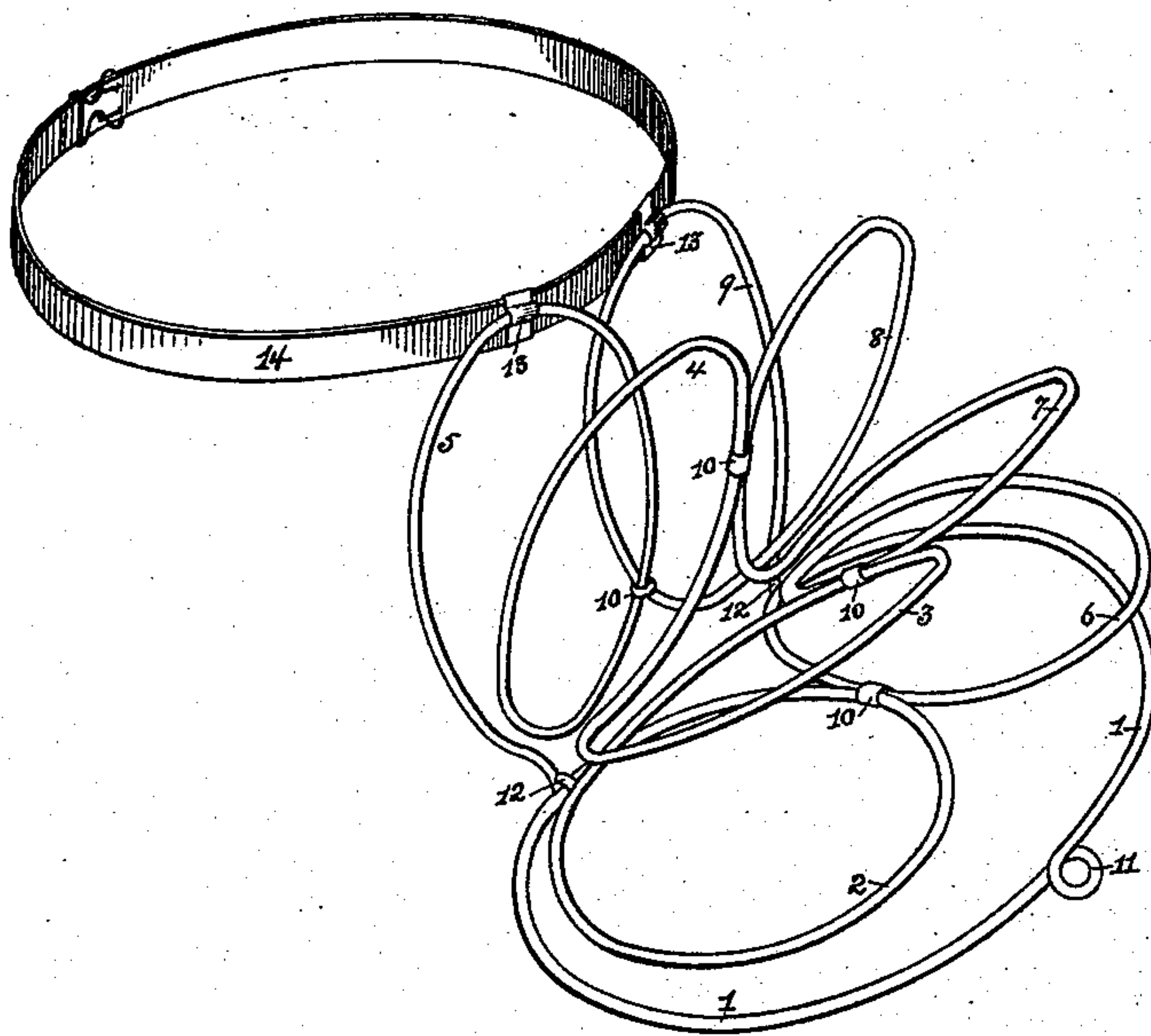


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in bustles, and has for its object to provide a device of this description which shall be simple and economical in its construction and which shall fold with great facility, so as to interfere in no way with the seating or reclining of the wearer.

With these ends in view my invention consists in the details of construction, hereinafter fully set forth, and then recited in the claim.

In order that those skilled in the art to which my invention appertains may fully understand how to make my improvement, I will describe the same in detail, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which is shown a perspective of a bustle made in accordance with my improvement.

My bustle consists, primarily, of a base bow or hoop, 1, out of which two spiral distending-springs, whose convolutions are designated by numbers 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9, are developed. These convolutions serve as distending-bows for the support of the draperies. The extremities of the wire, after forming the bows 5 9, are preferably turned downward and clasped around the inner curves of the base hook just before the first convolutions, as is clearly shown by the drawing at 12. Clasps 10 serve to secure the mem-

bers of each pair of distending-bows together, thereby keeping the bustle in form and said bows from sliding past one another. An eye, 11, at the center of the base hoop is advantageous for the securing of any ordinary spacing-tape; but said tape is not absolutely essential, and is therefore not shown in the drawing. At 13 a waist-belt, 14, is secured to the bows 5 9.

I have shown four distending-bows in each series. I do not wish, however, to be limited to that number, since less or more can be employed, according as a smaller or a larger bustle is required. The inner aspects of the spiral bows are close together, and the bows stand in planes substantially radial to the rear side of the base bow, where the ends of the topmost bows are clasped thereto. In making my bustle I prefer to employ a single length of wire only. Its center, when curved, forms the base hoop. The ends are then convolved to make the several bows 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9, and the extremities are then clasped to the base bow, as heretofore set forth.

I claim—

The combination, with the base hoop, of the two series of spiral distending-bows adapted to have an upward swinging movement arranged radially above the same, the ends of the topmost bow being returned and secured to the base bow, suitable clasps for securing the corresponding bows of each series together, and a suitable waist-belt.

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

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