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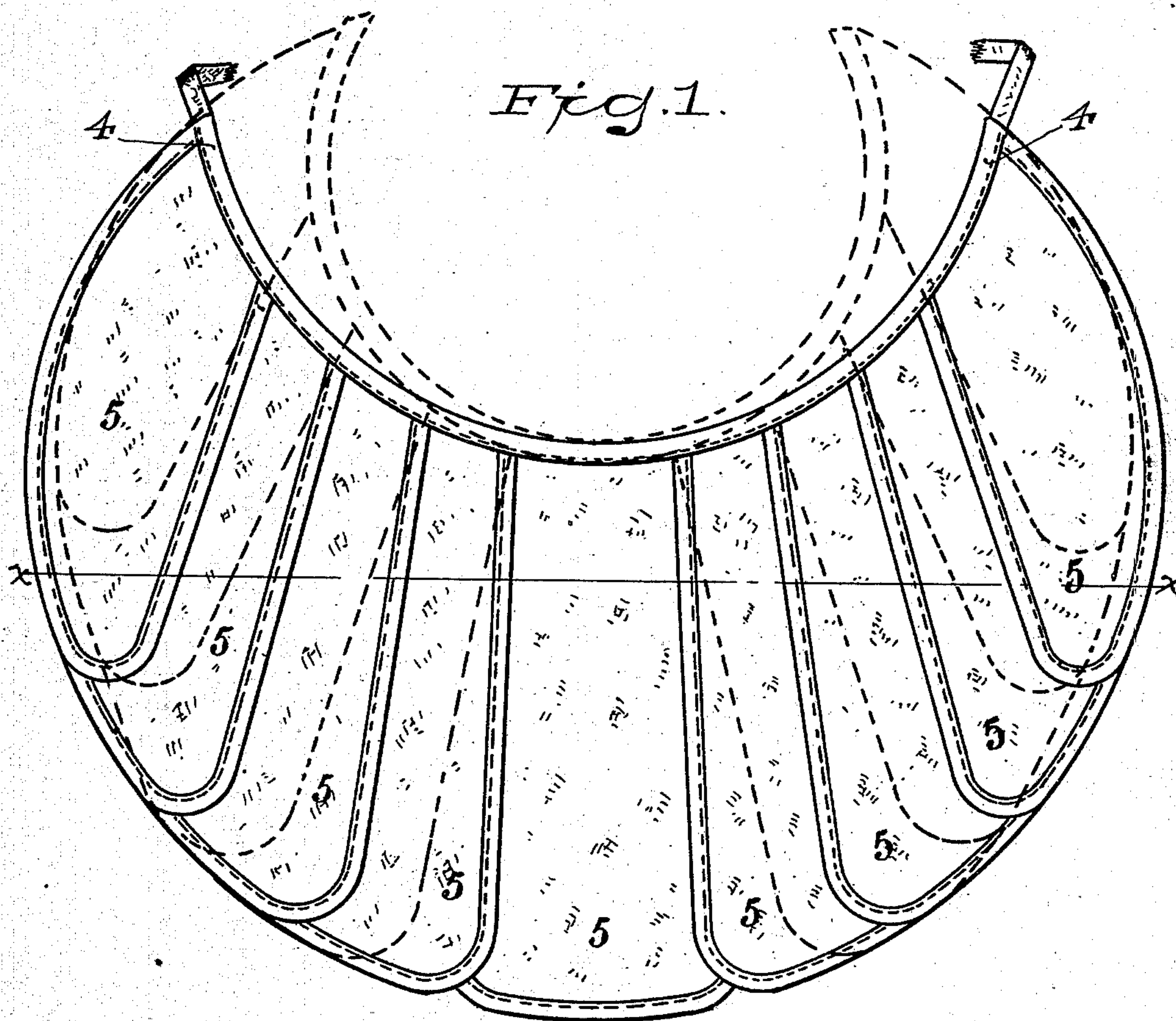
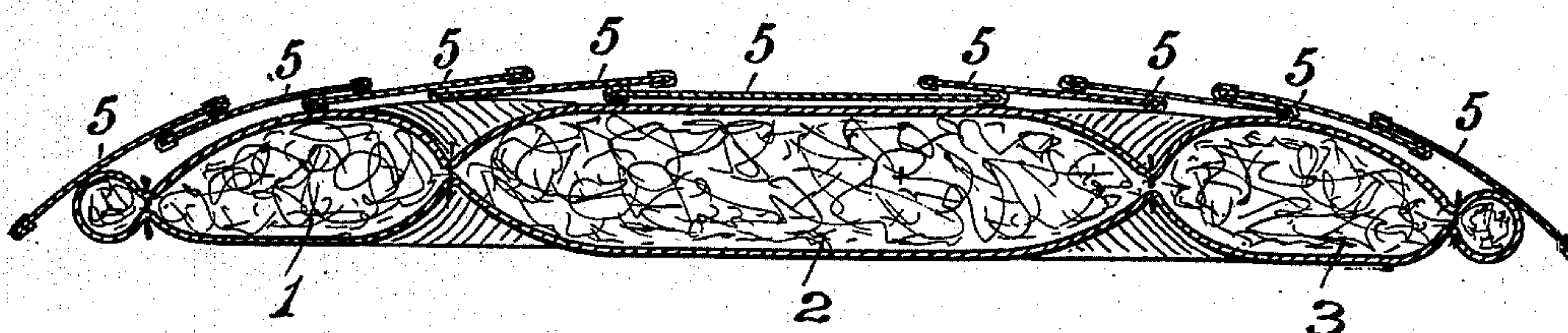


Fig. 2.



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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 has reference more particularly to the proper covering of a bustle, so that the clothing of the wearer may always fit properly over the bustle irrespective of the fact whether the latter is smooth and even or is uneven and distorted.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is an elevation of a bustle equipped with my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a section at the line $x x$ of Fig. 1.

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

It is immaterial for the purposes of my invention what sort of a bustle is used, since the aim of my invention is solely to provide a suitable covering for a bustle.

In the drawings I have illustrated an ordinary form of bustle composed of three sections 1 2 3, which are stuffed with curled hair or other suitable material, these sections being secured at their upper ends to the usual waistband 4.

My improvement consists in providing a series of flaps 5, which are secured at their

upper ends to the waistband 4, the other portions of these flaps being perfectly free. These flaps are arranged so as to overlap each other when in assembled position, such as is shown at Fig. 1, and the general shape of these flaps, taken as a whole, corresponds to the general shape of the bustle itself. These flaps are, however, of such dimensions as to extend beyond the bustle, so as to completely conceal the same, and are made of coutil, jean, or other suitable stiff material. When the bustle is fastened around the waist of the wearer, these flaps will spread or fan out and will present a perfectly-smooth upper surface upon which the garments may be evenly and uniformly draped.

It frequently happens that the bustle itself becomes distorted or lumpy and uneven by constant wear or for other reasons; but my improvement remedies these defects and in all instances provides a smooth and regular surface over which the garments of the wearer will fit comfortably and properly.

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

In a bustle, the combination with a suitable bustle-body, of a series of overlapping flaps of suitable material secured at their upper ends to the waistband of the bustle, substantially as set forth.

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

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