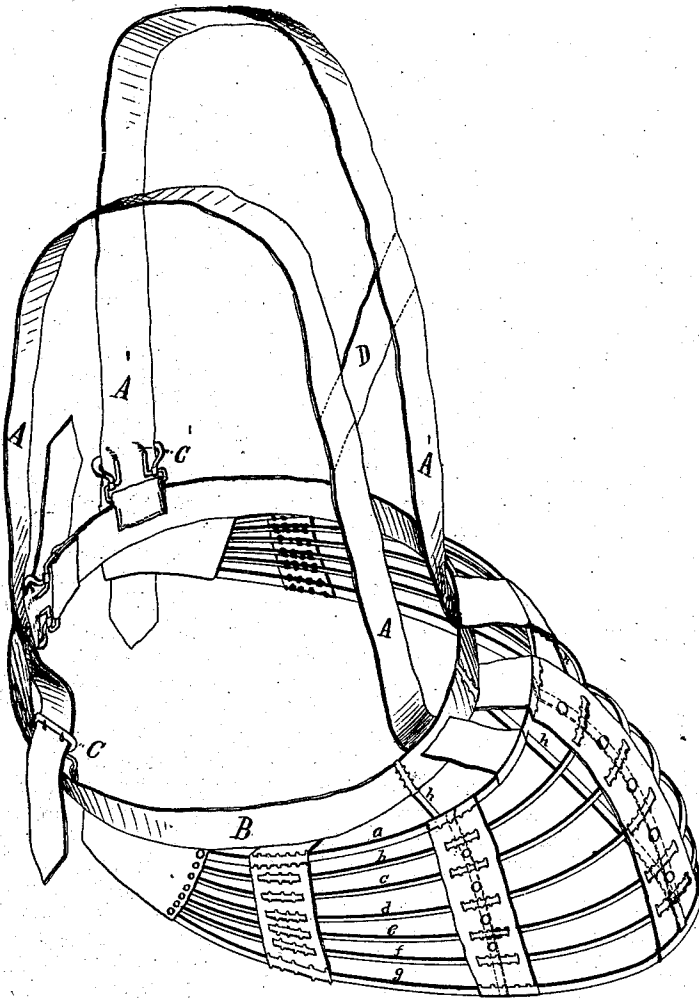


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AARON M. WEBER, of Oshkosh, in the county of Winnebago and State of Wisconsin, 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

The accompanying drawing is an exact representation of my improved bustle.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a bustle in such a manner as not only to afford comfort and ease to the wearer, but at the same time avoid the injurious results that necessarily follow where any great weight or strain comes upon the waist and hips.

The bustle is constructed with a series of steel hoops, *a b c d e f g*, and springs *h h h*, secured to the belt and running down to hoop *g*, having shoulder-strap attached in such a manner as to carry the weight of the dress upon the shoulders instead of upon the waist, the shoulder-straps *A A'* being attached to the first or upper hoop, *a*, passing through the belt *B*, running over the shoulders, and secured in front by buckle *C C'*, which is attached to belt *B*, and can be regulated, according to the weight of the dress, by means of buckles *C C'*.

It will be seen that by the shoulder-straps

A A' passing through the belt *B* and secured in the back by stay *D* renders the wearer at perfect ease by removing the entire weight of the dress from the waist and hips; but where a bustle is constructed without shoulder-straps it is of no support to the dress, as the entire weight rests upon the waist and hips, and must necessarily be injurious, especially with the present style of heavily-trimmed dresses; but my bustle, being so constructed that it does not weigh down by the dress, nor injure the wearer by pressing upon the waist and hips—on the contrary, being constructed with shoulder-straps drawn through the belt passing over the shoulders, fastening with buckles secured to the belt in front and stayed in the back—removes the entire weight from the waist and hips, and renders the wearer perfect ease and comfort.

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

A bustle consisting of a series of hoops, *a b c d e f g*, and springs *h h h*, in combination with shoulder-straps *A A'*, belt *B*, and buckles *C C'*, constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of June, 1873.

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