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Fig. 1.

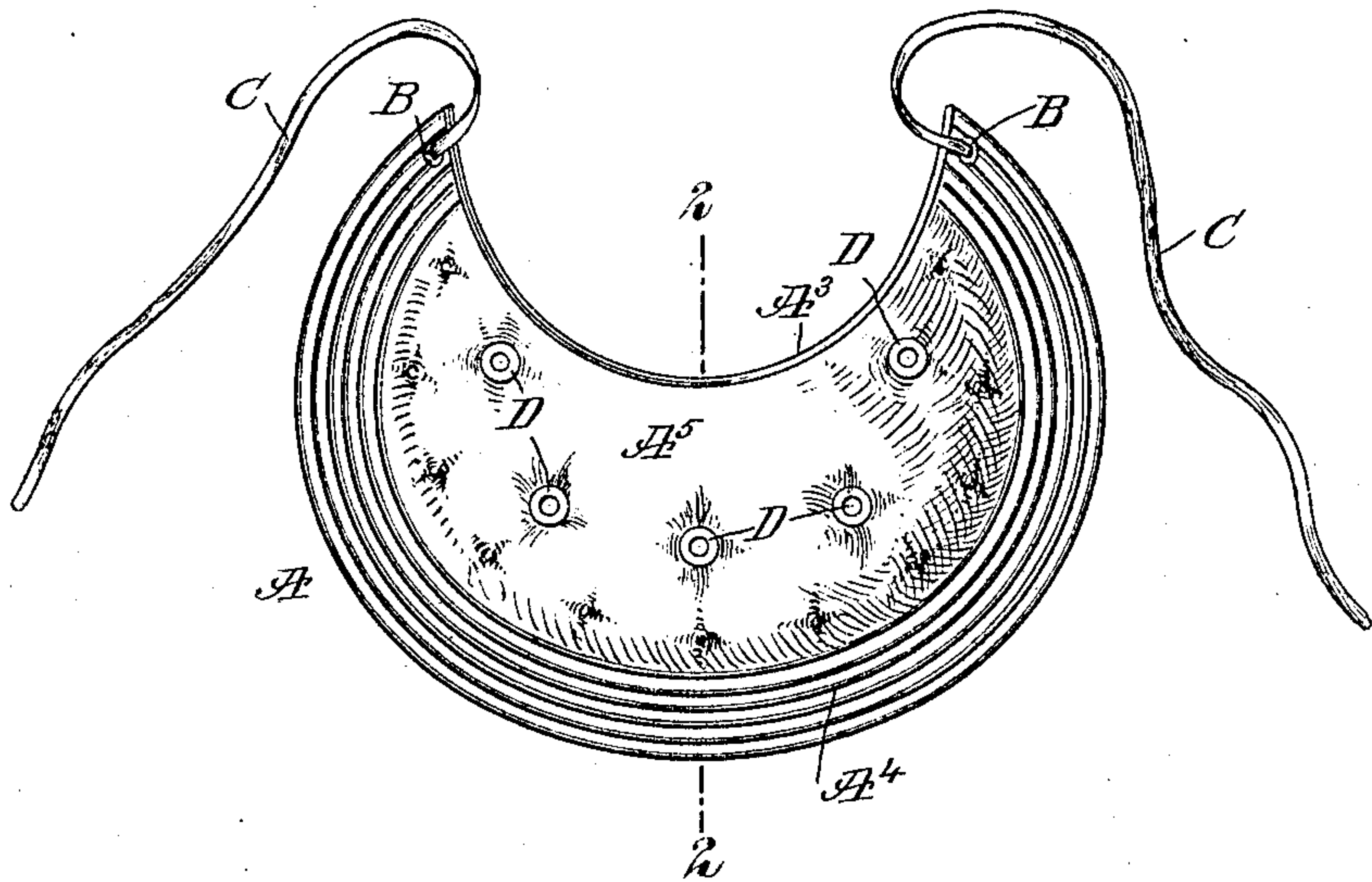


Fig. 2.

