

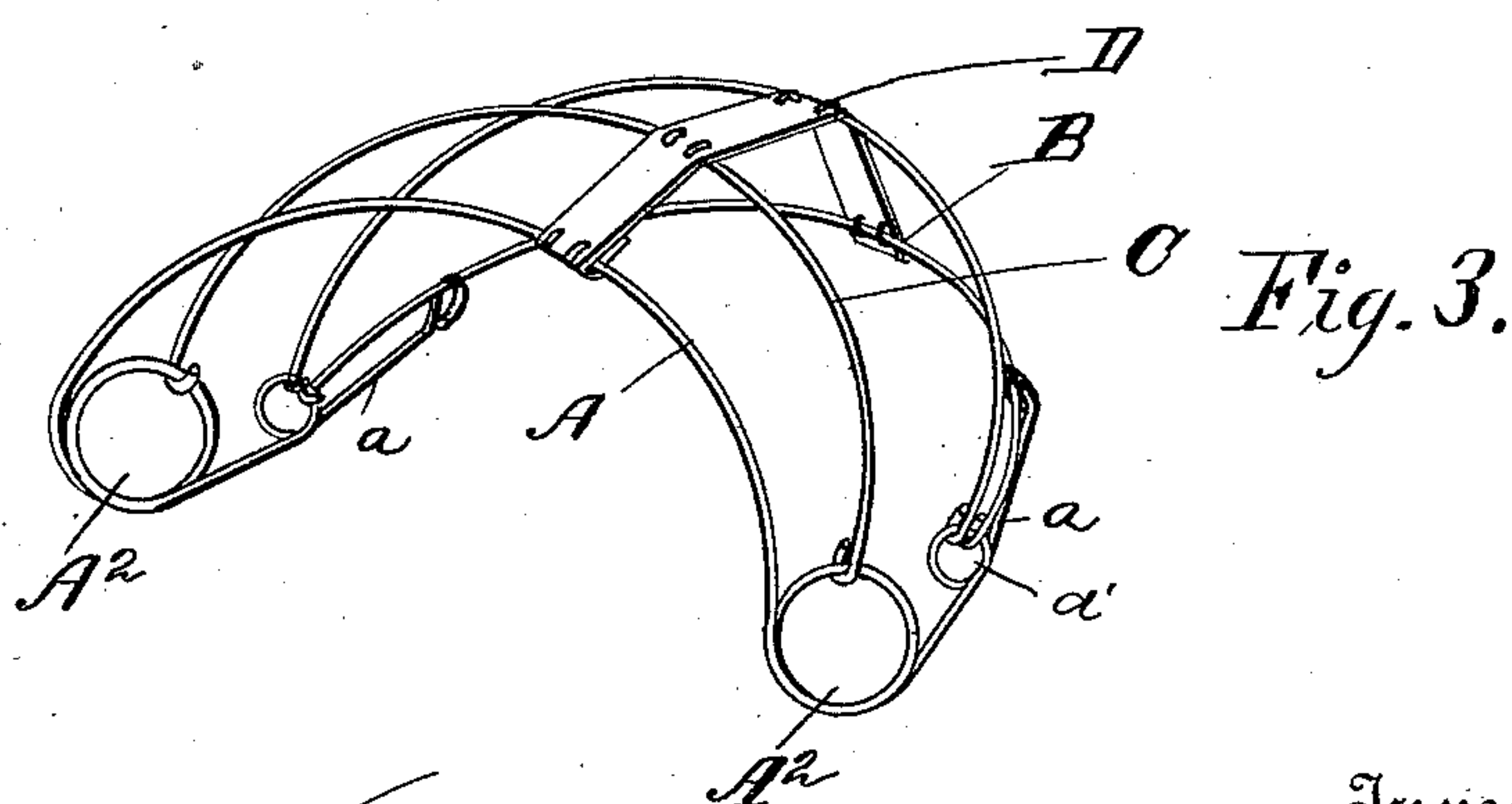
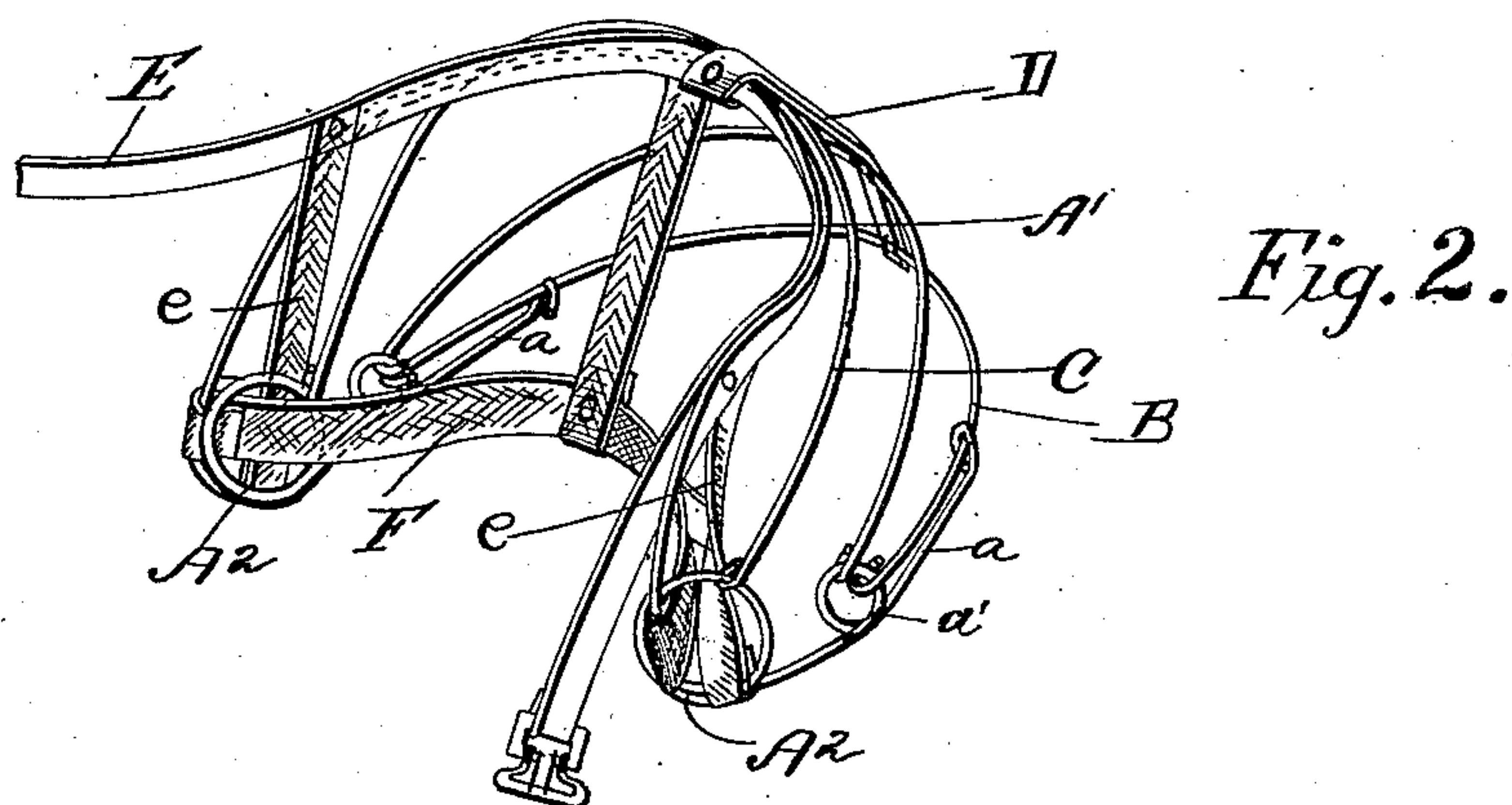
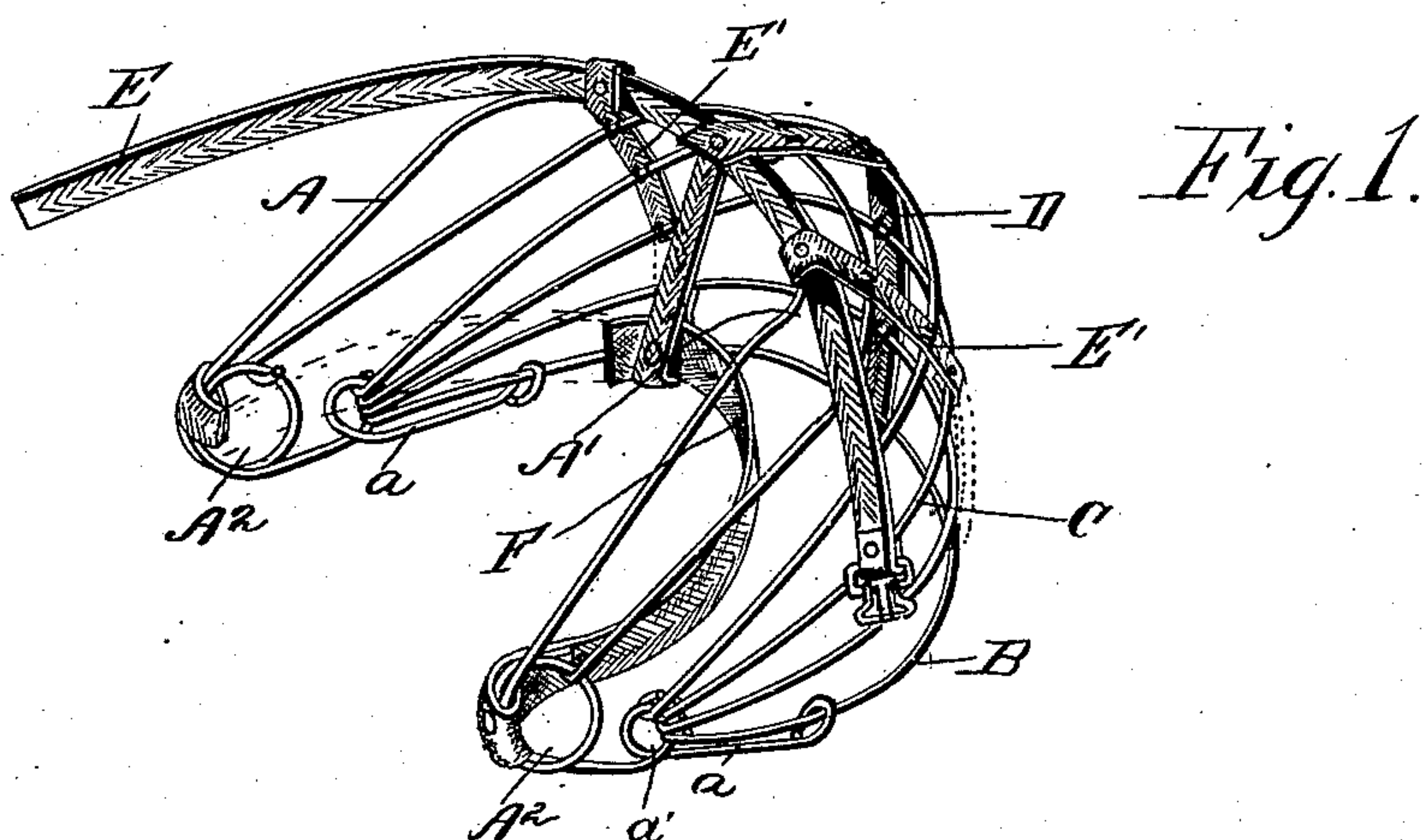
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## BUSTLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DANIEL WERTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fayette, in the county of Howard and State of Missouri, 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.

