

No. 702,559.

Patented June 17, 1902.

N. F. T. HUNT.
SOCKET FOR STEELS OF CORSETS, &c.
(Application filed Oct. 17, 1901.)

(No Model.)

FIG. 1.

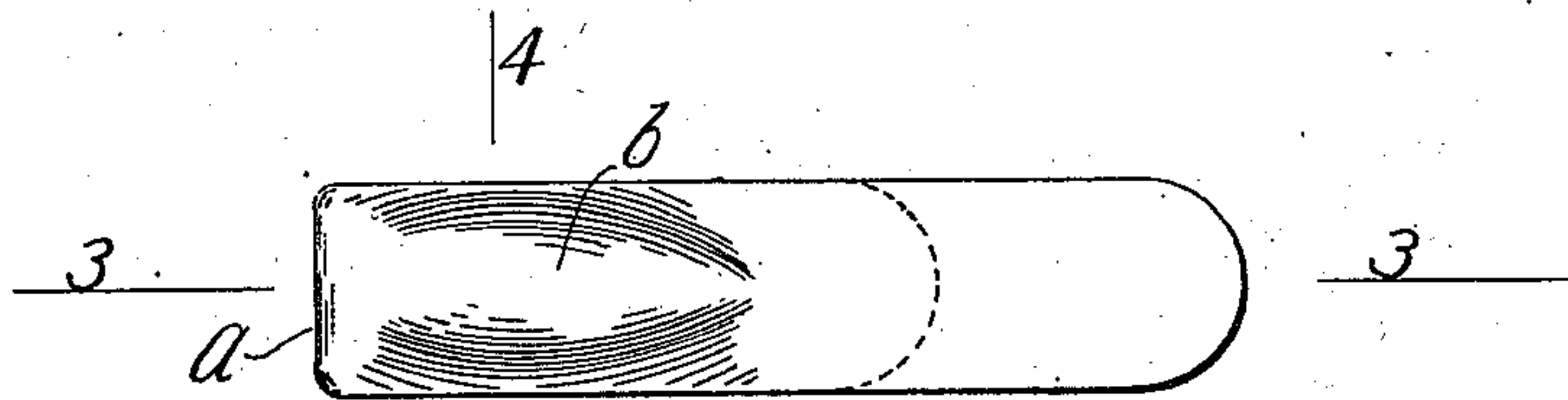
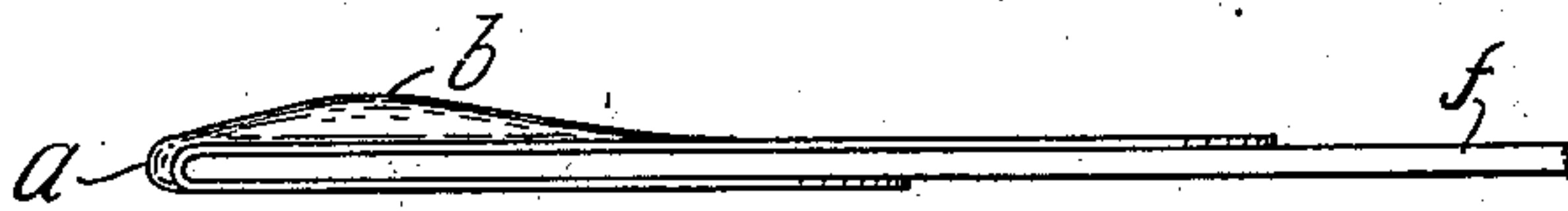


FIG. 2.

