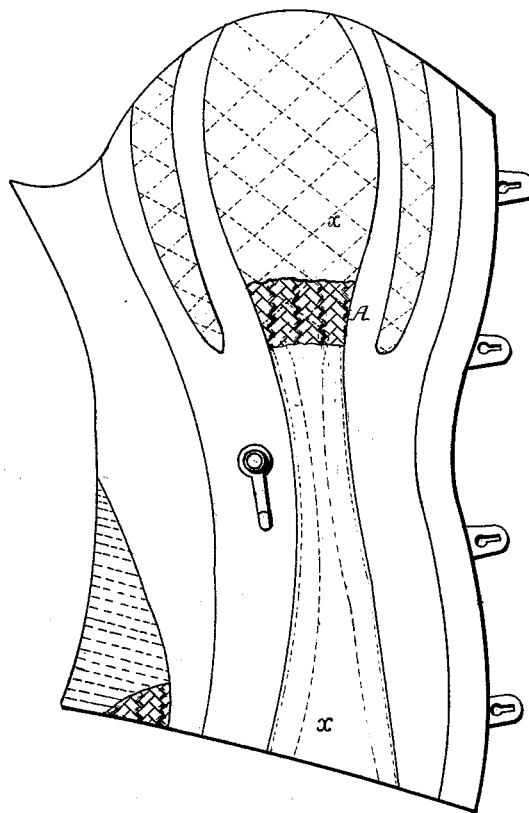


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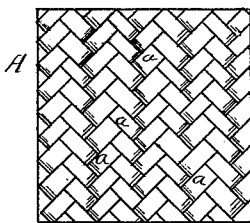
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. TALLMAN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented Improvements in the Manufacture of Corsets, &c., of which the following is the specification:

My invention is an improvement in the construction of corsets, bosom-pads, bustles, and similar articles, the same consisting in the application thereto of a material consisting of a series of strips of palmetto-leaf, or its equivalent, plaited together to form a sheet or fabric of which the article is made, in whole or in part, or with which it is stiffened.

In the drawings which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents part of a corset, illustrating my invention; and Fig. 2, a part of the fabric of which the corset or other article may be made.

The fabric A consists of strips or bands *a*, which are plaited or woven together to form a sheet. These strips or bands may be of any flexible, stiff, but elastic, material, as bone, horn, wood, &c.; but I have found that palmetto-leaf, canes, and some varieties of grasses are especially adapted for the purpose.

The sheet thus made may be cut to form the desired article in whole or in part, and may be used alone, or preferably in connection with a fabric, to which it is sewed or quilted by lines of stitching, *x*, as shown in the drawings, the sewing to the fabric having the effect of

imparting greater durability and body by holding the strips together.

In the manufacture of corsets the material may be inserted as gores, or may constitute, alone or with superposed textile fabric, an entire section.

After the corset or other article is formed it is most advantageous to subject it to heat and pressure upon a suitable mold or former, as described in my former patent, which has the effect of molding the plaited material to a proper shape, and imparts a set which it will permanently retain, thus preventing the subsequent loss of shape when used.

I claim—

1. A corset consisting in whole or in part of a fabric composed of bands or strips *a* of palmetto or other similar stiff elastic material, plaited together, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, in a corset, of sections of textile fabric and sections of fabric consisting of flat plaited blades, said fabric being equal in width to the textile sections, as set forth.

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

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