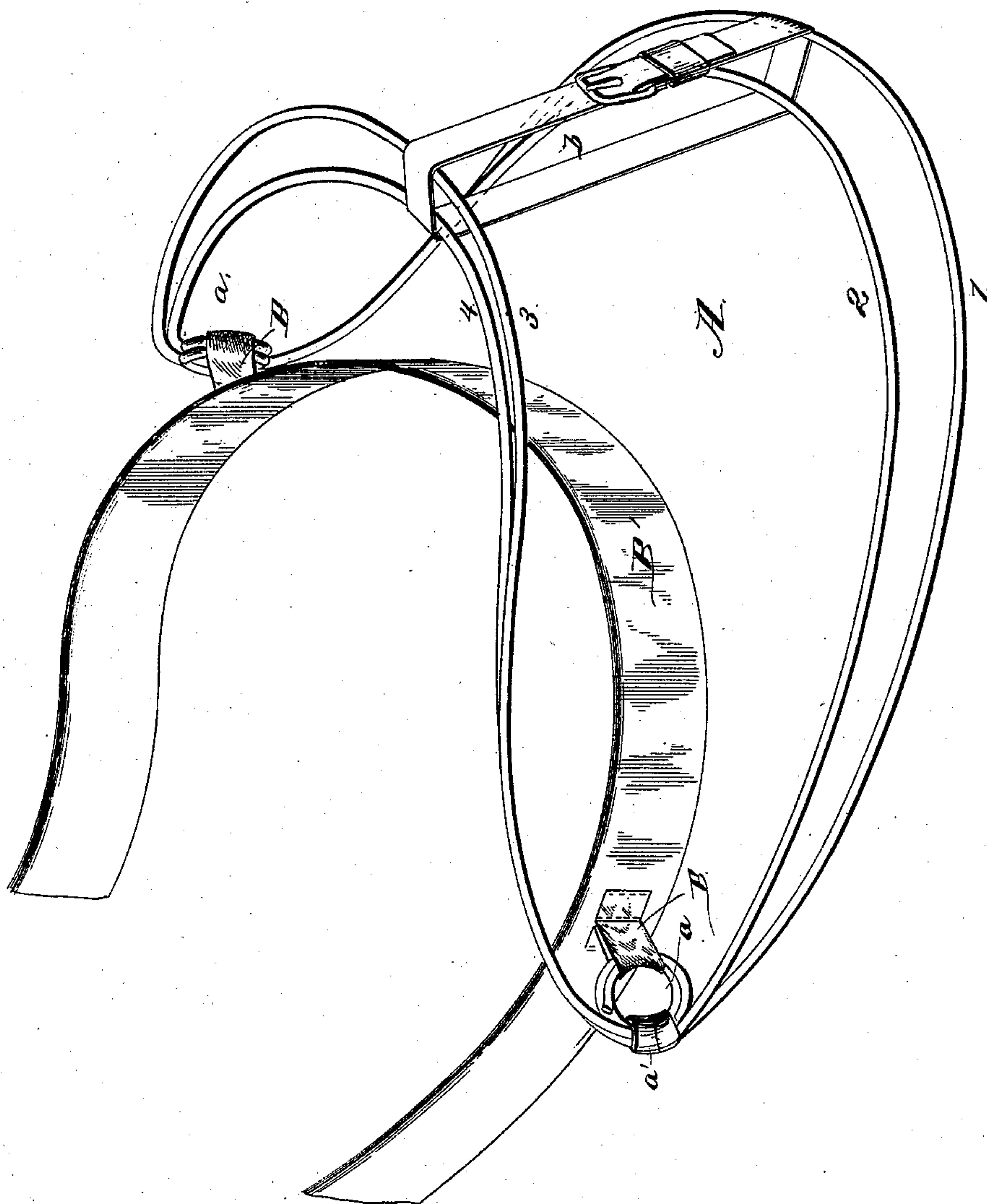


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NEVADA FLORENCE ARDERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New Cumberland, in the county of Grant and State of Indiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bustles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to bustles; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts of the same, which will be more fully hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

The object of my invention is to provide a bustle of simple and efficient construction and operation, strong and durable, positive in its results, and cheaply manufactured. I attain this object by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, which shows a perspective view of my improved form of bustle.

In the formation of my improved bustle A, I preferably use a continuous piece of brass wire, which is coiled at the ends, as shown, and provides eyes *a* for the attachment of the securing tapes or straps B, which are secured to the waistband B'. The wire is bent outwardly to form the bends or extensions 1 and 2 in the lower portion thereof, the bend 1 being of greater convexity than the bend 2, the two bends converging on nearing the eyes or loops *a*. The two bends 1 and 2 are in the same, or nearly the same, horizontal plane, as shown; but, if desired, the plane of elevation thereof may be varied. Bends 3 and 4 are formed, which are arranged at angles to the said bends 1 and 2, and in a nearly vertical plane to the horizontal arrangement of the said bends 1 and 2. These latter bends 3 and 4 are adapted to rest near the body of the wearer, while the bends 1 and 2 provide the desired support for the garments. The bends 3 and 4 are of less convexity than the bends 1 and 2, whereby a reversible bustle is formed, either side of which is adapted to be used at pleasure and as may be desired without changing the attaching-straps of the bustle. In the formation of the several bends they are concentrically arranged, the bends 3 and 4 being of smaller diametric extent than the bends 1 and 2.

To insure the proper adjustment of the bustle as a reversible bustle, and to provide

the desired shape therefor, a tape, *b*, is secured over the rear central portions of the bends, which is readily adjustable.

To securely attach the bends in the form shown and retain them in a fixed position, the eyes are covered with solder, and a metal strap, *a'*, is passed around the several wires and in like manner secured by the solder.

The simplicity of construction of my improved device necessarily renders it of easy production and cheap in manufacture, and being attainable at a small cost renders it within the means of the public generally, and especially beneficial to commercial interests. It is healthful in construction, being open and free from clumsiness and weight, and readily adjustable to any person, in view of its inherent resiliency. The form of the bustle renders it useful in two ways, in that, aside from being a reversible bustle, it also provides a double bustle, the one side being smaller than the other, either form of size being readily used at will and as desirable.

In the use of my improved bustle convenience is given to the wearer by the bustle folding or pressing against the body when in a sitting posture. By this means comfort and ease are attainable when the wearer is in a sitting posture, and when rising from a sitting posture the bustle adjusts itself to the position required.

The novelty, utility, and adaptability of my improvement being obviously apparent, it is unnecessary to enlarge upon the same herein.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A bustle comprising the upper wires, 3 4, the lower wires, 1 2, bent into shape, as set forth, and forming eyes *a*, the waist-belt B', connected to the eyes *a* by the loop-strap B, and the adjustable strap *b*, surrounding the central rear portions of wires 1, 2, 3, and 4, for the purpose of controlling the shape of the bustle, as set forth, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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