

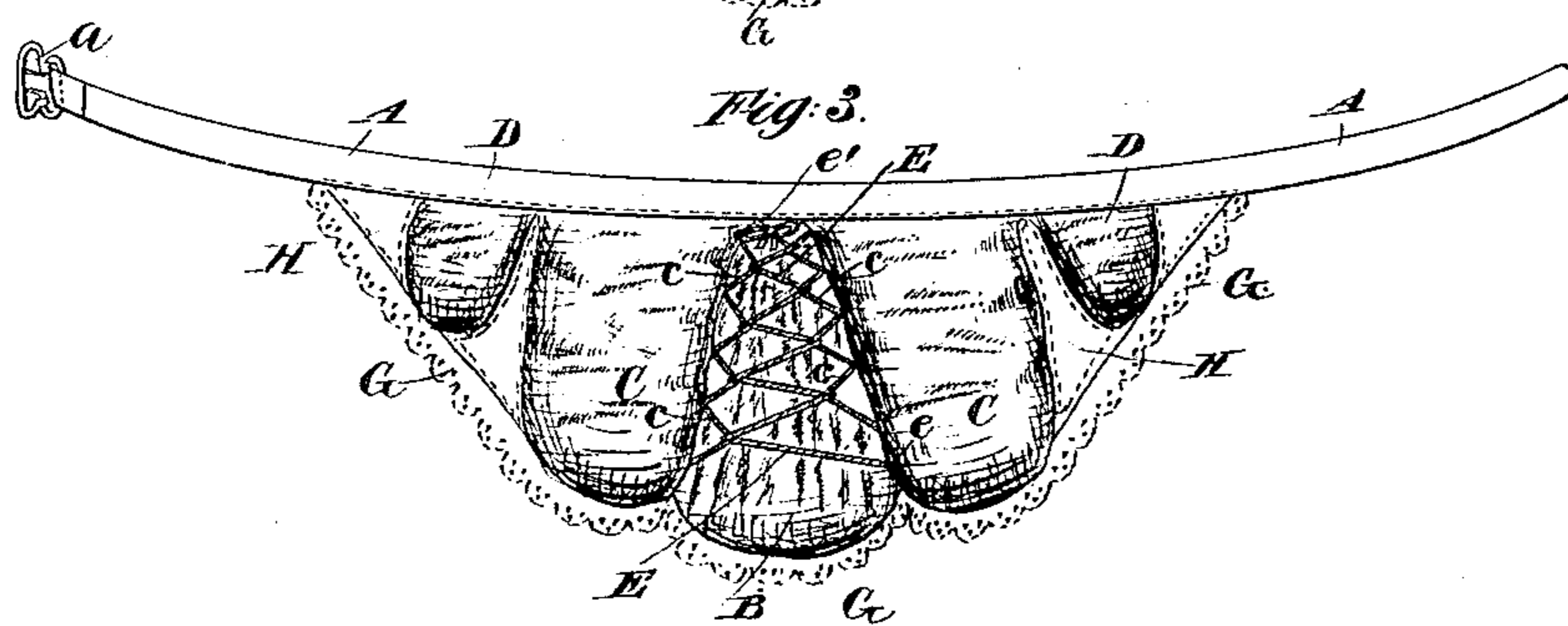
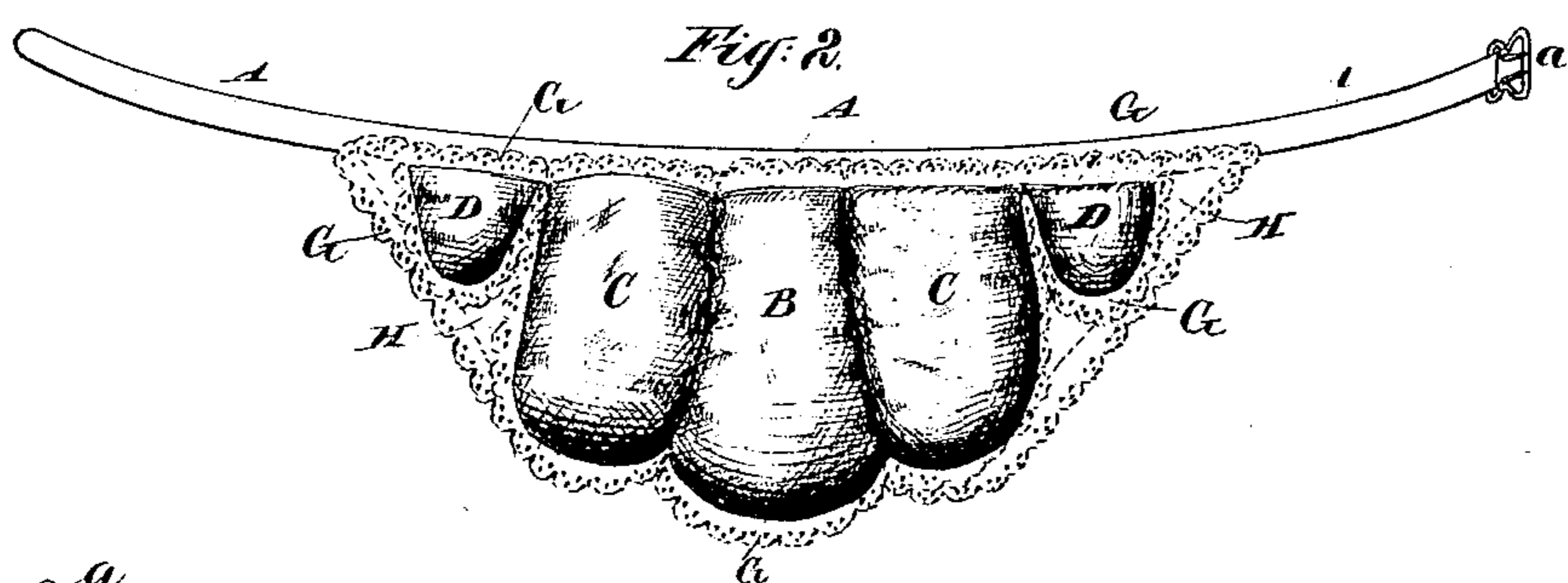
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BUSTLE

