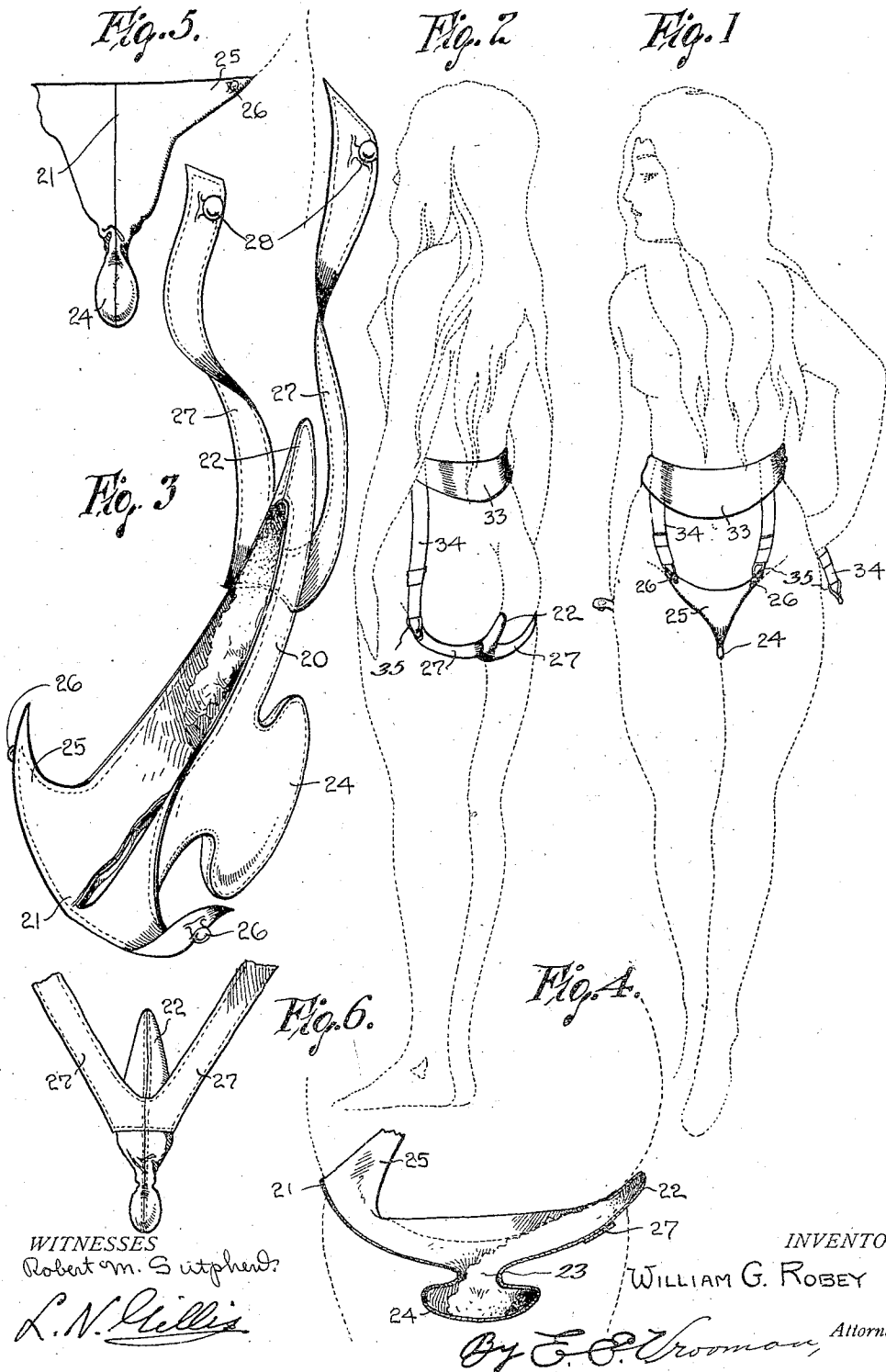


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM G. ROBEY, citizen of the United States, residing at Grafton, in the county of Taylor and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catamenial Sacks, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to surgical appliances and has special reference to a catamenial sack.

The principal object of the invention is to improve the general construction of a device of this character.

A second object of the invention is to provide an improved form of carrier for absorbent cotton in a device of this character.

With the above and other objects in view the invention consists in general of certain novel features of construction and combination of parts hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, like characters of reference indicate like parts in the several views, and Figure 1 is a front view of the improved device in use. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the device in use. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one form of the sack. Fig. 4 is a longitudinal median section through the body of the device. Fig. 5 is a partial end view of the form shown in Fig. 3. Fig. 6 is a similar view taken from the opposite end.

The form of device illustrated consists of a boat shaped body portion 20 having a flat forward end 21 and a pocket 22 at the rear end. Intermediate the ends of this body portion there is provided an opening 23 which connects with a bag 24 formed of the same material as the body and preferably forming a continuation of the body side, the device just described being made of two pieces of water-proof material stitched together along the median line, or molded in a single piece.

As shown in Fig. 3 and the corresponding figures the flattened end 21 is provided with oppositely disposed wings 25 carrying fastening means 26 which latter are preferably in the form of buttons having enlarged heads. To the rear of the body 20 there is provided a pair of diverging straps 27

which are secured to the body at a point between the opening 23 and the pocket 22, the straps being secured to the under side of said body. It will be noted that by having these straps secured in spaced relation to the end of the socket when the device is in use the straps tend to compress the cotton held therein at the point of attachment and not at the end of the pocket. By reason of this the absorbent held in the pocket is not squeezed in such manner as to tend to eject it or cause its accumulation in the center of the device but on the contrary the pledget of cotton held in the pocket prevents slipping and loss. At the free end of each of these straps is a button 28, the buttons being similar to the buttons 26.

For the purpose of attaching the device to the body of the user there is provided a belt 33 to encircle the waist and depending from this belt are adjustable straps 34 each carrying a suitable loop 35 for engagement with the buttons 26 and 28.

In using the invention the pocket 24 is stuffed with absorbent cotton and the cotton brought up and stuffed into the pocket 22 so that it lies along between the opening 23 and the pocket 22. When the device is applied the straps 34 are attached in such manner that the pocket 22 lies to the rear of the wearer as can be seen by reference to Fig. 2. The straps, of course, are adjusted to suit the size of the person using the device, the adjustment being such that the parts are maintained in the position shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. When the parts are thus adjusted no matter whether the wearer be standing, sitting, or lying down any flow from the mouth of the vagina will pass into the boat shaped structure and downward into the pocket 24, if the wearer be sitting while if the wearer be lying down the flow will be absorbed by that portion of the cotton between the pockets 22 and 24. The cotton, of course, is to be renewed as often as soiled and the entire device is capable of being washed and rendered sanitary.

There has thus been provided a simple and efficient device of the kind described and for the purpose specified.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

A catamenial sack having a boat shaped body provided with a flat forward end flared to constitute wings, said body having

a pocket at its rear end, and a second pocket connected with the body and depending therefrom intermediate its ends, and attaching means carried by said body for
5 securing same to a belt, said attaching means being secured at the rear to a portion of the body anterior to the rear pocket, said pocket being filled with absorbent material

to constitute a flexible finger adapted to fit between the buttocks of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 10

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