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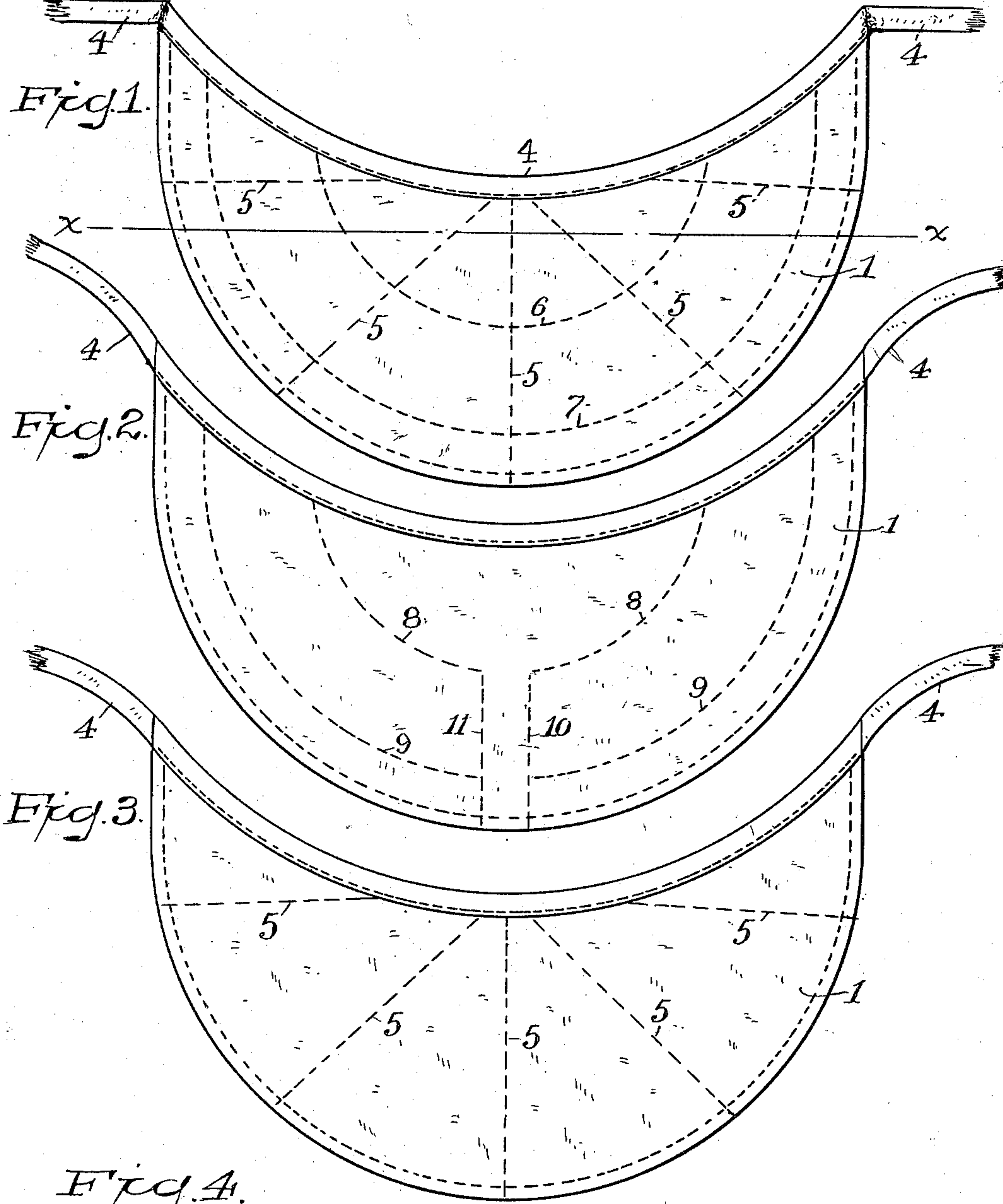


Fig. 4.

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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 improvements in bustles, and has for its object to provide a very simple and economical device of this character which shall readily adjust itself to the person of the wearer; and with these ends in view my invention consists in certain details of construction, such as will be hereinafter fully set forth and then specifically designated by the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is an elevation of an approved form of bustle constructed in accordance with my improvement. Figs. 2 and 3 are elevations showing slightly modified forms of my improvement, and Fig. 4 is sectional elevation at the line *xx* of Fig. 1.

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

My improved bustle is made by stitching together two pieces of sheet-cotton wadding with an intermediate stuffing of loose cotton, curled hair, or the like.

1 2 represent the cotton-wadding sheets, and 3 the intermediate stuffing.

The bustle is made of any approved shape and is finished with a waistband 4 at the top in the usual manner.

The manner of stitching together the sheets of cotton wadding is quite important, since the stitches must be laid in such a manner as not to interfere with the stretching of the bustle.

Referring to Fig. 1, 5 represents stitches, which extend radially from a common center and which converge toward the middle of the waistband and diverge to the periphery of the bustle. It will be readily understood that this style of stitching will permit of the stretching of the bustle and that a series of parallel rows of stitching extending vertically between the waistband and the outside of the bustle would not answer the purposes of my

invention, because such stitching would hold the bustle firmly.

In order to make the bustle a little more substantial, I prefer to lay concentric rows of stitches, as seen at 6 and 7, and it will be clear that such stitches will not materially interfere with the stretching of the bustle.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a modification of my improvement in which I have dispensed with the radial lines of stitching but have retained concentric rows of stitches 8 9, these rows of stitches being preferably interrupted at their central portions by two vertical rows of stitches 10 11, which extend from the inner concentric stitches 8 to the outside of the bustle.

While a bustle made as is shown at Fig. 2 is not capable of stretching as uniformly as the bustle made at Fig. 1, nevertheless there is no great difference between these two styles of bustles, since neither the radial nor the concentric stitching militates against such stretching.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a modified form of bustle like that shown at Fig. 1, except that the concentric rows of stitching are dispensed with. In other words, the construction shown at Figs. 2 and 3 is like that shown at Fig. 1, except that in Fig. 2 the radial stitching is dispensed with, while in the construction shown at Fig. 3 there are no concentric rows of stitches.

I prefer to make the outside coverings of the bustle from some such substance as sheet-cotton wadding, because this will stretch and adapt itself to the form of the wearer very readily; but it will of course be clear that I can use any material that is not woven, since a woven material will hold its shape and will not stretch unless under considerable tension. Of course there is practically no tension whatever on the bustle when the same is used, and I must use a material for the outside of the bustle which will readily yield and adapt itself to the form of the wearer under such pressure as would be afforded by the clothing of the wearer. I can therefore utilize for an outside covering any non-textile material, such as soft felt, and therefore I do not wish to be limited in this respect except to the employment of a non-textile material.

Having thus described my invention, what

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A bustle comprising outside coverings of non-textile material with an intermediate stuffing, and a waistband at the top of the bustle, said coverings being held in place by rows of stitching which diverge from the center of the waistband to the periphery of the bustle, substantially as set forth.
2. A bustle comprising outside coverings of non-textile material, and a waistband secured to the upper edge of the bustle, said

coverings being secured together by rows of stitches which diverge from the middle of the waistband to the periphery of the bustle and also by concentric rows of stitching which intersect the first-named rows, substantially as set forth. 15

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

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