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Corsets.

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FIG. 1

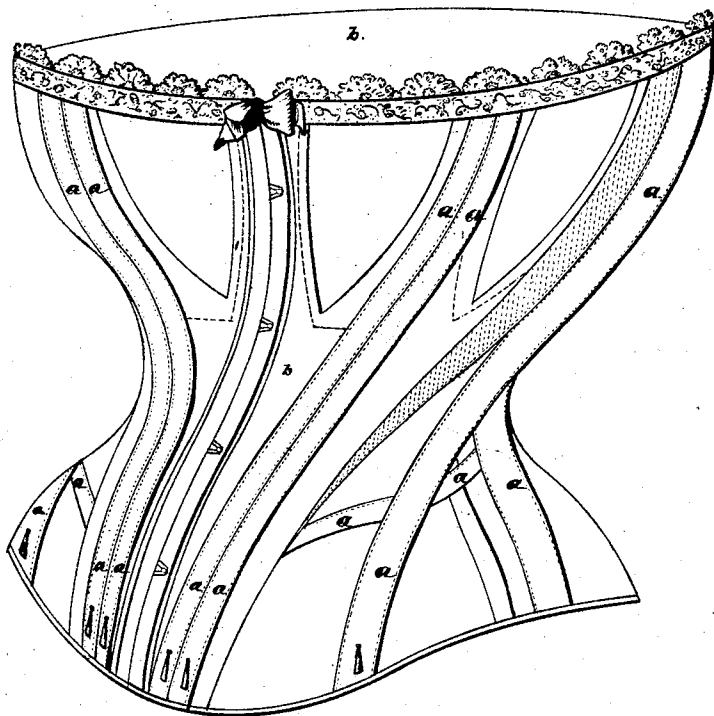


FIG. 2

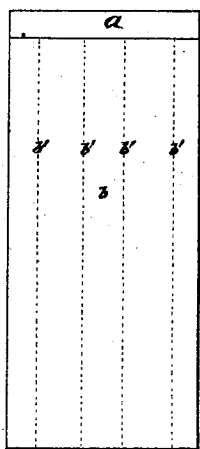


FIG. 5



FIG. 3

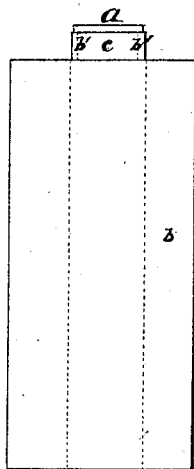


FIG. 6



FIG. 4

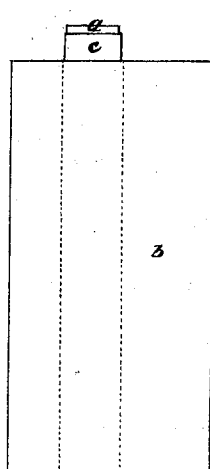


FIG. 7



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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN DIXON, of Nottingham, England, have invented certain Improvements in Corsets, &c., of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide the means of imparting to corsets or stays the desired elasticity or yielding permanence of form designed to sustain or improve the figure of the wearer, a rigido-flexible support which is firm and enduring, while it is at the same time entirely free from unpleasant stiffness, hardness, or pressure, and whereby I am enabled to impart to the corset or stay any desired shape or configuration without making it heavy or otherwise uncomfortable, and also produce corsets or stays which will retain their original shape unimpaired, whatever position the wearer may assume.

I effect this object by the application to the corset or stay of cork in the form of thin, flat strips *a*, Figure 1 of the drawing, which is a perspective view of a corset, the said strips being inclosed in a covering of textile or other fabric, the cork and its covering being united by rows of stitching *b' b'*, Figs. 2 and 5 of the drawing, and afterward placed in the corset; or the cork may be placed directly between the two thicknesses of the corset in the same manner as the common whalebones, &c. The cork may also be applied in the form of a con-

tinuous thin sheet sewed between two thicknesses. The strips of cork are preferably of about one-sixteenth of an inch or one-eighth of an inch in thickness, or of such thickness as will give the desired elasticity or elastic permanence to the corset.

The manner of arranging the cork in combination with the corset or stay will depend somewhat upon the peculiar shape or style of the article; but when the thin sheets or strips of cork, Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 7, are properly applied and attached thereto, such stays or other articles will be found both firm and comfortable to the wearer, and will in a very short time be found to mold themselves perfectly to the form of the person, which form they will retain permanently as long as the article exists.

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

As a new article of manufacture, a corset or stay having incorporated with it or attached to it thin strips, bands, or sheets of cork, for the purpose and substantially in the manner described.

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