

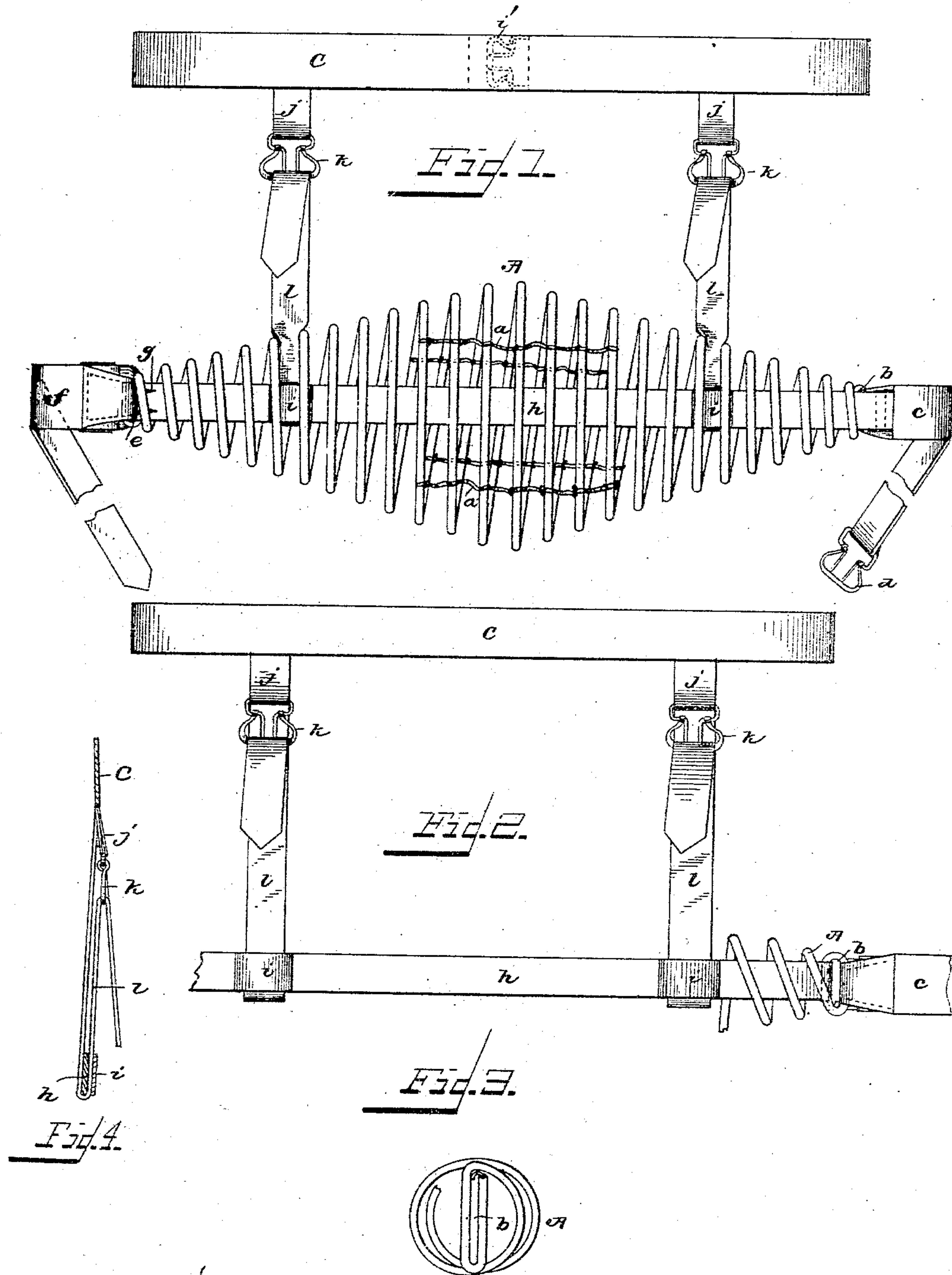
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## BUSTLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES R. DAVIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dallas, in the county of Dallas and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bustles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to bustles; and it has for its object to provide a device of this character which shall be light, cheap, and durable, and one that may be readily and easily adjusted and conveniently worn.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bustle constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the same drawn out to the position it occupies when in use. Figs. 2, 3, and 4 are detail views.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A represents the body of the bustle, which is composed of a single piece of wire, bent in spiral form and larger at its center than at its ends. The wire employed is preferably of the kind used in hoop-skirts, and is cloth-covered. The bends or turns of the bustle at the central portion of the same are connected by a series of cords or strings, *a*, which are secured to each coil, and serve to prevent the bustle from being stretched, and also to keep the clothes of the wearer from getting between the coils.

One of the ends of the body of the bustle is turned or bent to form a loop, *b*, to which is secured a strap, *c*, carrying a buckle, *d*, at its outer end. The other end of the body portion A of the bustle is also formed with a loop, *e*, to which is secured a strap, *f*, the outer end of which is adapted to engage the buckle *d*.

The strap or band *f* has a buckle, *g*, at its inner end, adjacent to its point of attachment to the body A.

Secured to the strap *c*, at its inner end, is an elastic strap, *h*, which passes through the body A and engages the buckle *g*. By this arrangement the tension of said elastic strap or band may be regulated.

The strap *h* is provided on opposite sides of a line drawn through the vertical center of the body A, at a slight distance therefrom, with loops *i*.

C represents a strap, carrying a buckle, *i'*, at one end. The said strap is formed with depending short straps *j*, having buckles *k* at their ends, and with long straps *l*. The said long straps *l* are adapted to be passed through the loops *i* and then engaged with the buckles *k*.

The bustle described is used as follows: The strap C is placed around the waist and the end thereof engaged with the buckle *i'*. The straps *e* and *f* are then secured around the waist, and if it is desired to expand the bustle the elastic strap passing through the body is drawn through its buckle and tightened.

The strap C serves to hold the bustle in place, and the latter may be adjusted vertically by means of the straps *j* and *l*.

The bustle before described is simple in its construction, may be manufactured and supplied at a slight cost, is serviceable, may be readily and easily adjusted, and may be conveniently worn.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bustle consisting of a single piece of wire bent in spiral form, and a series of cords connecting the coils at the central portion of the bustle, as set forth.

2. A bustle consisting of a single piece of wire bent in spiral form, and bent at its ends to form loops *b e*, to which are secured straps *c f*, the strap *c*, having a buckle, *d*, and the elastic strap *h*, secured to the strap *c*, and engaging a buckle, *g*, on the strap *f*, as set forth.

3. A bustle consisting of a single piece of wire bent in spiral form, and bent at its ends to form loops *b e*, to which are secured straps *c f*, the strap *c*, having a buckle, *d*, the elastic strap *h*, secured to the strap *c*, and engaging a buckle, *g*, on strap *f*, and the strap C, connected adjustably with the bustle, so that said bustle may be raised and lowered with relation to strap C, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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