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Fig. 1.

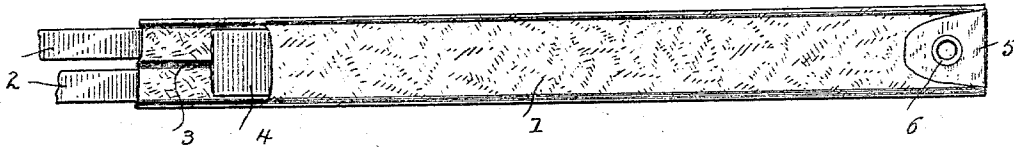


Fig. 2.

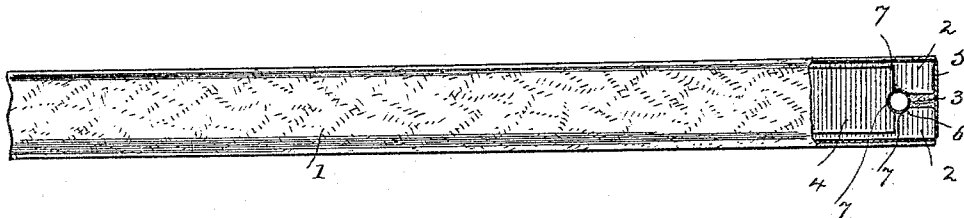


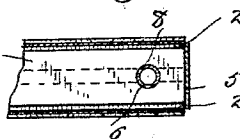
Fig. 3.



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Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GREENE KENDRICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Waterbury, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Triple Dress-Stays; 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 has for its object to produce a triple dress stay, that is a dress stay provided with three bones or stiffeners, two of which shall lie side by side in independent pockets, the third bone lying above the other two in a third pocket, the object being to make a light and very strong stay which shall be sufficiently elastic to yield readily in the middle, *i. e.*, at the waist, but the ends of which will firmly support the bust or abdomen, either or both as may be required.

With these ends in view I have devised the novel dress stay which I will now describe referring by numbers to the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of one of my novel stays on an enlarged scale the casing being broken away to show the bones lying in their independent pockets; Fig. 2, a similar view the casing being broken away at one end to illustrate a form in which the top bone is shorter than the two lower bones; Fig. 3, an end elevation of the casing showing the pockets with the bones removed, and Fig. 4 is an elevation of the end of a stay the casing being in section illustrating a form of my invention in which the top bone is the same length as the two lower bones and is held in place by the same eyelet which passes through it.

1 denotes the casing which is made in any suitable way of a considerable length and cut up into proper lengths to form stay pockets the pockets having the relative arrangement as indicated in Fig. 3.

The essential feature of my invention is that the casing be provided with three pockets so arranged as to receive two stays side by side and a wider stay above them.

2 denotes the lower bones or stiffeners which lie side by side but separated by textile material as at 3, and 4 denotes the upper bone or stiffener which is made wider than the lower bones the exact width being immaterial, but is preferably made approximately double the width of a single one of the lower bones as indicated in the drawings.

The ends of the stay are finished and the ends of the bones are covered by means of tabs 5 which are lapped over the ends of the casing and the bones and are held in place by eyelets 6. The inner sides of the lower bones near their ends are provided with curved recesses 7 which receive the eyelet which is thereby caused to lock the bones against endwise displacement in the casing. In Fig. 2 I have shown the upper bone also as provided with a curved recess to receive the eyelet the end of said upper bone abutting against the eyelet in this form.

In Fig. 4 I have shown the eyelet as passing entirely through the upper bone which is provided with a hole 8 to receive it.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A dress stay consisting of an inclosing casing, two bones or stiffeners fitted to parallel pockets in said casing, and a third bone or stiffener of greater width fitted to a pocket located above the parallel pockets and breaking the joint between them, substantially as described.

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

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