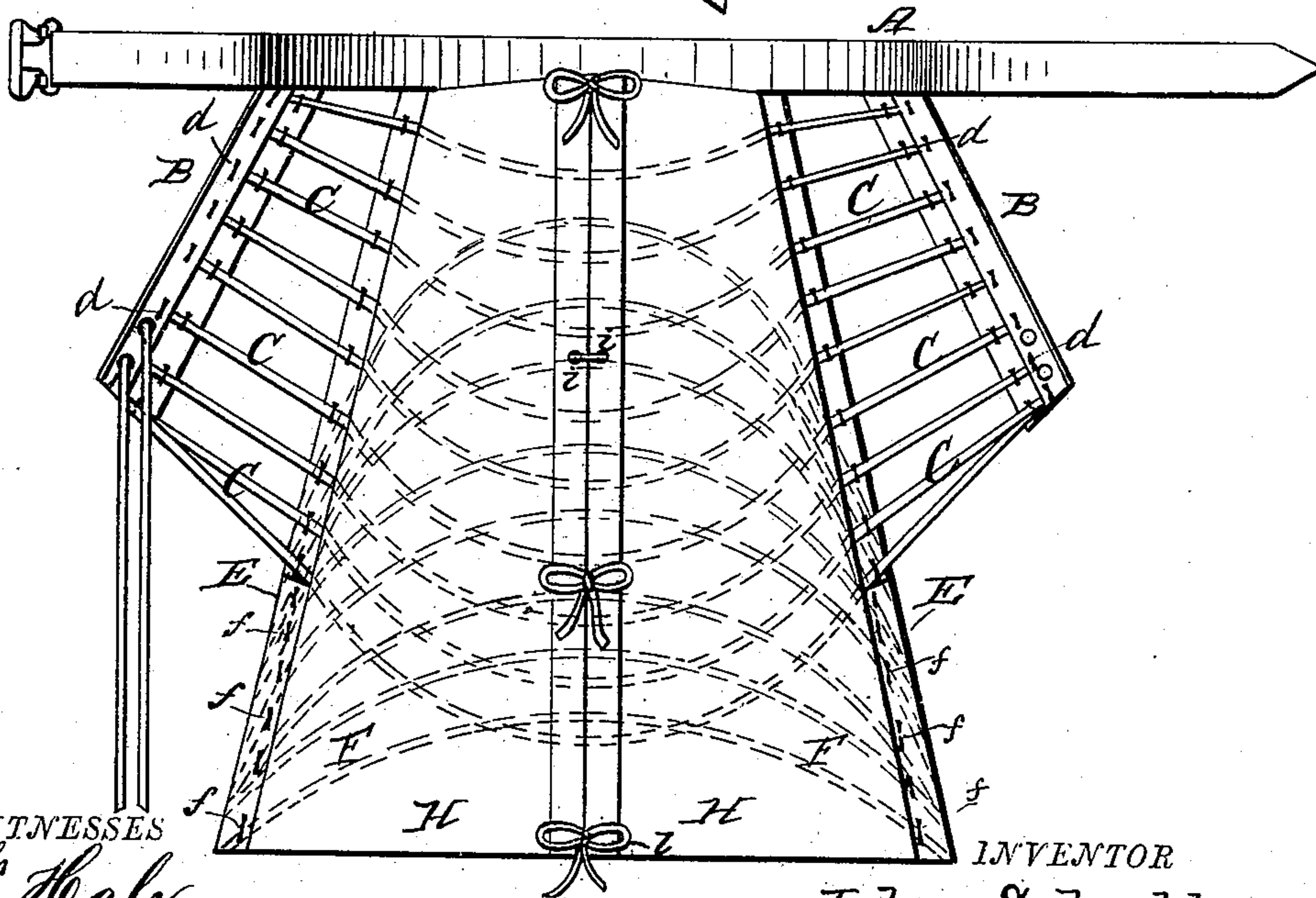
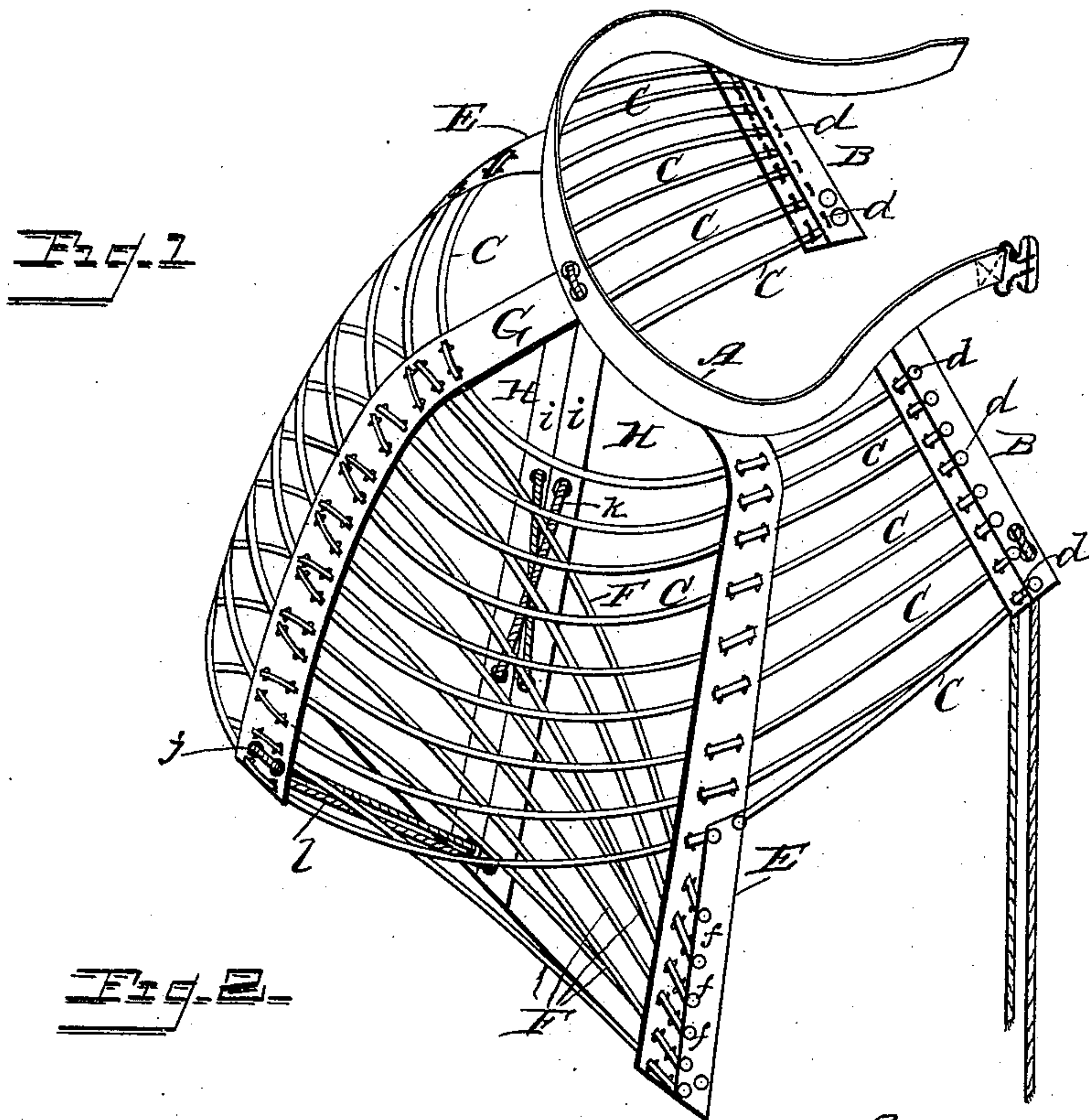


