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Fig. 1.

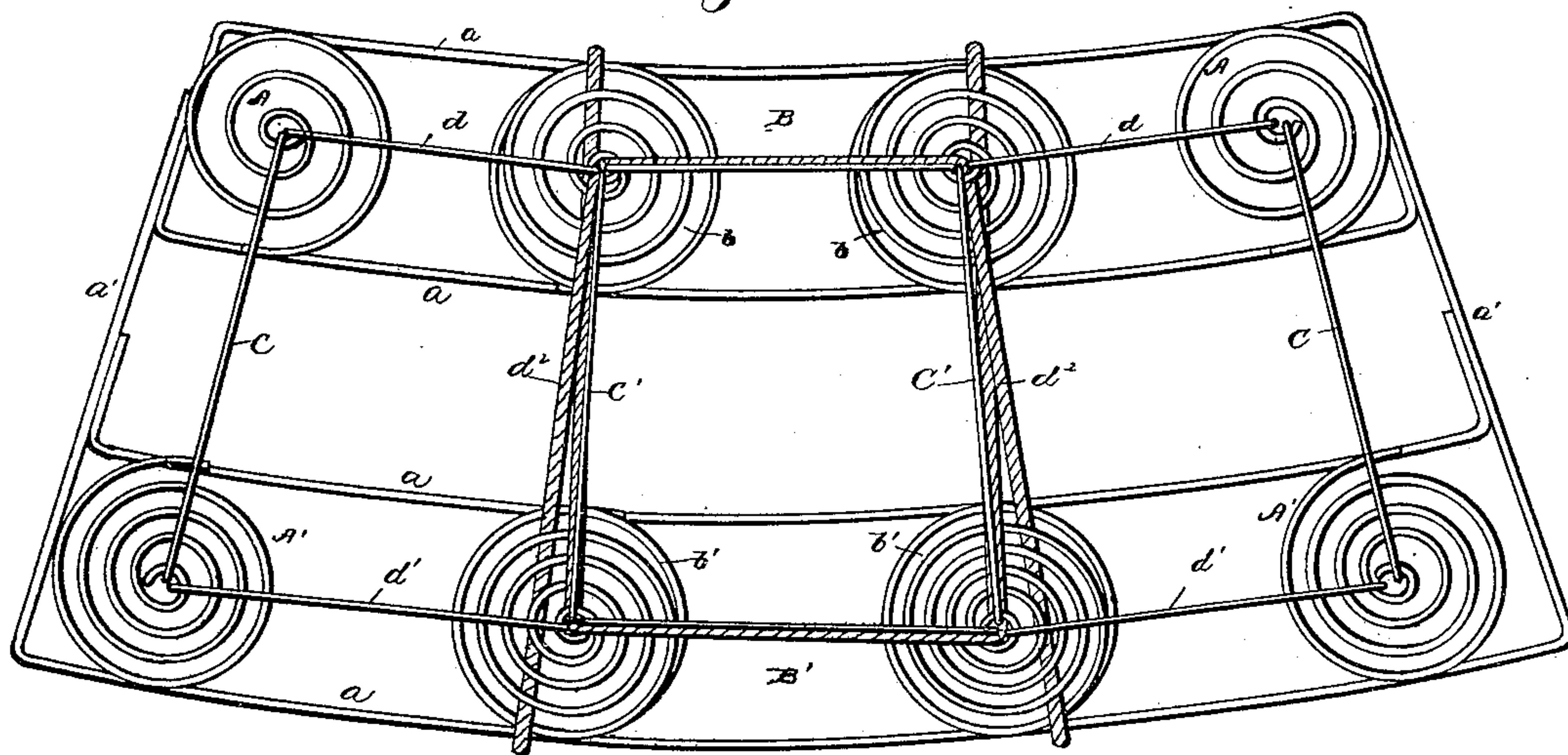
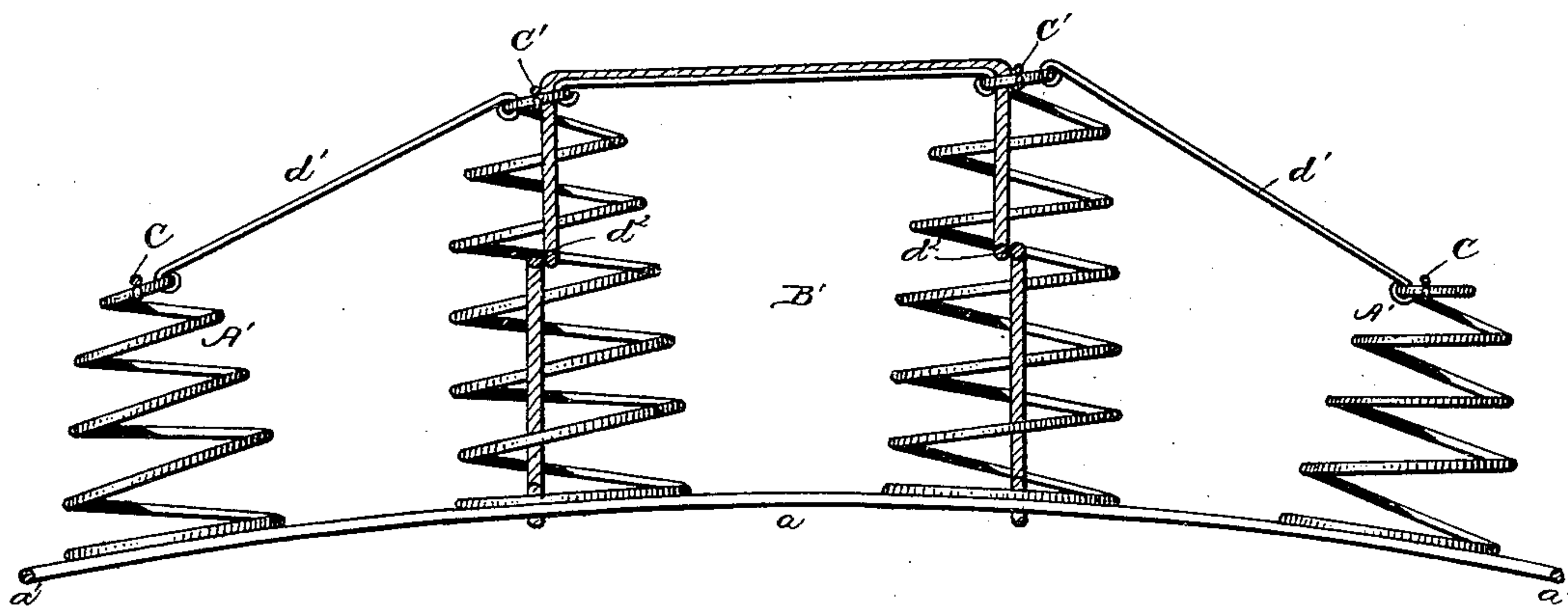


