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FIG. I.

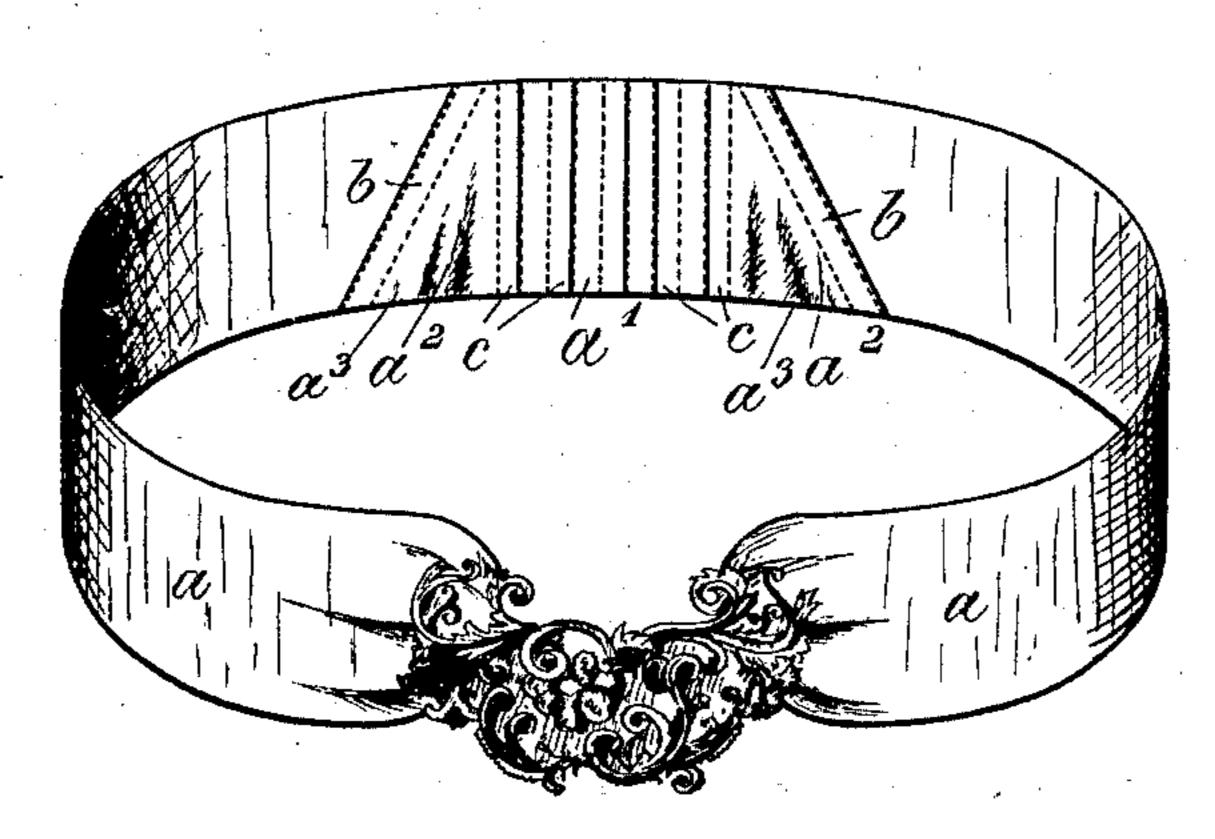


FIG. 5

 $c^{\prime}c$   $\alpha^{\prime}$ 

FIG. 2.