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## BUSTLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN SCHULTE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in that class of bustles in which the frame or contour is composed of a series of wire bows or arches extending rearwardly from vertical tapes depending from a waistband; and its object is to support the bows or arches in position to give a proper shape to the bustle, and to cause them to return to such position after the bustle has been crushed or distorted when the wearer assumes a sitting or reclining position.

The invention consists in the novel combination, with the usual bows or arches, of certain bracing or supporting arches and flies, as will be hereinafter particularly described with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bustle, and Fig. 2 is a front elevation thereof.

The letter A indicates the waistband, and B B the vertical tapes depending therefrom, and serving to support the ends of the frame arches or bows C. These arches are made of spring strips or wires, preferably covered with cloth or braided in the usual manner, and attached to the vertical tapes by the ordinary clips, as at *d*. The bows are graduated in size, increasing in span downwardly, so as to give the bustle the desired shape. They are intermediately supported and properly spaced by being attached to hip-bands E, depending from the waistband and arranged to fall over the hips of the wearer.

These hip-bands extend below the lowermost frame-arch, and form supports for the ends of the brace-arches F, which are attached thereto by clips at *f*. These arches spring upward, and at their tops are attached to a bracing-tape, G, attached at its upper end to the rear of the waistband and extending downward over the center of the bustle. The main frame-arches C are also attached to this bracing-tape, and the bracing-arches are attached to this tape near each of the main arches, respectively—that is, the upper bracing-arch extends to the top of the bustle, and is attached to the bracing-tape near the upper frame-arch. The other bracing-arches are successively smaller downward, and are attached to the bracing-tape near the successive frame-arches.

To the hip-bands E are attached the outer edges of flies or curtains H, the inner edges of which are provided with whalebones or stiffening-rods and eyelets, as at *i*, so that they may be drawn together to any desired extent by means of lacings *k*. The lower end of the bracing-tape is also provided with eyelets, as at *j*, and a lacing, *l*, passed through these eyelets and those at the lower ends of the flies, serves to prevent the central portion of the bustle from creeping upward or becoming distorted.

The bracing-arches are made of spring-steel strips or wires, and from their disposition and attachment to the bracing-tape with relation to the main frame arches or bows they serve to maintain these bows in proper position when the wearer is erect, and also to return the main bows to their original position after the bustle has been crushed or distorted when the wearer assumes a sitting or reclining position. By adjusting the inner edges of the flies at a suitable distance from each other the bustle may be caused to project rearwardly more or less, as desired, and these flies serve, also, to firmly brace the lower portion of the hip-bands, so that they will form efficient supports for the ends of the bracing-arches.

I am aware that skeleton skirts and bustles

of this class have been provided with bracing-arches, and I do not claim, broadly, a bustle provided with such arches.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

The combination, with the waistband, hip-band, main frame-arches, and the bracing-arches, of the bracing-tape extending from the waistband and attached to the main frame and  
10 bracing arches, and the flies having their outer

edges attached to the hip-band, and the lower portions of their inner edges adjustably connected with the lower end of the bracing-tape by means of lacing, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in  
15 presence of two witnesses.

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