

# Basic Detail Report

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## Stays

### Medium

Twilled cotton, linen, wood, kid leather, wool, iron

### Description

A pair of woman's stays, constructed from four panels, with rear lacing closure. The stays have a straight front, dipping to a point above the abdomen. A center interior casing contains a simple wooden busk. The stays' front

point is thickly padded with wool and chamois leather and appears to have been reinforced or additionally padded after its initial construction. The upper edge of the stays is bound with off-white cotton tape, while kid leather is used as a heavy duty binding along the hip areas. Two applied rectangular hip tabs are located at both sides of the stays. The lower points at the bottom edges of the back lacing closure are padded for ease in wear. Each side of the stays includes seven hand sewn eyelets. Narrow shoulder straps of brown cotton twill are sewn to the rear top edges at the shoulder area, and can be brought forward over the wearer's shoulders and tied to the front of the stays with narrow off-white cotton ties. Narrow off-white cotton tape fragments remain in portions of the eyelets. The stays are boned with baleen (whalebone) inserted into narrow interior channels. On the inside of the stays, a heavy 1/2" wide iron strap, formed into a half-circle, is sewn into a horizontal casing of tan linen and attached one inch below the top edge of the stays.

### Dimensions

11 in. (27.9 cm)