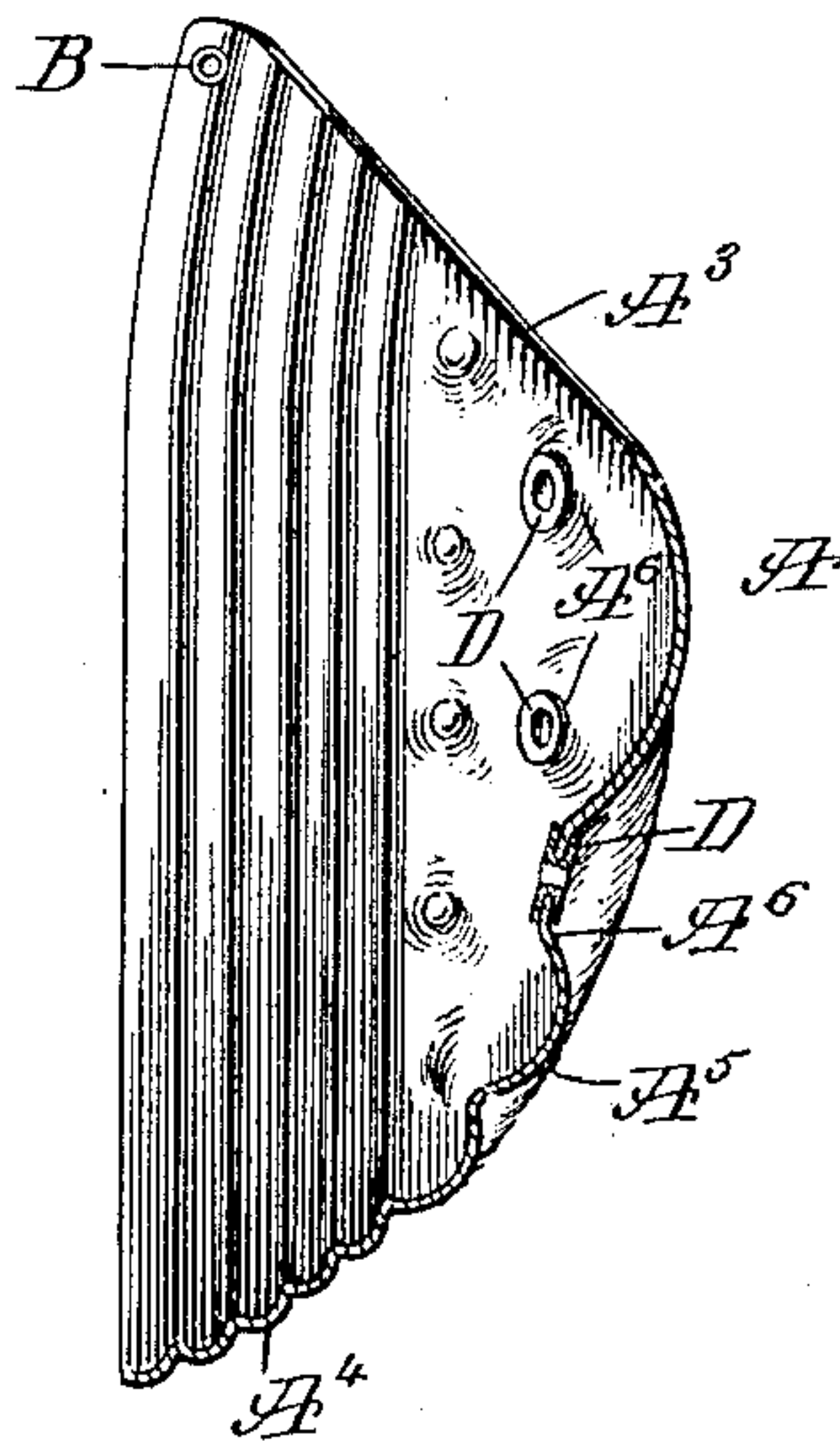
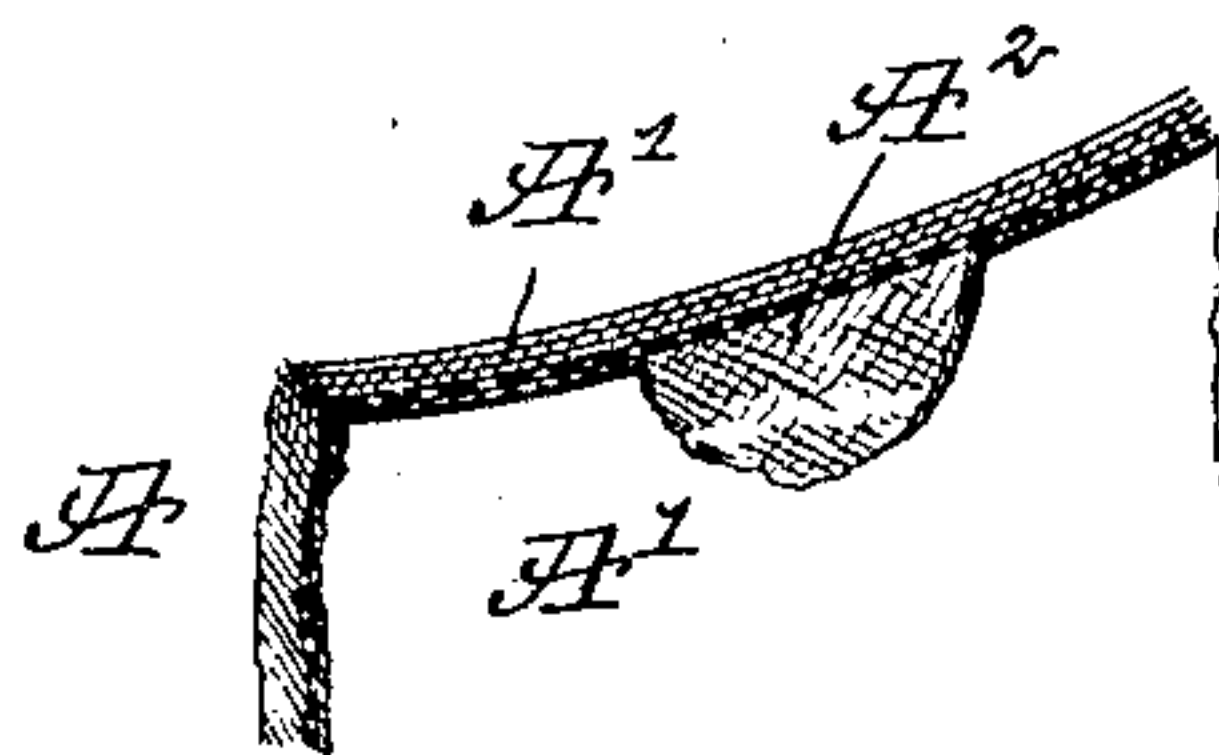


