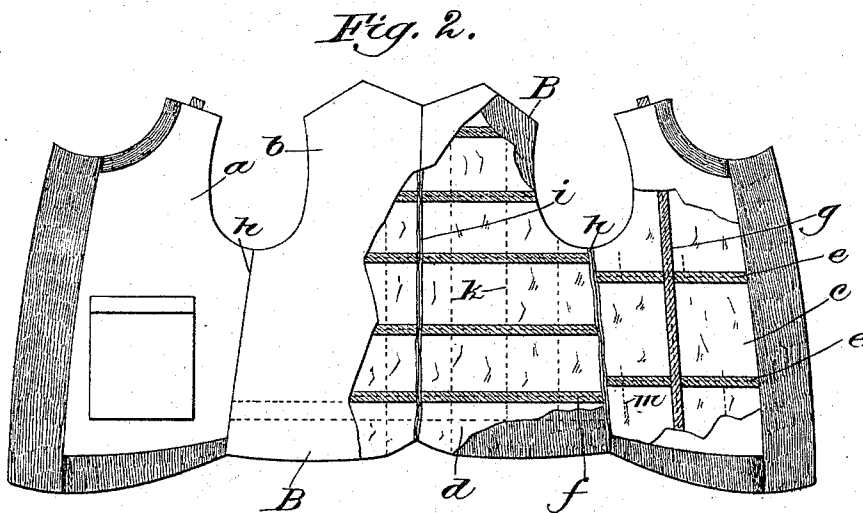
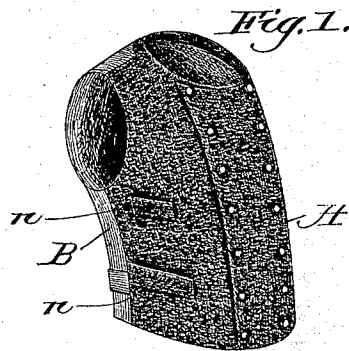


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK H. SPRAGUE, of Orange, Franklin county, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Vests, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention has for its object to provide a very warm and strong vest.

In my improved vest I stitch to the interlining in suitable direction tapes or bands, the said tapes or bands being preferably joined at their ends to the vertical seams of the vest.

The interlining, which preferably will for great warmth be composed of fiber chamois, and will also be preferably stitched to the back of the vest, and the tapes and interlining may also be stitched to the front of the vest at or near the pockets.

Figure 1, in perspective, represents a vest embodying my invention; and Fig. 2, an inner side view of the vest and back with the inner linings broken out to show the intermediate lining and its attached tapes, the shoulders being disconnected.

In the drawings, let A represent the material of the front of the vest, *a* its inner lining, and B the outer portion of the back of the vest, and *b* the inner back-lining.

In the front and back I interpose interlinings *c d*, preferably of "fiber chamois," a tough kind of paper, but which may be of any other suitable material.

The interlining before it is applied in place is strengthened by stitching thereto stay-strips *e f*, of tape or other material, the stay-strips preferably crossing the interlining in a direction to extend about the body, the ends of the stay-strip and the edges of the lining being joined in the vest by the vertical seams *h i*, made to unite the back and front and the two halves of the back of the vest.

The interlining may, if desired, be provided with vertically-arranged stay-strips *g*. The interlining with its attached stay-strips is united by stitches *k* to the back B, and the lining *c* is attached by stitches *m* to the front A, said stitches entering the front at a point where they will be connected by the pocket-tops *n*. The upper ends of the strips are

fastened into the shoulder-seams. An interlining of this kind enables a vest to successfully resist the passage of outside cold air to the body, and the warmth of the body is prevented from passing outwardly through the vest material, and the stay-strips keep the said lining from being torn, while the stitches *k* keep the said lining in place, so that it will resist and withstand wear without being torn, and the stitches *m* and the strips *g* act to sustain the front of the vest from settling down due to the weight of things in the vest-pockets. Any number of these stays may be used.

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

1. The herein-described vest composed of a front and back, a regular inner lining for the same, and an interlining strengthened by the application of stay-strips to the same, from side to side thereof, said interlining being stitched to the back of the vest from top to bottom thereof, substantially as described.

2. In a vest, an interlining having stay-strips stitched to the same, in approximately parallel lines throughout its body and extending from side to side thereof, the said stay-strips and lining being united with the material of the back and front of the vest by the stitches employed to hold together the vertical seams of the vest, substantially as described.

3. In a vest, the combination with the outer and inner plies of the vest material, of an interlining having stitched to one side of it, across the body thereof and independent of the vest material, both crosswise and vertically stay-strips, substantially as described.

4. In a vest, the combination with the outer and inner plies of the vest material, of an interlining having a stay-strip stitched to one side of it and running in a vertical direction across the body thereof and independent of the vest material, the said stay-strip being joined to the vest proper in the shoulder-seam, substantially as described.

5. In a vest having pocket-stitches, the combination with the outer and inner plies of the vest material, of an intermediate lining of chamois fiber having stitched to one side of it stay-strips independent of the vest ma-

terial, the said lining being stitched to the front of the vest, by short lines of stitches coöperating with the pocket-stitches, substantially as described.

- 5 6. In a vest, the combination with the outer and inner plies of the vest material, of an interlining, said interlining being stitched to the vest at its edges and being strengthened by the application thereto of a plurality of
10 stay-strips extending across the same from side to side thereof in approximately parallel lines, said stay-strips being independent of the adjacent vest material, the back portion of the interlining being secured to the back
15 of the vest by lines of stitches extending transversely to the stay-strips, the front por-

tion of the vest having pocket-stitches, and the interlining at the front portions of the vest being secured thereto by lines of stitches coöperating with the pocket-stitches, and the 20 folded portions of the interlining being otherwise unconnected throughout their bodies with the front portions of the vest, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 25 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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