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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AUGUST HANSON, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Sectional Stocks for Firearms; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a view in side elevation of a gun having its stock constructed in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2, an enlarged broken view thereof, showing the transverse joint formed between the butt-stock and the fore-stock; Fig. 3, a view in transverse section on the line *a b* of Fig. 2; Fig. 4, a detached broken view, in side elevation, of the forward end of the butt-stock; Fig. 5, a corresponding view of the rear end of the fore-stock.

My invention relates to an improvement in firearm-stocks of the class in which the fore-stock is made as an integral extension of the butt-stock, the object being to effect an economy of material and also avoid the possible twisting of the gun-barrels by the warping of the stocks.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a gun having a sectional stock comprising a butt-stock and a fore-stock having certain details of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In carrying out my invention, as shown in Figs. 1 to 5, inclusive, the stock *A* terminates at its forward end in a U-shaped tenon *A'*, forming a shoulder *A<sup>2</sup>* of corresponding U shape. The said tenon *A'* is adapted to enter the rear end of the oval rear band *B*, against the rear edge of which the said shoulder *A<sup>2</sup>* impinges, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The said band *B* passes over the butt-end of the gun-barrel *C* by which it is supported and to which it is secured by means of a transversely-arranged screw *D* passing through the band at opposite points therein, through an opening *A<sup>3</sup>* formed on the tenon, and through a transverse slot *C'* formed in the lower face of the barrel, whereby the band is prevented from

any rotary movement with respect to the barrel. The fore-stock *E* of the gun is formed entirely independent of the butt-stock *A* and provided at its rear end with a U-shaped tenon *E'*, forming a shoulder *E<sup>2</sup>* of corresponding U shape. The said tenon is adapted to enter the forward end of the band, against the forward edge of which its shoulder *E<sup>2</sup>* abuts. For preventing the fore-stock from longitudinal movement with respect to the gun-barrel, as well as for assisting in crowding its tenon *E'* within the forward end of the band *B*, I form in it, about midway of its length, a recess *F*, the rear wall *F'* of which is inclined. This recess receives a stud *G*, having its rear face *G'* inclined and itself depending from a small plate or head *G<sup>2</sup>* entered into a dovetail cut *C<sup>2</sup>* formed in the lower face of the gun-barrel. In applying the fore-stock its tenon *E'* is inserted within the forward end of the band *B*, after which the fore-stock is lifted into engagement with the lower face of the gun-barrel. As it is lifted in the manner described, the inclined rear face *G'* of the stud *G* strikes the inclined rear wall *F'* of the recess *F* formed in the fore-stock, and the two inclined faces coact with each other to crowd the fore-stock positively rearward, whereby its tenon *E'* is crowded into the forward end of the band.

The forward portion of the fore-stock is held in place by means of an intermediate band *H* and a front band *I*, both of which may be of any ordinary construction and held in place in any desired way.

The cover *J* may be of any approved construction and held in place in any approved manner. As herein shown, it is held in place by means of the sight *K* and by the insertion of its forward end under the intermediate band *H*. I am aware, however, that sectional stocks for firearms are not broadly new, and that it is old to form a transverse joint between the forward end of the butt-stock and the rear end of the fore-stock. I am also aware that it is old to secure a stock-band to a gun-barrel by means of a transversely-arranged screw passing through the band and through a notch in the lower face of the barrel, and do not broadly claim that construction.

Having fully described my invention, what

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a gun, the combination with the barrel thereof, of a band applied to the butt-end of  
5 the said barrel, means for securing the band against rotation with respect to the barrel, a butt-stock formed at its forward end with a tenon adapted to enter the rear end of the  
10 said band, and with a shoulder adapted to engage with the rear end of the said band, an independently-formed fore-stock the rear end of which is furnished with a tenon adapted to enter the forward end of the said band, and  
15 with a shoulder adapted to engage with the forward edge of the said band which conceals

the transverse joint thus formed between the said butt-stock and fore-stock, one or more bands encircling the barrel and supporting the forward end of the fore-stock, and a cover applied to the rear end of the barrel and extending forward from the band at the butt-end thereof, and resting at its edges upon the edges of the rear portion of the fore-stock.

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

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