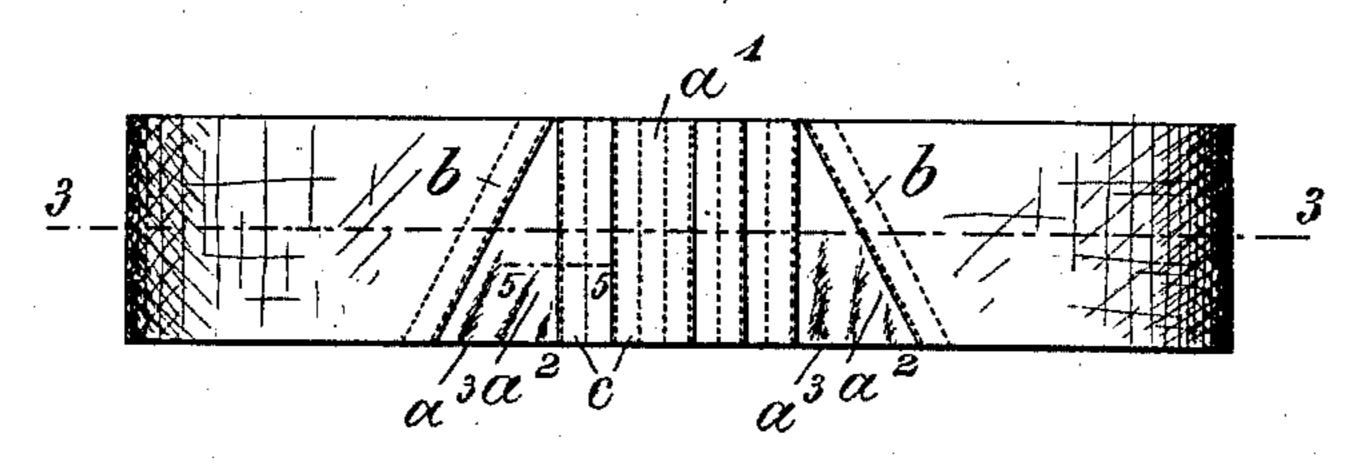


FIG. 3.

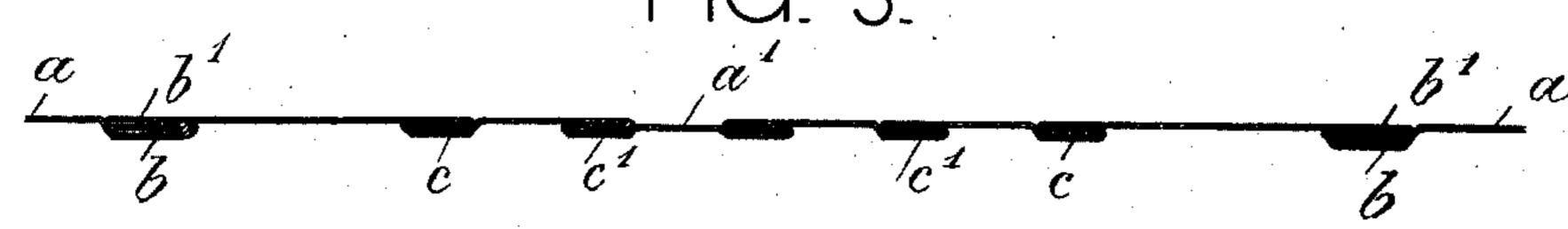
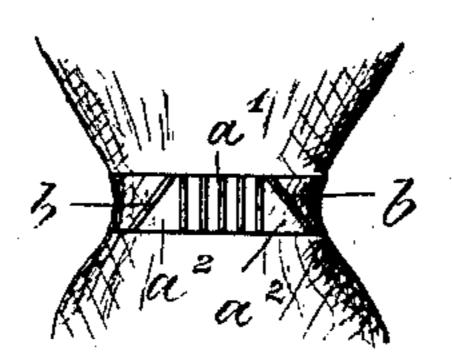


FIG. 4



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## APPAREL-BELT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY BRUECKNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, (Manhattan,) county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparel-Belts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved apparel-belt so constructed that it will closely to fit the waist at the back and also above the hips.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved apparel-belt; Fig. 2, a rear view thereof; Fig. 3, a section on line 3 3, Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a rear view of the belt, showing it in use; and Fig. 5, an en-

larged section on line 5 5, Fig. 2. The apparel-belt is composed of two front sections a a and a rear section a'. The rear 20 ends of the front sections a are cut on a bias and are connected to the corresponding tapering right and left ends of the rear section a'. At their junction the sections aa' are provided with the inclined pockets b, which diverge from 25 top to bottom and contain the correspondingly-diverging hip-stays b'. Between the inclined stay-pockets b there are formed in section a' by means of double folds, Fig. 5, a series of vertical pockets c, holding stays c'. 30 Between the two flanking pockets c and the inclined pockets b there thus remain two intervening triangular flexible gores  $a^2$ , which

have normally a full or folded lower edge  $a^3$ .

When the belt is fitted around the waist, Fig. 4, the upright stays c' will form the usual 35 back-stiffening, while the inclined diverging stays b' will follow the contour of the hips and cause the belt to closely hug the figure at the sides. The folded gores  $a^3$  will provide for the additional width of waist-measure at the 40 lower edge of the belt and will by straightening out permit the inclined stays b' to assume the correct oblique position without throwing folds along the upper edge of the belt. Thus it will be seen that the belt will 45 adjust itself accurately to the figure not only at the back, but also above the hips, and that thus a neat fit and proper support for the figure is obtained.

What I claim is—

An apparel-belt composed of two front sections each having an inclined rear edge, a rear section having correspondingly-inclined edges, inclined stays at the junction between the front and rear sections, upright stays in 55 the rear section, and flexible triangular gores in said rear section, said gores having a lower folded edge, substantially as specified.

Signed by me at New York city, (Manhattan,) New York, this 24th day of October, 60 1902.

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