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMILY HIGENBOTHAM WRIGHT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Port Washington, in the county of Nassau and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Bustle, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to wearing apparel, and its object is to provide a new and improved bustle, which is simple, durable and exceedingly light in construction, and arranged to maintain its shape under all conditions of legitimate use, and to insure a proper hanging of the wearer's skirt.

The invention consists of novel features and parts and combinations of the same, which will be more fully described hereinafter and then pointed out in the claims.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a face view of the improvement; Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional perspective view of a portion of the body of the bustle.

The body A of the bustle is formed of a stiff material, preferably papier-mâché, formed of several paper layers A' and a layer A² of a textile fabric, such as muslin, interposed between the paper layers A', to reinforce the papier-mâché body A.

The body A has an approximately spherical curvature, that is, is arched in a lengthwise and transverse direction, and is of crescent shape when viewed in plan, the wall of the recess A³ being curved to fit the waist of the wearer, and the corners or points of the body A being provided with eyelets B for receiving tying strings C, by which the bustle is secured in place on the waist of the wearer.

In order to stiffen the body A, the outer portion A⁴ is preferably corrugated, the corrugations following or being concentric with the peripheral edge of the body A, as plainly indicated in Fig. 1. The inner portion A⁵ of the body A is provided with inwardly extending apertured projections A⁶, the walls of the apertures being preferably reinforced by gromets D. Now by use of the projections A⁶, the body A is spaced at the inner portion A⁵ from the next nether garment of

the wearer, and the overlying skirt or like outer garment extends smoothly over the outer face of the body A, but as the inward projections A⁶ form depressions on the outer face of the body A (see Fig. 2) it is evident that suitable vents are had by way of the apertured projections A⁶, to allow proper ventilation on both the inner and outer faces of the bustle.

In manufacturing the body A, the paper material with the reinforcing layer A² embedded in the material is pressed into shape while the paper is in a moist condition, and for this purpose use is made of suitable molds, it being understood that the material on setting and hardening permanently maintains the form given to the body by the mold.

A bustle made in the manner described is exceedingly durable, extremely light, and insures a proper hanging of the skirt at all times.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle consisting of a body made of a stiff material and of an approximately spherical curvature, the body having inwardly extending apertured projections for forming vents, and attaching devices at the points of the said body.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle comprising a body made of stiff material of a uniform thickness, and of an approximately spherical curvature and crescent shape, the stiff material consisting of papier-mâché reinforced by a textile fabric, and apertured projections permanently arranged on the inner face of said body.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle comprising a body made of stiff material of a uniform thickness, and of an approximately spherical curvature and crescent shape, the stiff material consisting of papier-mâché reinforced by a textile fabric, the body having apertured projections on its inner face and depressions on its outer face opposite the projections.

4. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle comprising a body made of stiff material of a uniform thickness and of an approximately spherical curvature and crescent shape, the said stiff material being formed of several paper layers, and a reinforcing piece of a textile fabric interposed between the paper

layers, the body being apertured and provided with corrugations following its peripheral edge.

5 5. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle comprising a body made of stiff material of a uniform thickness and of an approximately spherical curvature and crescent shape, the outer portion of the body being corrugated, the corrugations following the
10 peripheral edge of the body.

6. As a new article of manufacture, a bustle comprising a body made of stiff material of a uniform thickness and of an approximately spherical curvature and crescent

shape, the outer portion of the body being 15 corrugated, the corrugations following the peripheral edge of the body, and the inner portion of the body being provided with inwardly extending apertured projections to provide vents for the bustle. 20

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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