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLEN THOMSON PHILLIPS, of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Bustles, of which the following is a specification.

I have devised a construction which is eminently simple and easily made and repaired by ordinary means and skill, and which properly expands the dress and accommodates itself with facility to every posture. There are no springs to become set or broken.

The following is a description of what I consider the best means of carrying out the invention.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the bustle in use. Fig. 2 represents the bustle extended—an outside view; and Fig. 3 is a corresponding inside view.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures where they occur.

A is the waistband, provided with a buckle, *a*, which performs the ordinary functions.

B, C C, and D D are pockets, of muslin or other suitable material, partially stuffed with deer's hair or analogous light and permanently-elastic material, so as to make each pocket of oval section. The pockets thus produced differ in length. The central pocket, B, is the longest. The pockets C C, one on each side of B, are nearly as long as B. The pockets D, which come one on each hip, are much shorter. The pockets are stitched together flexibly. The edges of C C adjacent to the pocket B are equipped with cords *c c*, so attached as to form loops. A lacing, E, attached permanently to one of the pockets C at *e*, is rove through the loops *c*, extending diagonally across from one side to the other, being led several times across from one side to the other and tied to a short cord, *e'*, attached to the waistband, or to the inner face of the pocket B near its top. Taking up or letting out this lacing E varies the fullness of the bustle at the back—that is to say, letting out this lacing allows the pocket B to flatten and the whole bustle to expand in width and decrease in fullness, while taking up the lacing E draws the loops *c*, and consequently the pockets C C, together, narrowing the entire

bustle, and increasing the fullness of the central pocket, B.

G is edging, serving as decoration.

H H are gored pieces of muslin or other light flexible material, arranged as shown. They connect to the bottom and side edges of the pockets D D, and may usually be an extension of a portion of the material thereof. They connect also to the outer edges of C C near the bottom. They steady and strengthen the construction, leaving it just sufficiently yielding.

Modifications may be made. The relative lengths of the pockets may be varied. Parts of the invention may be used without the whole. I can omit the hip-pockets D D. I can use any kind of hair or moss for the filling of the pockets B C D.

I claim as my invention—

1. The bustle described, having a central pocket, B, and side pockets, C C, extending up and down and flexibly connected, with partial fillings of elastic material, in combination with each other and with the waistband A and the lacing E, connected to the inner edges of the pockets C C, whereby the said pockets C C are forced inward laterally and the pocket B thrown outward, as set forth.

2. In a bustle, the combination, with the pockets C C and intermediate pocket, B, arranged as shown, of loops *c*, secured at the junction of each pocket C with the pocket B, and the lacing E, operating through said loops, as and for the purposes specified.

3. In a bustle, the combination, with the band A and central pocket, B, of the pockets C C, arranged one on either side of said pocket B and flexibly connected therewith, the loops *c*, secured to the fabric at the junction of each pocket C with the pocket B, and a lacing-cord, E, operating through said loops across the interior face of the pocket B, to compress said pocket and force the pockets C C nearer to each other, as and for the purposes specified.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand at New York city, New York, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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