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Fig. 1.

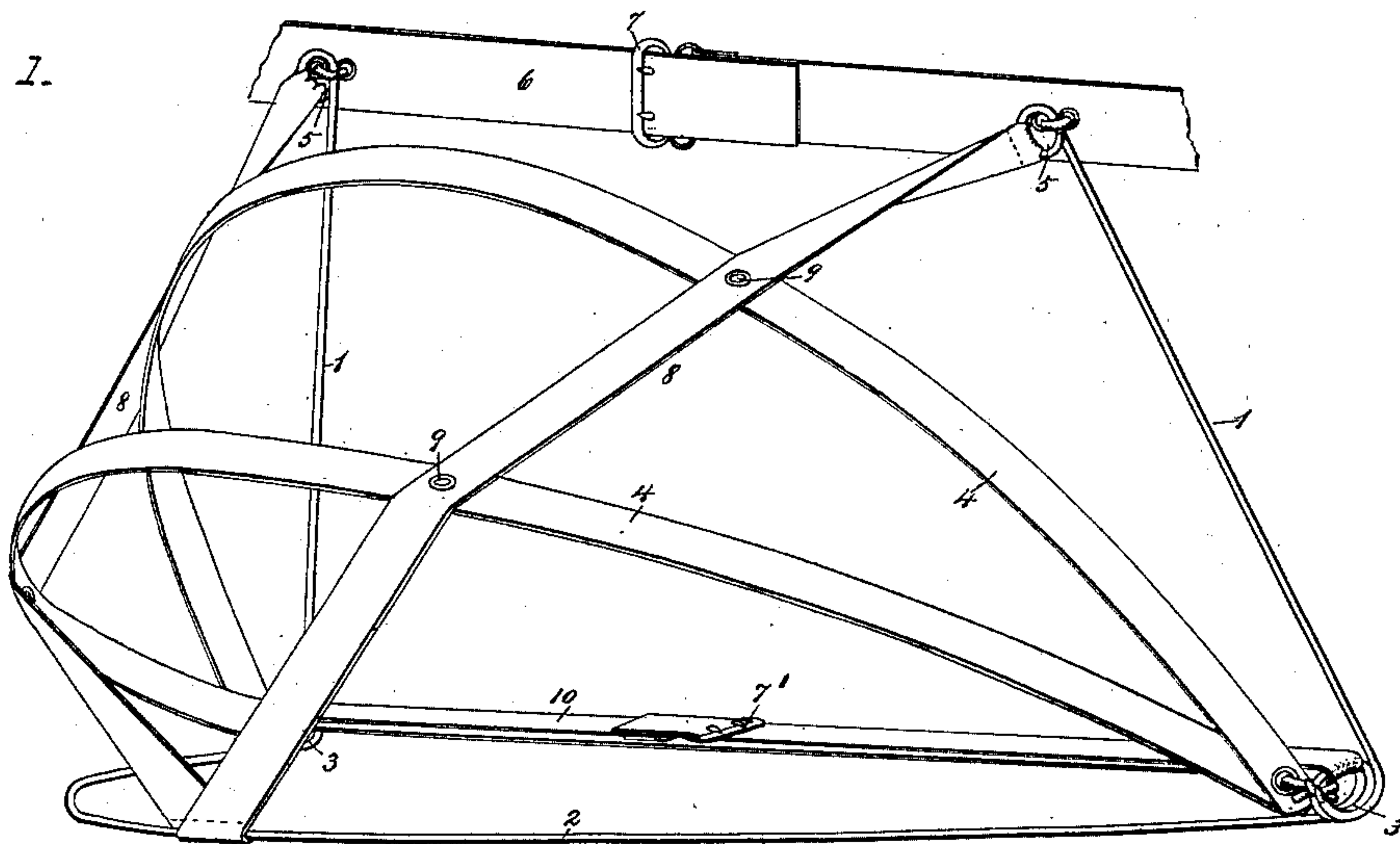
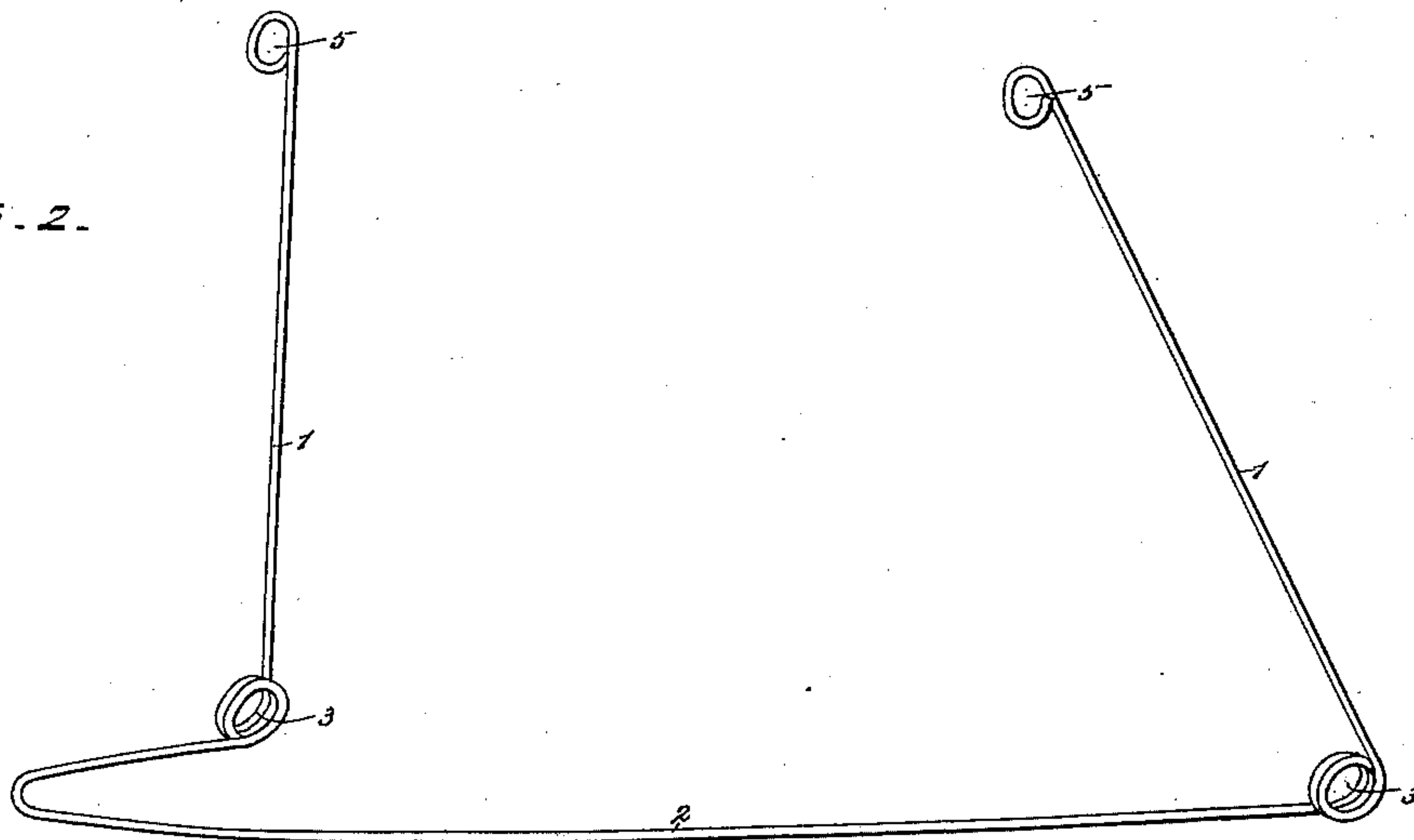