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMOS H. JACKSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Fremont, in the county of Sandusky and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bustles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention pertains to certain new and useful improvements in bustles; and it consists in the detailed construction, combination, and arrangement of the parts, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved bustle. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view thereof on the line *x*, the covering being removed in both of said figures.

The object of my invention is to provide means whereby the spiral springs composing the bustle will form an oval shape, and so that each spring or pair of springs can be compressed without any interference of the other springs to which they are connected or joined.

In carrying out my invention, to accomplish these objects, I provide a frame composed of a series of parallel bars, *a a*, connected at their outer ends to connecting-bars *a' a'*, said parallel bars being curved outwardly and downwardly, as shown. To each two of these parallel cross-bars are secured the lower ends of spiral springs of ordinary construction, the outer end springs, *A A'*, of each series *B B'* being the counterpart of each other, while the central adjoining springs, *b b'*, of each series are of the same size, the springs *b'* of the series *B'* being projected a slight distance outward beyond the springs *b* of the series *B*, as are also the end springs, *A'*, of the series *B'* over the springs *A* of the upper series, *B*. By this formation the springs are made to present an oval surface at their outer ends, the lower series projecting beyond the upper series to give the proper set to the dress of the wearer. These springs are all connected at their upper ends by loosely-arranged connecting-bars, the opposite end springs of each series being connected one to the other by cross-bars *C C*, which

have hooked ends enclasp the upper end of each spring. The oppositely-disposed central springs, *b b'*, are likewise connected by cross-bars *C' C'*, and said central springs are connected to each other and to the adjoining end spring by bars *d d'*, respectively, all of said bars having hooked ends and secured in a manner similar to the cross-bar *C*. Each series of springs is additionally braced or held in position by means of cords *d² d²*, secured to the upper and lower parallel bars *a* and passed through the upper ends of the opposite central springs, as shown.

From the foregoing it will be seen that each spring, while being securely held in position on the curved frame, is permitted to have an independent movement, thus preventing the discomfiture to the wearer consequent upon one spring affecting the movement or action of the other, as experienced in bustles as heretofore constructed.

It will be understood of course that, as usual, the bustle herein described can be inclosed in a cloth or canvas covering, or have strips of covering placed thereon, as customary.

I have shown and described but two series of springs; but I do not restrict myself in this particular, for, if desired, three or more series may be used to like advantage.

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

In a bustle, the combination, with the curved base-frame, of the rows of springs secured to the center and ends of said frame, said end rows of springs being smaller than said central rows of springs and the upper row shorter than the lower one thereof, the cords secured to the upper and lower parallel bars of said frame and passed through the upper ends of the opposite central springs, and the linked bars connected to said springs at their upper ends, substantially as shown and described.

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

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