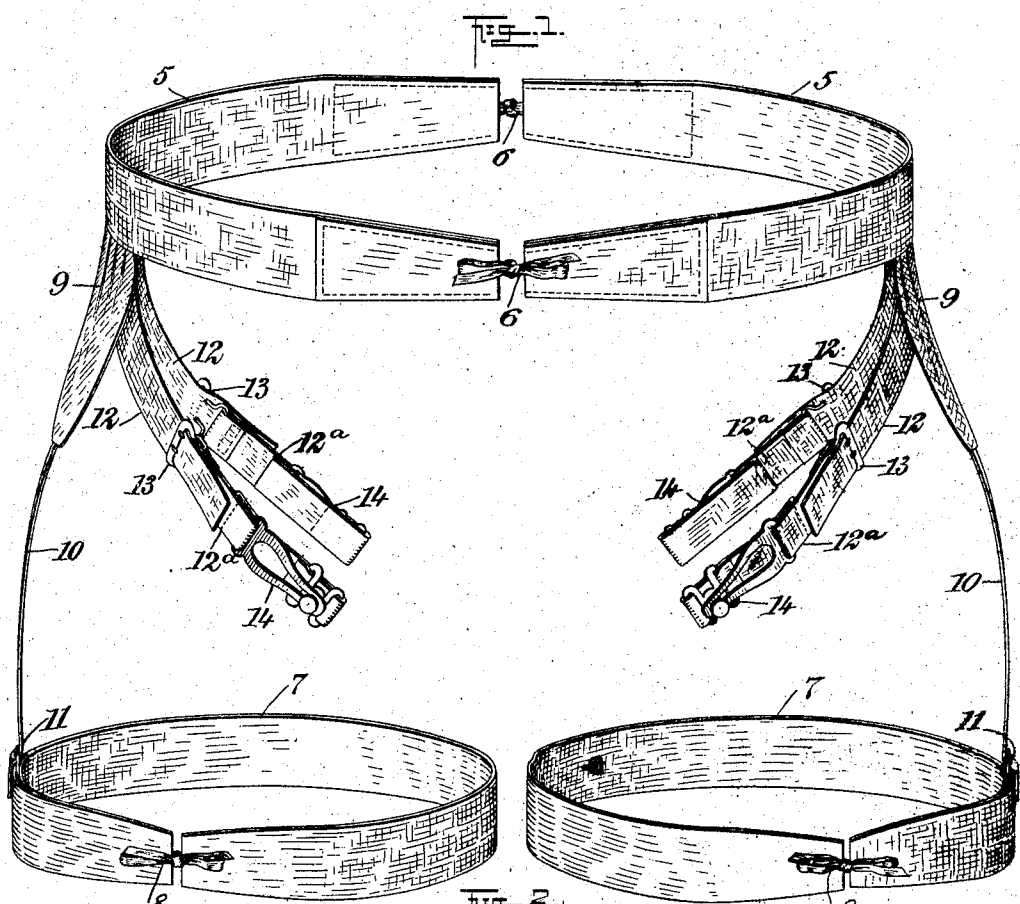
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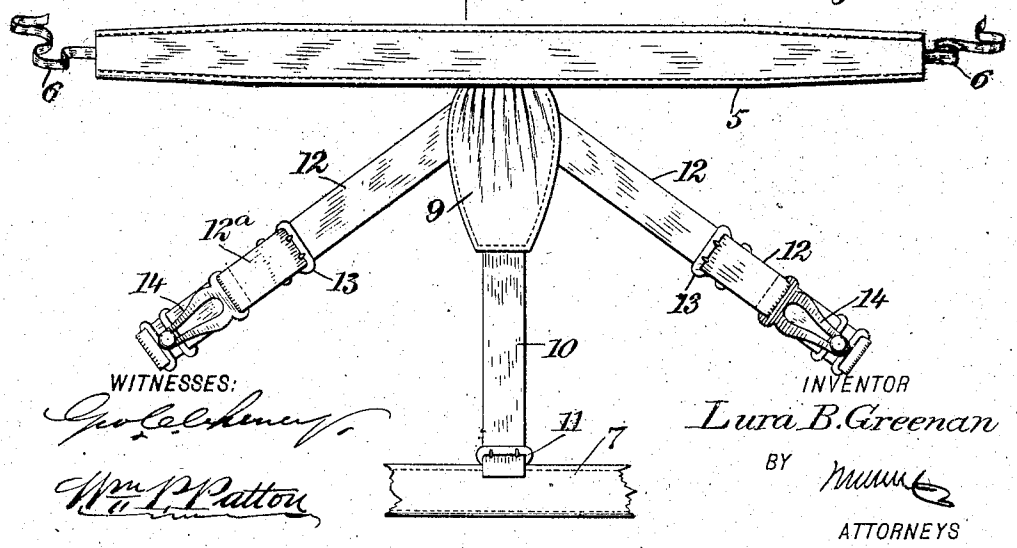
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LURA BELLE GREENAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Bristol, in the county of Elkhart and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Catamenial-Bandage Supporter, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to means for adjustably supporting a folded napkin used as a catamenial bandage, and has for its object to provide novel details of construction for a device of the character indicated which are simple, practical, and inexpensive, their combination and relative arrangement affording very convenient means for readily applying a folded napkin as a bandage, adjustably holding the bandage so as to avoid discomfort to the wearer and also enabling the quick and convenient exchange of a soiled bandage for a clean one, as occasion may require.

The invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts, as is hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front view of the appliance, showing parts in relative positions for engaging the person of the wearer and for adjustably securing a bandage in position for service; and Fig. 2 is a side view of details of the bandage-support seen in direction of arrow *x* in Fig. 1.

In the drawings that represent the details of construction as combined and arranged for service, 5 5 indicate two equal portions of a body-band, these half-sections of the body-band being of suitable width to insure comfort when worn, and they may be formed of any suitable fibrous fabric.

As shown, the half-sections 5 of the body-band are provided at their ends with tapes 6, that when tied together serve to unite the respective ends of the bands. It is to be understood, however, that I do not restrict the means for detachably connecting the ends of the body-band to the tapes 6, as said ends may be, if preferred, adjustably connected together by buckles applied in the usual way.

Two leg-bands 7 are provided as details of the improvement, and, as shown in Fig. 1, these similar bands each consist of an open circlet or envelop that may be formed of any preferred fibrous material that is pliable and smooth. The ends of each leg-band 7 are preferably connected together with tapes 8 or other tie-strings; but buckles may also be employed to adjustably and detachably connect said ends of the leg-bands.

At opposite points on the half-sections 5 of the body-band or near their longitudinal centers two similar tabs 9 are pendently secured by the connection of the upper ends of the tabs to the lower edges of the body-band sections, the relative position given to the tabs 9 disposing them respectively above the hips of the wearer when the band is mounted upon a person for service.

Upon the lower end of each tab 9 the upper end of a connecting-strap 10 is secured, said straps, that may be of fibrous or other material, having proper length to adapt them for adjustable connection with respective leg-bands 7.

Preferably the lower ends of the connecting-straps 10 are adjustably secured upon the upper edges of the leg-bands 7 by the engagement of respective ends of the straps with buckles 11, that are secured upon the leg-bands at points that will dispose the buckles directly below the tabs 9 or at the outer sides of the thighs of a person when the appliance is in place thereon.

At each side edge of each tab 9 and near the body-band 5 5 a short bandage-supporting strap is secured by one end, these similar straps, which may be constructed of any suitable material, being each made up of two portions 12 12^a, which at adjacent ends are connected together by a buckle 13, whereby the two-part straps may be readily adjusted for length as may be desired.

Upon the pendent end of each bandage-supporting strap member 12^a a clasp 14 is secured, so as to permit the clasp to be readily adjust-

ed for gripping material between its clasping members, and it is to be understood that any preferred style of clasp may be employed.

In donning the improved appliance for use as a bandage-support the two-part body-band 5 5 is secured upon the person around the waist and directly above the hips. Each leg-band 7 is now secured around the lower limb of the wearer it is to encompass, and the leg-bands being thus disposed around the thighs and near the abdomen are held from displacement by a proper adjustment for length of the connecting-straps 10.

In applying a bandage—that, as before mentioned, may be in the form of a napkin that may be nearly square, marginally considered—the napkin is folded so that it may be adjusted to place without wrinkling or drawing into a number of plaits. One corner portion of the napkin is now passed upward between the leg-bands 7 and thighs they encompass at the inner sides of the latter, said corner portion being drawn upward and lapped smoothly upon the abdomen and posterior of the wearer. The edge portion of the napkin that is thus disposed near to the clasps 14 is engaged by the clasps of two strap members 12^a, which respectively trend diagonally downward toward the front and rear portions of the body. The other or front corner portion of the napkin is now drawn forwardly, and in a like manner this portion of the napkin is drawn upward, so as to be engaged by each clasp 14 on the ends of the two remaining or front bandage-supporting straps.

It will be seen that an adjustment of the two-part straps 12 12^a will enable the disposal of the bandage in correct relation to the person of the wearer, so that it will be effective as a bandage and be very comfortable while worn, this being due to the particular construction and arrangement of details of the improved bandage-supporter.

It will be evident that the manner in which the end portions of a bandage are held enables the quick release of the bandage for removal and substitution of one that is clean. It will also be observed that the construction and arrangement of the several parts of the bandage-supporter adapts the device for comfortable wear and avoidance of abrasive chafing of the parts of the person with which it it has contact.

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

1. A bandage-support, comprising a body-band securable upon a person, leg-bands, a connecting-strap extended between each leg-band and the body-band, supporting-straps on the connecting-bands, and securing means on the ends of the supporting-straps for engaging portions of a bandage.

2. A bandage-support, comprising a two-part body-band securable on a person, leg-bands securable on the lower limbs of said person, connecting-straps pendent at opposite points from the body-band, and each adjustably secured upon a respective leg-band, bandage-supporting straps secured in pairs at the upper ends on the connecting-straps and divergently trending pendent therefrom, and connecting means on the lower ends on the said supporting-straps for engaging portions of a bandage.

3. A bandage-support, comprising a two-part body-band, means for securing the body-band upon a person, two leg-bands securable on the lower limbs of said person, two connecting-straps pendent at opposite points from the body and each adjustably secured upon a respective leg-band, four bandage-supporting straps, each adjustable for length and secured in pairs at the upper ends on the connecting-straps, each pair of supporting-straps trending oppositely and diagonally downward from a respective connecting-strap, and clasps on the lower ends of the said supporting-straps for engaging portions of a bandage.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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