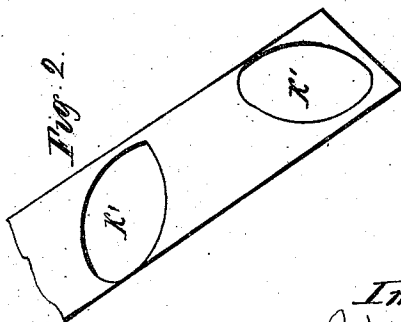
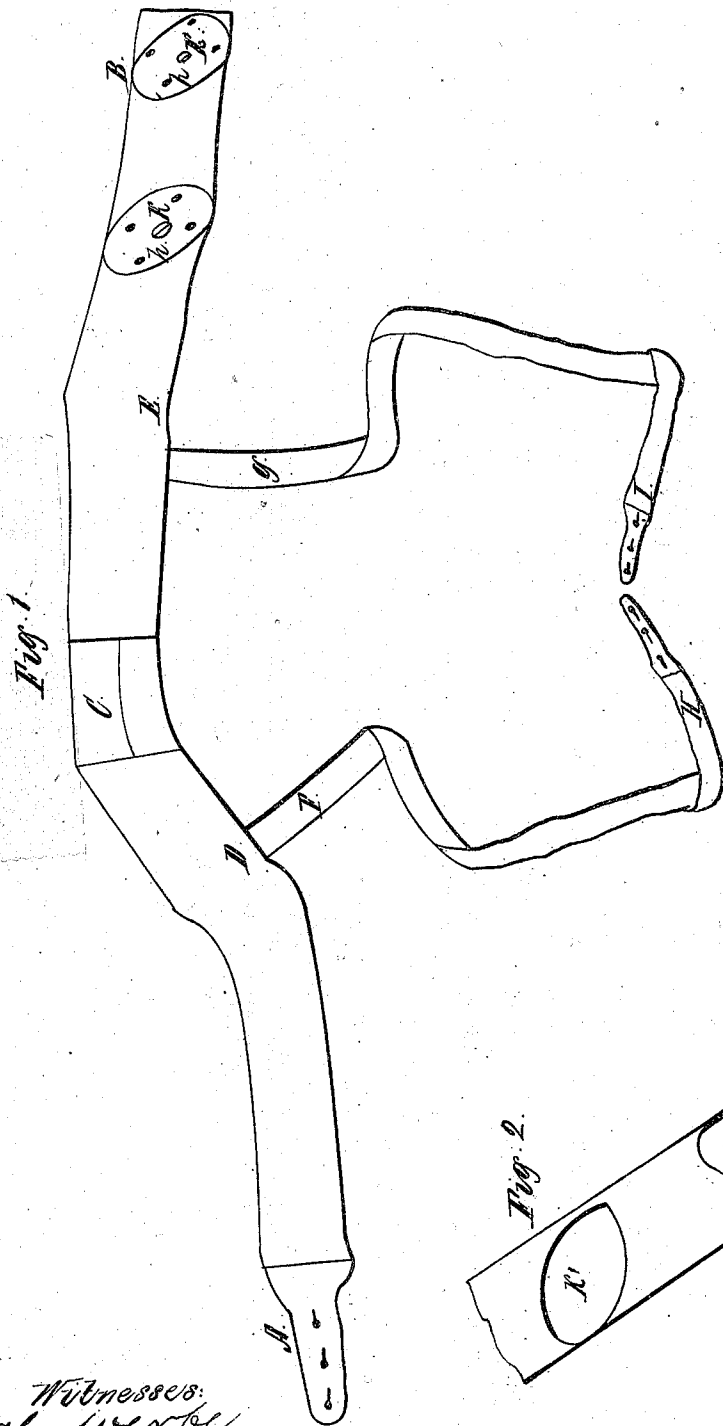


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IMPROVED MODE OF FASTENING TRUSSES.

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, RICHARD MCGEE, of Martinsville, in the county of Morgan, and in the State of Indiana, have invented an Improved Truss; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The nature of the invention consists in the peculiar construction of the fastenings of the truss.

Said truss to be made of leather, elastic web, and any convenient metal, brass or iron.

To enable others to use my said invention, I proceed to describe it more fully, as follows:

Figure 1, of the accompanying drawings, is a view of said device.

A and B are two leather straps, joined together by a couple of pieces of elastic web at C.

K and K are two brass plates.

On the opposite side of the strap are two metal knobs, represented by K' and K', of Figure 2 of the said drawings. To these knobs are riveted the plates K and K, through the strap B.

In the middle of the plate K is a knob, *h*, to be used as hereafter described.

At A, H, and I, are convenient button-holes, for properly adjusting the device.

To use the truss for a case of rupture, the knob K' is put in such a position that it will cover and close the rupture. The strap A C B is then passed round the waist above the hips, so that the button-holes at *a* may be fastened on the knob *h*. The thongs F H and I G are then passed between the legs and buttoned on the knobs *h*, so that they will have a little downward tension. The resulting strain of the web at C will produce a gentle and yielding, but firm and constant pressure on the rupture, and by reason of the peculiar shape of the device, it will lie closely and securely on the body, and in no way impede the free motion of the lower limbs.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The plates K and K, the knobs K' K', the knob *h*, and the button-holes A, H, and I, when the same are constructed, arranged, and used for the purpose, and in the way substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing specification, I have hereunto set my hand, this 11th day of September, 1868.

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