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Fig. 1.

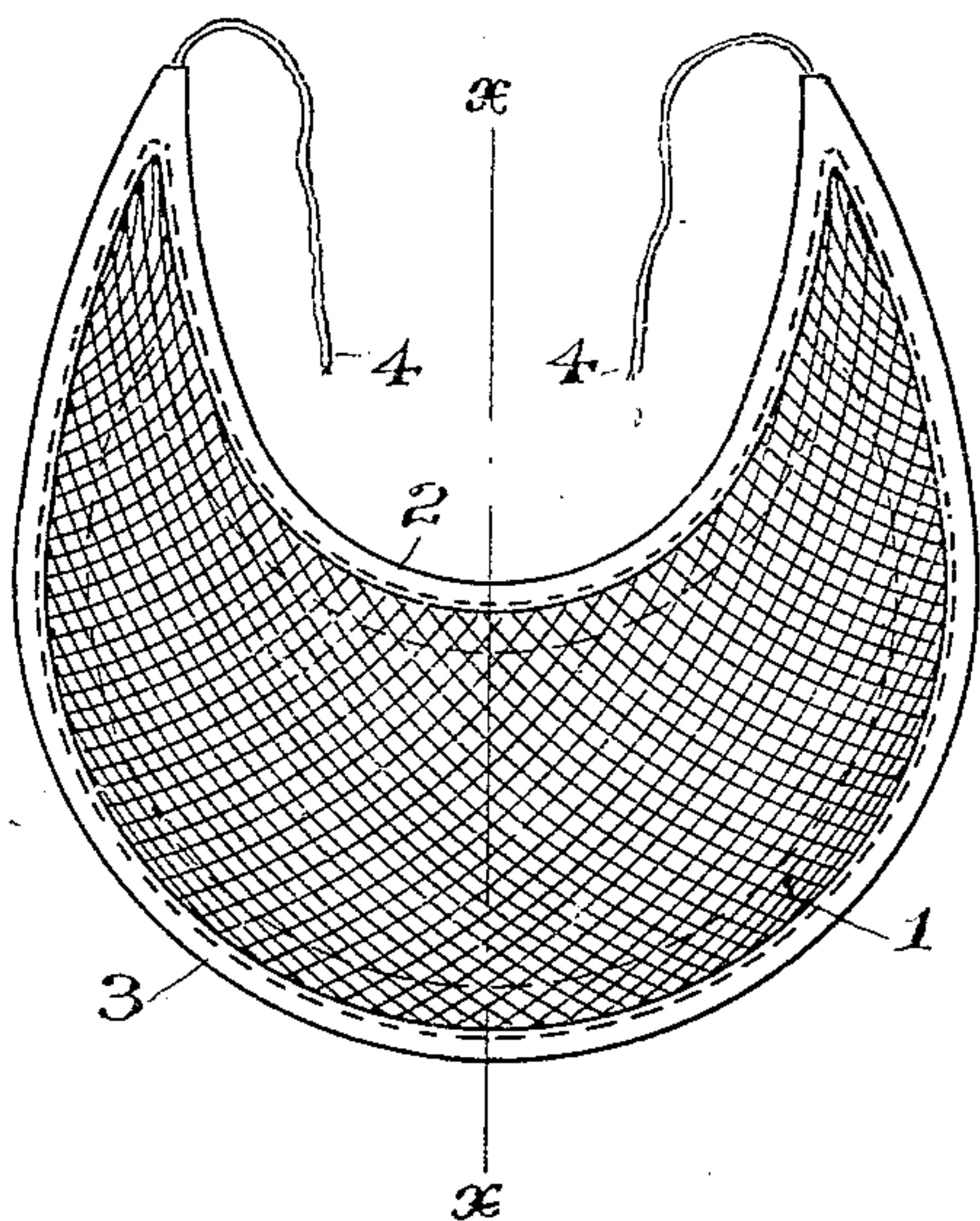


Fig. 2.

