinge *a*.

C is the second leaf, which is attached to the belt in such a manner that the lower edge, which contains pockets formed into rolls, as  
30 described, will come below the pockets or rolls in the upper leaf, B, the space between the two end pockets and the center pocket forming flexible hinges *b*, so situated that neither come in line with the flexible hinge *a* in leaf B.

D is the lower leaf, the edge of which is attached to the belt in such a manner that the lower edge, which contains the pockets or rolls, formed as described, will come below the pockets in leaf C, the space between the pockets forming the flexible hinge *c*. The two upper  
40 leaves are sewed to the lower one by rows of stitching *d* above the pockets, thereby giving to the bustle shape and solidity. Each leaf at its sides, where attached to the belt, is  
45 provided with a fullness or slack, F, so that when a pressure is brought to bear against the bustle at its side or bottom the same will extend or straighten, and, in connection with the hinge or hinges in each leaf, will cause that

half of the bustle upon which pressure is ex- 50  
erted to yield, the hinge or hinges bending or folding upon themselves without moving the other half or displacing the same or bringing any undue strain on the belt. The flexible  
hinges in the several leaves are so arranged 55  
that they break joints, thereby giving solidity and flexibility at the same time.

As a modification of my invention the leaves of the bustle can be made by continuing the material of which each leaf consists over on 60  
the back far enough to make the pockets and give stability to the same, by which construction a considerable saving of material is secured.

The number of leaves may be varied. 65

The back of the bustle can be contracted in the well-known manner of lacing with elastic cord and eyelets.

I claim as my invention—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle 70  
the leaves of which are arranged one above the other, provided with padded pockets and flexible hinges between the padded pockets, for the purpose shown and described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle 75  
the leaves of which are arranged one above the other, with padded pockets, with flexible hinges between the padded pockets, and having a fullness or slack at the junction of each leaf with the belt, substantially as shown and 80  
described.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle  
the leaves of which are arranged one above the other, with padded pockets, with flexible hinges between the pockets so arranged as to 85  
break joints, and having a fullness or slack at the junction of each leaf with the belt, substantially as shown and described.

4. In a bustle, the combination of the belt with several series of padded pockets provided 90  
with flexible hinges between the padded pockets, each series being provided with a fullness or slack where joined to the belt, substantially as shown and described.

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