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Fig. 1.

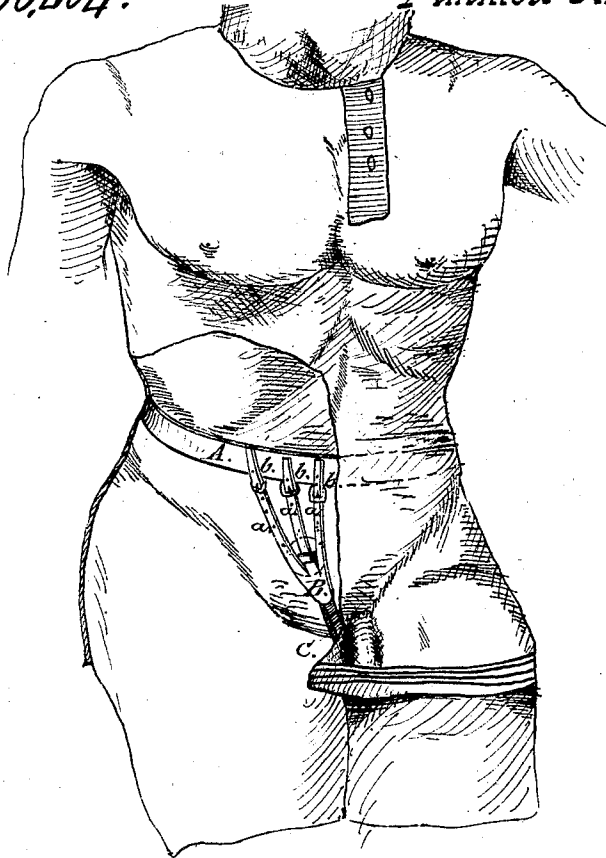
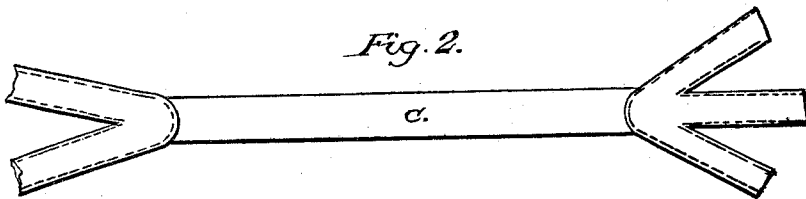


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TRUSSES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. BLAKE, of Dyer Station, in the county of Gibson, and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and improved Truss; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in a truss of peculiar construction, invented by J. R. Blake and J. L. Jarrell, and which forms the subject of a separate and distinct application, now pending in the United States Patent Office.

The present invention consists in the application or use of an under strap, of India rubber or other suitable elastic substance, whereby the truss may be worn with greater ease and comfort, and all the advantages of the improved truss retained.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a view of our improved truss applied to a person.

Figure 2, an enlarged detached view of the elastic under strap.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A represents a band or belt, which encircles the body or bowels of the wearer, and secured in position by a buckle-fastening.

To the front and rear of the band or belt A there is attached a strap, B, the main portion of which is divided, by two longitudinal cuts, into three branches, *a a a*, the ends of which are attached, by buckles *b*, to the band or belt.

A similar strap to B is attached to the rear side of the band or belt, and the ends of these two straps are connected by an India-rubber or other elastic strap, C, which passes around and under the groin. (See fig. 1.)

In the original truss, previously referred to, a round leather strap is used, instead of the elastic one.

We consider the latter a great improvement, as it admits of the truss being worn with much more ease and comfort.

The hernia-pad D is attached as hitherto, and is capable of being adjusted in the same way, as described in the specification pertaining to the same.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The elastic strap C, constructed of India rubber or other suitable elastic material, when used in connection with or applied to a truss of the kind specified, in the manner as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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