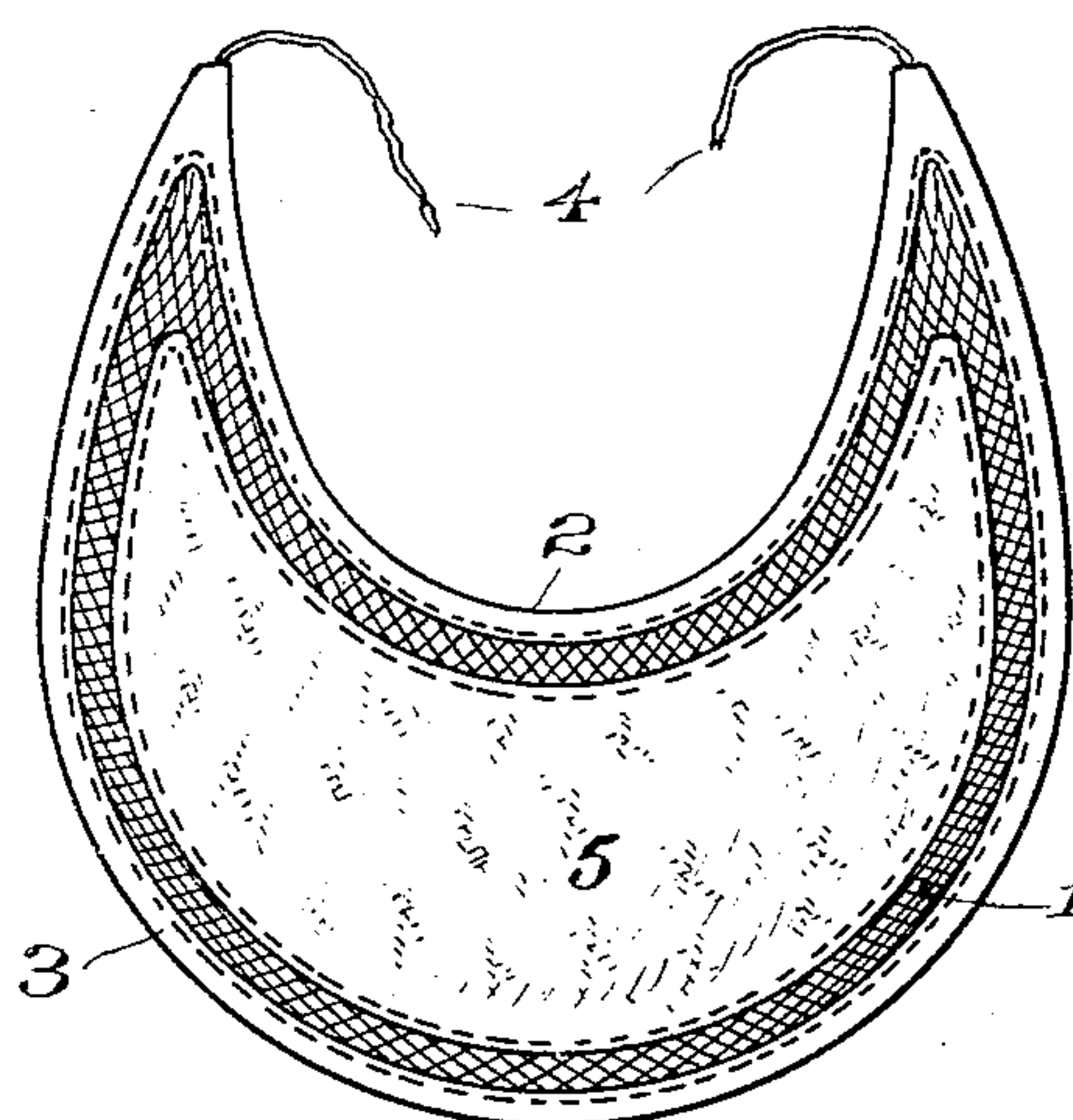


Fig. 3.