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS P. TAYLOR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles; and I do hereby 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 ap-

10 pertains to make and use the same.
My invention relates to the manufacture of wire bustles, and has for its object to simplify and cheapen their construction and at the same time to greatly improve their operation

15 in use.
With these ends in view I have devised the simple and novel construction, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, the several parts of the device being indicated by numbers.

Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved bustle complete, and Fig. 2 a perspective of the wire frame.

25 It is of course well understood by those familiar with these articles that the essential requirements are that they shall be light and shall be so constructed as to collapse easily when the wearer sits down, but adapted to instantly spring back into place when the wearer rises, so that the drapery of the dress will be restored to the *bouffant* condition, which is of course the primary object for which they are worn.

35 My present invention is an improvement upon the bustle illustrated and described in my pending application, Serial No. 220,640, filed December 4, 1886; and it consists, essentially, of side pieces and a distending portion consisting of a spring-rib connected to the side pieces by coils, and two or more independent ribs loosely secured to the coils which connect the spring-rib with the side pieces.

40 1 denotes the side pieces; 2, the spring-rib; 3, coils by which the spring-rib is connected to the side pieces, and 4 independent ribs loosely connected to said coils. The side pieces and the spring-rib constitute the frame-work of the bustle and are made from a single piece

50 of wire, eyes 5 being provided at the ends of

the piece of wire—that is, at the upper ends of the side pieces of the completed frame-work. The belt 6 is connected to the eyes, being preferably made in two pieces and connected by a buckle, 7, between the side pieces, where- 55 by the width of the top of the bustle is made adjustable. The independent ribs may be made of either flat or round wire, or of twin wire, and are preferably covered with paper or cloth. They are held in position by a strip, 60 8, of textile material, which extends from one of the eyes downward diagonally to the center of the spring-rib, being secured to each of the independent ribs by eyelets 9, and after passing around the spring-rib extends diag- 65 onally upward to the eye at the top of the other side piece, being eyeleted again to each of the independent ribs.

10 denotes a strip of textile material, preferably provided with a buckle, 7, extending 70 across between the coils, by which the bustle is made adjustable at the bottom.

In use the entire bustle will fold up flat against the wearer when in a sitting position, in the same manner as the bustle illustrated 75 and described in my former application referred to. When the wearer rises, the spring-rib instantly resumes its original position and draws the independent ribs to their proper positions by means of strip 8, so that the dra- 80 pery of the dress must instantly assume its proper form.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. As a new manufacture, a bustle consist- 85 ing, essentially, of two side pieces and a spring-rib connected thereto by coils at the lower ends of said side pieces, and one or more independent ribs connected to said coils and held in operative position by a strip, substantially 90 as described.

2. A bustle consisting of side pieces and a spring-rib connected thereto by coils at the lower ends of the side pieces, independent ribs connected to said coils, a strip, 8, connected 95 to the spring-rib, the independent ribs and the tops of the side pieces, and an adjustable strip, 10, connecting the side pieces at the bottom, whereby the size of the bustle may be regulated.

3. A bustle consisting of side pieces having 100

eyes at the tops, rib 2, connected to said side pieces by coils, independent ribs 4, loosely connected to said coils, strip 8, connected to the eyes and to the ribs, an adjustable strip, 10, 5 and a belt, 6, made adjustable between the side pieces, as and for the purpose set forth.

4. A frame-work for folding bustles, consisting of side pieces having eyes at the tops and

a curved spring-rib at the bottom connected to said side pieces by coils.

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

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