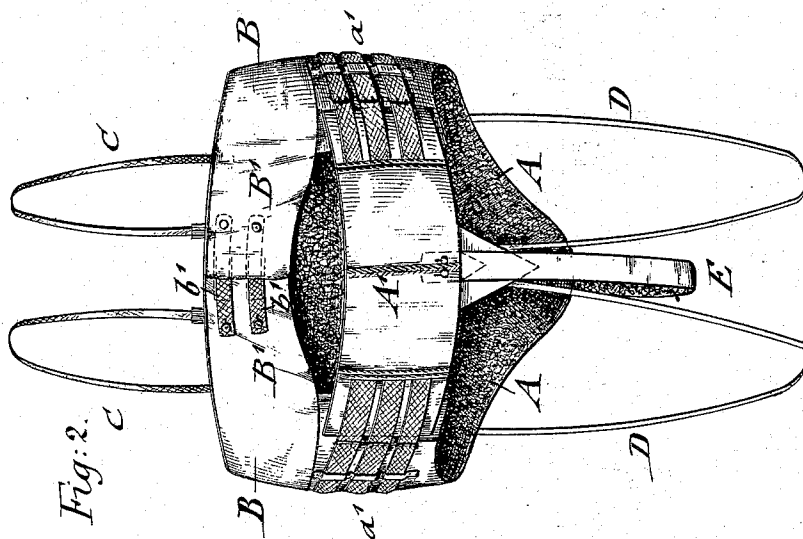
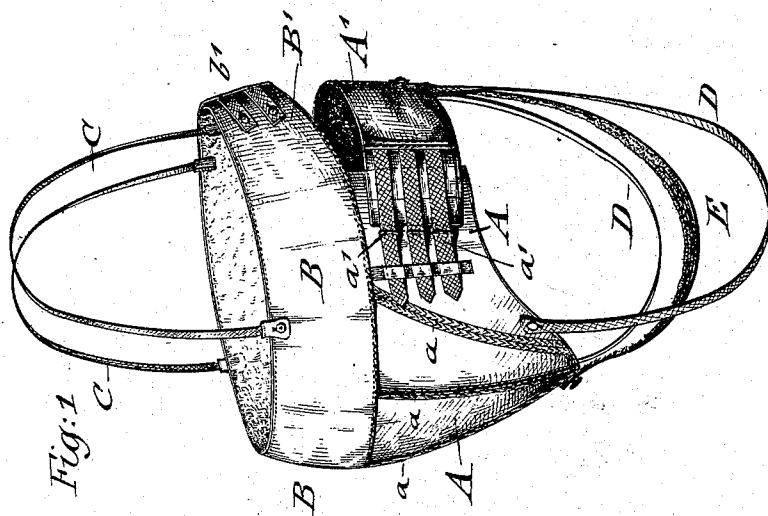


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CAROLINE VON STAMMER, a citizen of the German Empire, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Abdominal Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain improvements in abdominal supporters, by which the weight of the abdomen is supported partly at the lower or small part of the back, partly on the hips, and partly on the shoulders, by independent back and hip fastening devices, so as to be especially adapted for fleshy women and women who have to do manual work; and the invention consists of an abdominal supporter composed of an inwardly-curved and tapering lower front portion and an upper or waist portion connected thereto at its front part, and at slight inward inclination, so as to give fullness to the front portion, while the rear part of the lower front portion is separated from the rear part of the upper or waist portion, each being provided with independent fastening devices, so that by the independent adjustment of the upper and lower portions a better and tighter fit of the abdominal supporter is obtained, while in connection with thigh-straps and suspenders a comfortable wear of the supporter is obtained.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective front view of my improved abdominal supporter, and Fig. 2 is a perspective rear view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents the lower inwardly-curved and tapering front portion of my abdominal supporter, which is provided with the usual stays *a* for imparting the required degree of stiffness thereto. To the upper edge of the lower front portion A is attached the upper or waist portion B, which is connected at an obtuse angle with the lower front portion A, so as to impart a certain fullness to the front part of the supporter. The lower front portion A is connected with its rear part A', that is likewise provided with reinforcing-stays, by fastening-straps and buckles, elastic cords, lacing-strings, or other suitable fastening devices *a'*, so that the

lower front portion A and the rear part A' of the supporter can be readily applied to the abdomen and the lower part or small of the back and fitted snugly thereto.

The upper portion B of the abdominal supporter has no reinforcing-stays and is extended in backward direction, the backwardly-extending bands or straps B' being separated from the rear part A' of the lower front portion A and provided with independent fastening devices *b'*, so that said rear straps B' can be passed over the hips and firmly applied to the waist of the body in the nature of a waistband.

The independent fastening devices *b'* of the upper rear straps B' of the waist portion B and the fastening devices of the rear part A' with the lower front portion A form the essential feature of my improved supporter, as thereby the abdomen is not only firmly and tightly supported, but also the movements of the body, especially in bending or stooping when performing manual labor, are greatly facilitated, as the rear part A' and straps B' of the supporter are enabled to separate more or less from each other without exerting a pulling or straining action on either part. The upper portion B is provided with suspenders C whenever it is desired to transfer the weight of the abdomen to the shoulders, and the lower front portion A with thigh-straps D, by which the front portion of the supporter is prevented from shifting above the abdomen. A strap E, extending from the lower front portion A to its rear part A', serves as a support for the napkin. These features, however, suspenders and thigh-straps, are well known and form no part of this invention.

My supporter may also be provided with various accessory devices, such as cushioning-pads below the fastening devices *a'*, by which the front portion A is connected with the rear portion A', and a pad at the front portion for holding the navel in position in case of an umbilical hernia; but these are optional and may be dispensed with when not required.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. An abdominal supporter, consisting of a lower inwardly-curved and tapering front por-

tion A, a rear part A', fastening devices *a'* connecting the rear part with the lower front portion, an upper or waist portion B directly connected at its lower edge across the front
5 of the supporter with the lower front portion, and provided with rearwardly - extending straps B', said straps being disconnected from the rear part of the lower front portion, and independent fastening devices *b'* for the rear
10 straps, substantially as set forth.

2. An abdominal supporter, composed of a lower inwardly-curved and tapering front portion A provided with reinforcing-stays, a rear part A', fastening devices connecting the rear
15 part with the lower front portion, an upper

non-reinforced waist portion B directly connected at its lower front part, across the front of the supporter, with the lower front portion, and provided with rearwardly - extending straps B', said straps being disconnected
20 from the rear part of the front portion, and independent fastening devices *b'* for said straps, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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