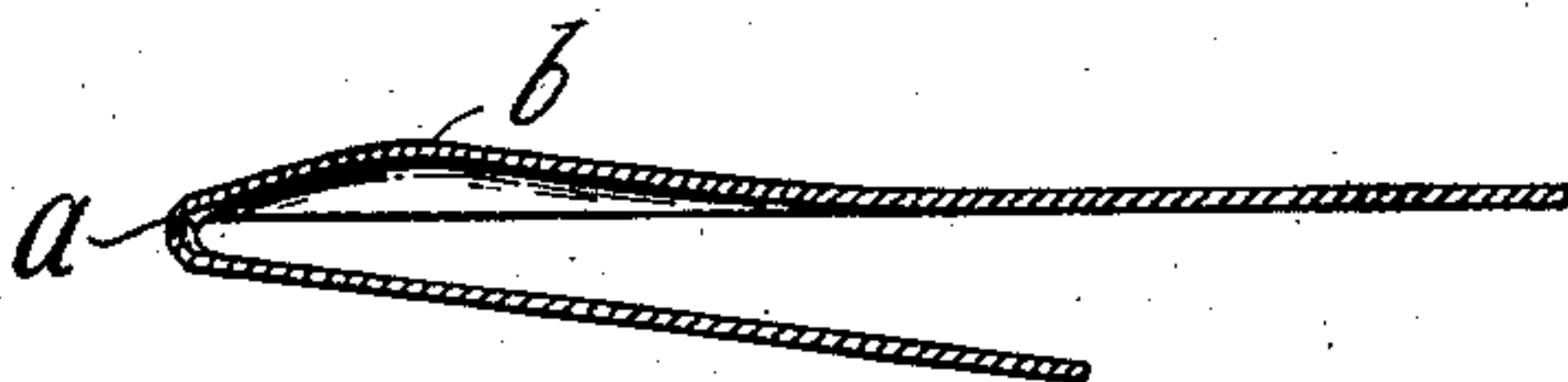


FIG. 3.



FIG. 4.

WITNESSES

L. B. Maynard
G. Q. Rockwell

INVENTOR

Nathaniel F. T. Hunt

J. E. Maynard
att'y

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

NATHANIEL F. T. HUNT, OF BRAINTREE, MASSACHUSETTS, ASSIGNOR OF
ONE-THIRD TO PETER W. FRENCH, OF WEYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS.

SOCKET FOR STEELS OF CORSETS, &c.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 702,559, dated June 17, 1902.

Application filed October 17, 1901. Serial No. 78,950. (No model.)

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL F. T. HUNT, of Braintree, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Socket for Steels of Corsets, Dress-Stays, &c., of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings:

My invention is an improvement on the sockets described in my Patents Nos. 556,927 and 556,928, dated March 24, 1896; and it consists in a socket of the kind described in those patents; but one side is cupped, and the bent portion is curved transversely, substantially as shown in the drawings, to give greater strength to the bent portion and to make the socket hold better in the pocket for the steel and generally to make those sockets of thinner sheet material and of a smoother and better finish than heretofore.

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved socket in place on a stay-steel. Fig. 2 is a plan. Fig. 3 is a section on line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a section on line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

The blanks are first died out of thin sheet steel or other suitable stiff sheet material and fed to mechanism by which they are bent at *a* and struck up slightly at the bend and also cupped at *b* and delivered into a suitable box or the like. They are then ordinary nickel-plated or otherwise finished and used as fully described in my patents above referred to.

When it became necessary to iron or press the pocket containing the steel and socket, the sockets heretofore known were likely to

lose their springy quality and be pressed against the steels, stick to them, and by moving back and forth with them wear away the pocket.

With my improved socket there is plenty of room for the play of the steel, and this is true after ironing or pressing, because the cupping gives such strength and firmness to the socket that it will not be appreciably affected by ironing or pressing and will not stick to the steel.

One side of my improved socket is shown longer than the other; but this is simply for convenience in inserting steels of the larger sizes, and both sides of the socket may be of equal length.

My improved sockets may be made of much thinner sheet metal than those described in those patents and are stronger and better in all respects, as will be clear, for they have a style and finish lacking in those I have heretofore made and are held better in place within the pockets and on the steels.

What I claim as my invention is—

The improved socket for steels of corsets and dress-stays consisting of a strip of stiff sheet material bent near its middle, curved transversely at the bend and cupped at one side of the bend, substantially as shown.

NATHANIEL F. T. HUNT.

Witnesses:

G. A. ROCKWELL,
C. B. MAYNADIER.