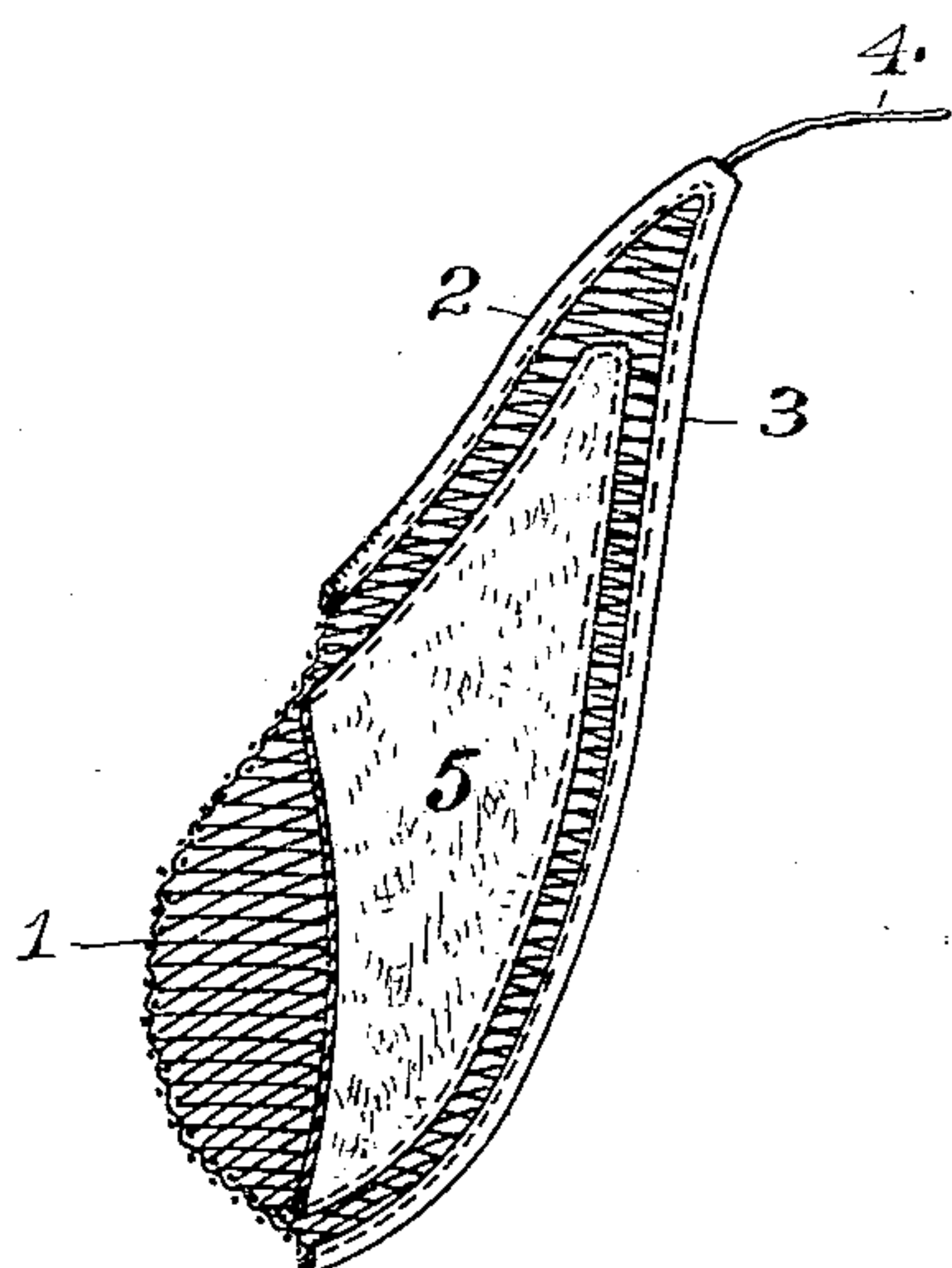
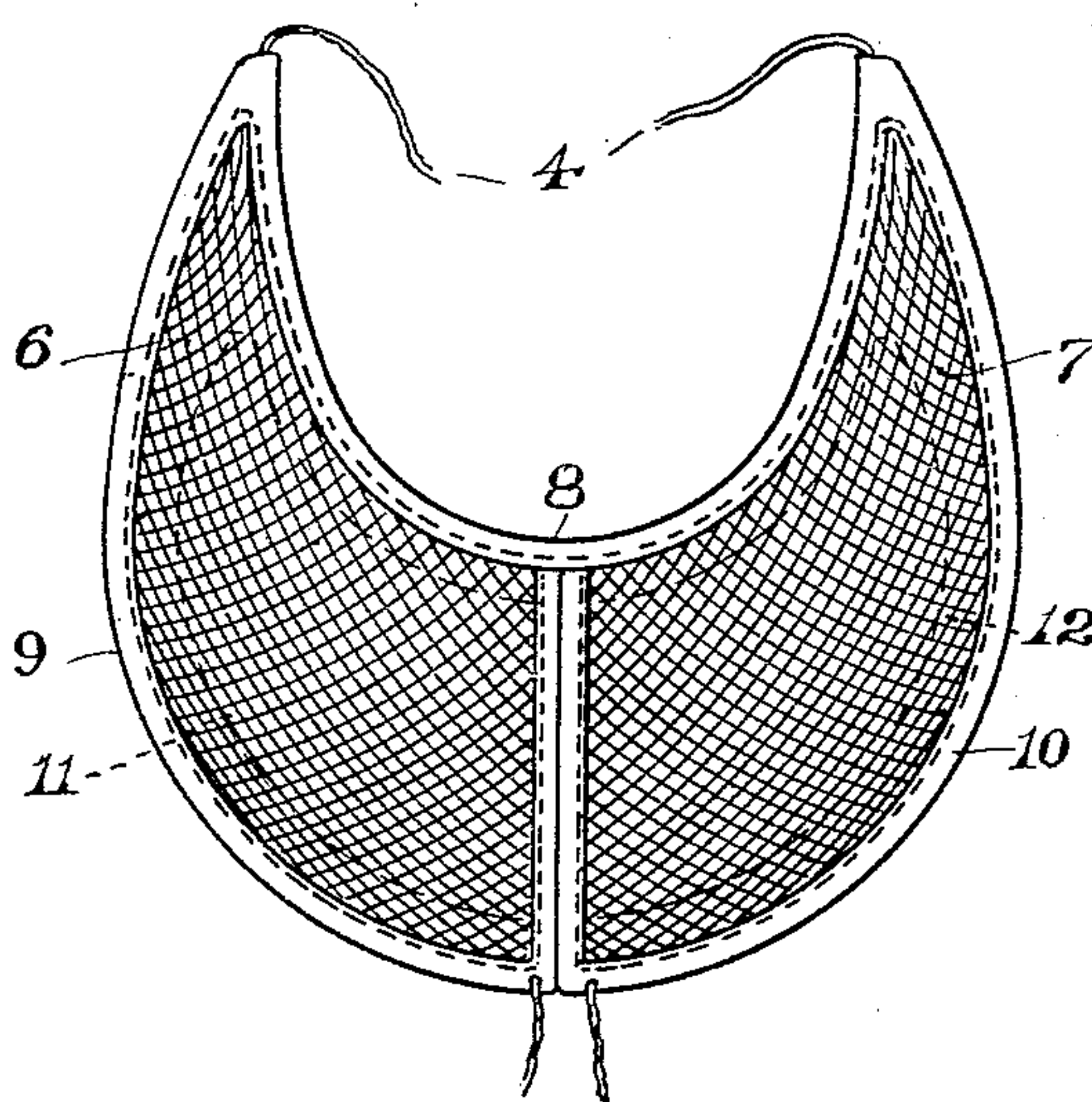


