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BREAST SUPPORTER.

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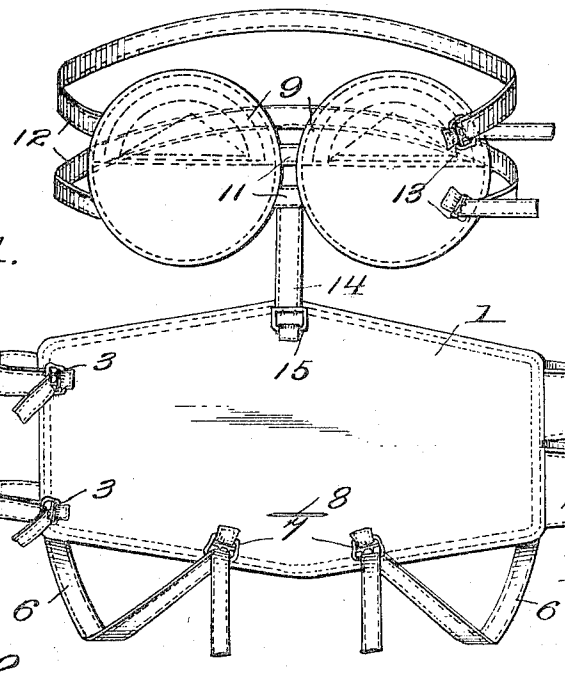


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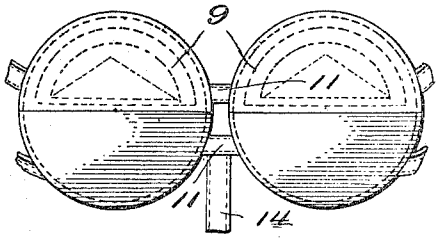
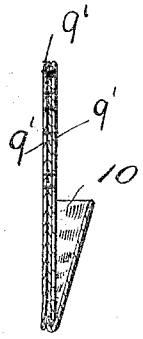


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAXWELL L. VOLK, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Breast-Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bandages or supports for certain parts of the human body, but more particularly to a support for the breasts; and it consists of a bandage or belt, of suitable material, provided with pocket-supports for the female breasts, and suitable straps for securing the bandage around the body, as will be hereinafter fully described in this specification, and briefly stated in the claims.

One of the chief objects of the invention is to provide a support for the breasts of a female person, which may be used, if desired, in conjunction with a suitable abdominal bandage. The breasts-supporter is particularly applicable to women after child birth in obstetrical cases, when some efficient means, other than the crude methods generally employed, is required to support the breasts to prevent their distension with milk and subsequent inflammation, and in this connection a suitable bandage to support the abdominal wall is desirable.

In the drawing—Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved breasts-supporter, showing a form of abdominal bandage used in connection therewith; Fig. 2, a rear view of the breasts-supporter; and Fig. 3, a vertical section of one of the breast supporters.

Referring to the several views, the numeral 9 indicates the breasts-supporter consisting of two circular covers, each composed of a plurality of layers 9′ of suitable material, and provided with a pocket 10 for receiving and holding the breast. The covers are stitched together at their borders and in the center to prevent the layers from sliding on each other. The two covers are connected by straps 11, 11, attached to the adjacent edges thereof, and attached to one of the covers are two straps 12, 12, which are arranged to pass around the body of the user and be fastened in buckles 13, 13, secured to the outer edge of the other cover. Secured to the lower strap 11 is a strap 14 by means of which an abdominal bandage may be attached to the breasts-supporter, the end of said strap being fastened in a buckle 15 secured to the upper portion of said bandage at the center thereof.

The uses of the breasts-supporter are not limited to obstetrical cases only, it can be used to advantage in any case where artificial support is needed, for instance, in cases of obese women in whom the breasts are very pendulous and heavy, and therefore liable to disease and deformity, as the round covers afford a firm support therefor, securing the breasts in place and tightening them without injury to the tissue.

The material to be employed in the manufacture of the supporter, is of such character as can be easily washed, boiled and sterilized without injury thereto.

The simplicity of the supporter renders it easily adjustable to a person in a reclining position, as will be obvious.

Having thus described my invention what I claim, is—

1. A breast bandage, comprising a pair of circular covers connected together, each cover having a semi-circular piece of material attached along its curved edge to the cover, so as to provide a pocket between said cover and the semi-circular piece, and means for securing the bandage to the body.

2. A breast bandage comprising a pair of connected circular covers composed of a plurality of layers of suitable material stitched together, each cover having a semi-circular piece of material stitched along its curved edge to the cover, so as to provide a pocket between said cover and the semi-circular piece for the reception of the breasts, and straps and buckles for securing the bandage to the body.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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