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Fig. 1.

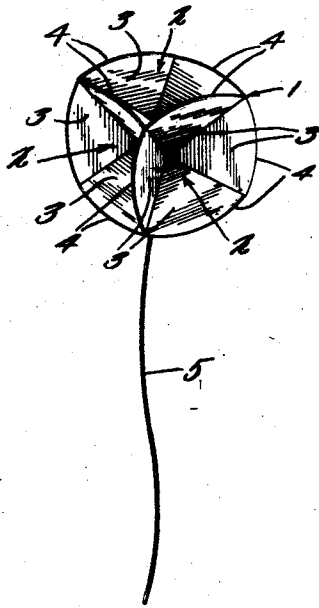
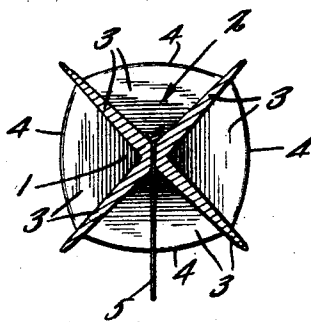


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to an improved pessary, the general object of the invention being to make a device of this kind of soft rubber or similar material so that it is collapsible and to provide it with cups on all its faces so that it is self-adjusting and need not be placed in position in any particular way.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof.

In these views, 1 indicates the body of the device which is provided with a cavity 2 on each face which is of substantially pyramidal shape. Each cavity is separated from the other cavities by a thin wall 3, the outer end of which is of curved formation and feathered, as shown at 4. As the device is made of soft rubber or similar material it may be easily collapsed by the fingers so that it can be readily put in place and the soft edges formed by the curved and feathered parts 4 will prevent the device from causing pain or irritation while being worn. The device may be provided with a silk cord 5 for permitting it to be easily removed though this is not necessary and can be dispensed with when desired.

The device is absolutely self-adjusting and it requires no skill to put it in place. All that is necessary is to collapse the device

with the fingers so that it will be of small size and then put it in place. On being released it will expand, thus adjusting and retaining itself in position, no matter how it is introduced. It is always in proper position and will not become displaced.

Its collapsibility renders it easy of adjustment and the scientific construction of the supporter causes a partial vacuum when the faces come in contact with walls of the vagina, thus making the supporter cling and giving absolute support to the womb, which is immediately above it.

One of the highly commendable features of the supporter is its value in the treatment of ulceration and inflammation. For this purpose the concave surfaces of the supporter are filled with medicaments, such as any physician may prescribe or druggist recommend. The supporter in a partially collapsed state, its cups filled with ointment is pressed against the womb, and upon being released expands, bringing the medicated ointment in direct contact with the inflamed surfaces.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

A supporter of the class described comprising a body formed of a plurality of thin walls of soft resilient material, said walls forming a plurality of recesses, each recess being of the shape of a pyramid, the outer edges of the walls being of curved shape and feathered.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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