This invention relates to bustles; and it consists in the novel features presently to be described, and shown in the annexed drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bustle constructed in accordance with and embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a modified form. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a further modified form.

The bustle comprises the top bow, A, the bottom bow, B, and the intermediate bows, C. The bow A may curve upwardly from its ends simply, as shown in Fig. 3, or it may have its middle portion bent outward, forming the curve A', (shown in Figs. 1 and 2,) adapted to fit about the waist of the wearer and prevent any side-to-side movement of the bustle when adjusted in position. The bow A has a loop, A<sup>2</sup>, formed at or near each end, from which spring-arms *a* extend, and are connected with the lower bow, B, and keep the bows A and B separated. The distance between the bows A and B is limited by the connection or strap D, which is likewise connected with the intermediate bows, C, for the purpose of holding them at a fixed relative distance apart.

The spring-arms *a* may be connected with the loops or bow A in any desired manner, but preferably form an integral part of the bow A, as thereby the construction is greatly simplified and the cost of manufacture reduced to a minimum.

The end of the spring-arms may be connected with the lower bow in any preferred way; but for simplicity and economy it has

been found expedient to connect them directly therewith by bending such ends about the bow, as shown in the several figures.

The spring-arms may have one or more eyes, *a'*, for the insertion of the ends of the intermediate or supplemental bows, C, some of which are held in the loop A<sup>2</sup> and others in the eyes.

The bustle is secured to the person of the wearer by the waist-strap E, which is secured to the bow A near its middle. Said waist-strap may be connected with the loops A<sup>2</sup> by the supporting-straps *e*, as shown in Fig. 2; or the straps *e* may be dispensed with and the strap E connected with the bow A on each side of its middle point. From this point straps E' extend down over the bows C, as shown in Fig. 1, and are connected with said bows to assist in keeping them at a relative distance apart. The straps E' may extend over the bows C only, as shown by full lines in said Fig. 1, or may reach to the bottom bow, B, if desired, as shown by dotted lines in the same Fig. 1.

The set of the bustle is regulated by the back-strap F, which is made in two parts adjustably connected together. Each part is connected with its respective loop A<sup>2</sup>, as shown.

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

1. In a bustle, the combination, with the top and bottom bows, of spring-arms forming an integral part of the top bow and connected with the bottom bow, substantially as set forth.

2. In a bustle, the combination, with the top bow and springs having eyes composed of a single wire, of the bottom bow having its ends secured to said eyes and connected with the ends of said springs, substantially as set forth.

3. In a bustle, the combination of the top bow composed of a single wire having loops near each end, which ends project beyond the loops and form spring-arms having eyes, the bottom bow secured in said eyes and connected with the spring-arms, the intermediate bows having their ends fastened to the loops, and the strap uniting all of said bows, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. In a bustle, the combination, with the top bow having its middle portion curved rearwardly for fitting the body of the wearer, of the bottom and intermediate bows and  
5 means for securing the bustle in position, substantially as set forth.

5. A bustle composed of the top bow having its middle portion rearwardly curved, the waist-strap secured to said curved portion of

the bow, and the supplemental bows, substantially as shown and described.

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

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