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY H. 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, but particularly relates to that class of such devices composed of a bulging front portion and a closed back portion, and has for its object to provide a bustle which will adapt itself to the person of the wearer very readily and which will not cause any discomfort.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain details of construction, such as will be hereinafter fully described and then specifically be designated by the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved bustle; Fig. 2, a rear elevation thereof; Fig. 3, a section at the line *x x* of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a view showing a slight modification of my invention.

Similar numbers of reference denote like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

Heretofore bustles have been made with a bulging front, obtained from the proper manipulations of suitably-shaped woven-wire blanks and a backing has been attached to the bulging form, at the extreme periphery thereof, so as to completely close the rear of the bustle, this form of bustle being shown and described in Letters Patent No. 626,207, issued May 30, 1899, to Harry H. Keil. I have ascertained that a bustle of this sort will not fit the person of the wearer snugly and comfortably, owing to the fact that the closed back, extending, as it does, clear to the periphery of the bustle, prevents the latter from adapting itself readily to the waist-line and to the shape of the wearer.

The object of my present invention is to obviate this difficulty, and my improvement will be clearly understood from the following description.

1 is the bulging form made from woven-wire fabric.

2 is a binding-tape sewed to the upper edge of the bulging form, which is adapted to embrace the waist of the wearer.

3 is a binding-tape sewed to the lower edge of the bulging form, and 4 represents strings or tapes attached to the corners of the bustle, whereby the latter may be secured to the person of the wearer.

5 is a backing made of suitable material, such as muslin, similar in shape to the shape of the bulging form, but smaller in dimensions, which backing is sewed to the inside of the bulging form at a distance from the binding-tapes 2 3. This backing is stretched tightly, so that there is considerable space between it and the bulging form, the object of this construction being to preserve the shape of the bustle and to prevent the same from collapsing too readily.

It will thus be clear that I have provided a bustle similar to the bustle described in the Letters Patent aforesaid, except that there is a portion of the woven-wire fabric which separates the perimeter of the backing from the binding-tapes around the perimeter of the bulging form, and this renders the upper and lower edges of the bustle flexible, so that these edges will readily yield and conform to the shape of the wearer, thereby greatly contributing toward personal comfort and a better fit and shape.

In the event that a bustle is to be made up of two sections 6 7 of bulging woven-wire forms, such as are illustrated in the modification at Fig. 4, I would unite these sections at the upper or waist-line edges by sewing there-to a continuous tape 8, while the lower and inner abutting edges of these sections would be bound by tapes 9 10, and the closed backings 11 12, which appear in dotted lines, will be applied to the inside of the forms 6 7 in the manner hereinbefore described.

It will thus be readily understood that my improvement can be readily applied in the manufacture of sectional bustles.

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

1. A bustle comprising a woven-wire bulg-

ing form having its edges bound with tape, and a closed backing sewed to the inside of said form at a distance from said tape, substantially as set forth.

- 5 2. A bustle comprising a woven-wire bulging form having its edges bound with tape, and a comparatively small closed backing stretched tightly and sewed to the inside of said form, the perimeter of said backing
10 throughout its extent being separated from

said tape whereby the edges of the bulging form are rendered flexible, substantially as set forth.

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

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