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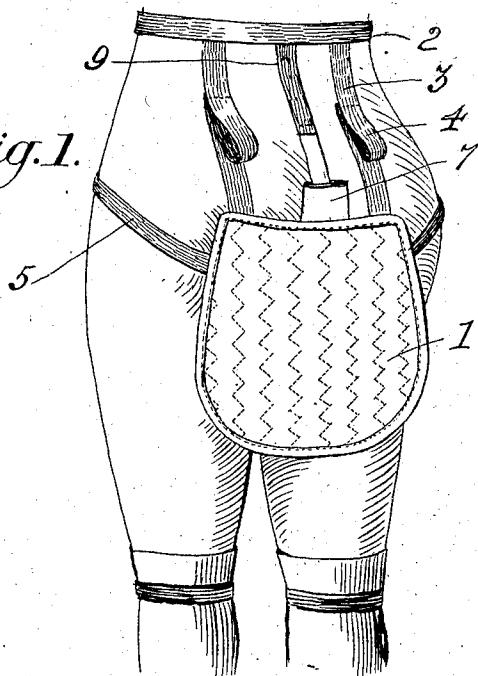
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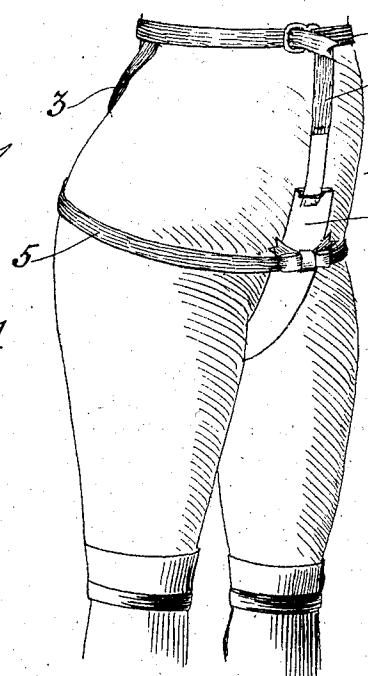
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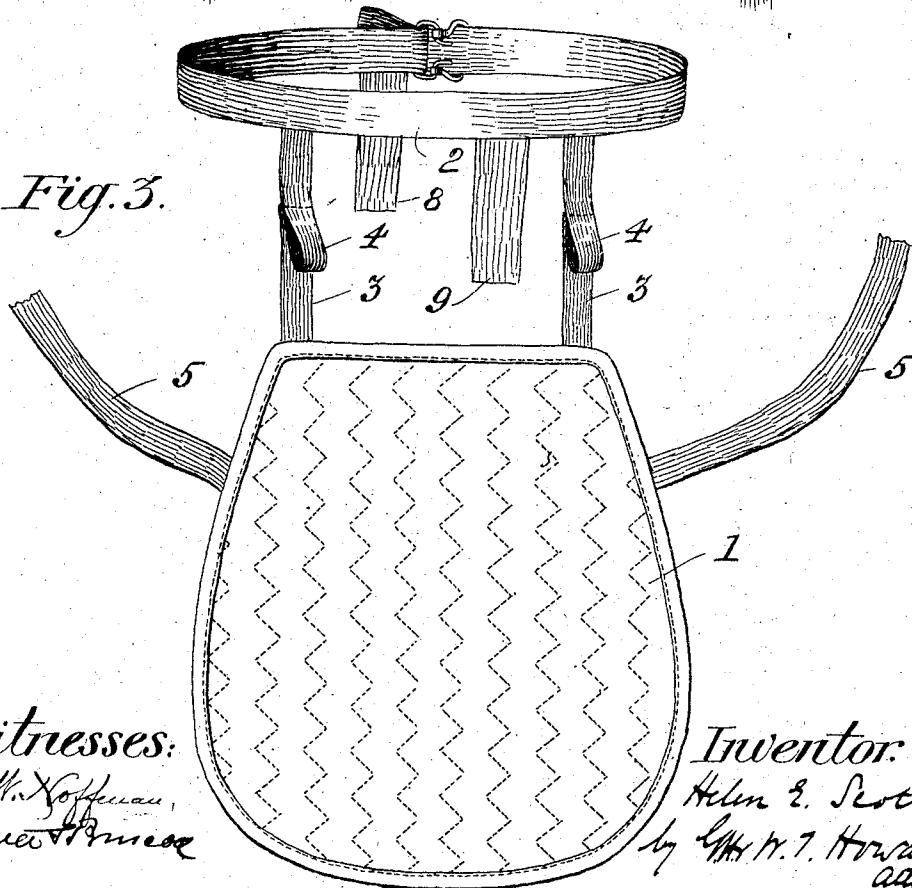
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## CATAMENIAL APPLIANCE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HELEN EVANS SCOTT, of the city of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain Improvements in Cata- 5 menial Appliances, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an appliance to be worn over the drawers and corsets and under the skirts by women in connection with the 10 ordinary napkin during the period of menstruation or in anticipation of the recurrence of such period to prevent staining of the outer garments.

The said invention consists of an apron 15 formed of two pieces of woven fabric between which is interposed a comparatively thin body or layer of cotton-batting or absorbent cotton or some equivalent material. The three thicknesses are suitably bound at the edges and 20 preferably quilted to prevent displacement of the absorbent-cotton filling.

The appliance as described is suspended from the waist by means of a waistband which encircles the corset and is situated exteriorly 25 of the drawers at the rear of the body in such manner as to form an absorbent cushion which is drawn forward and closely in contact with the drawers and held thereat by means of suitable straps, as will hereinafter fully appear.

30 In the further description of the said invention which follows reference is made to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 is a rear view of the appliance as 35 it appears when in use, and Fig. 2 a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the appliance on an enlarged scale.

The undergarments are not shown, as their 40 illustration would tend to complicate the drawings.

Referring now to the drawings, 1 is the absorbent apron formed as described, and 2 a waistband from which the apron is suspended by means of the straps 3.

45 The straps 3 are shown as looped at 4 to regulate their length to suit the wearer; but any shortening and lengthening devices, such as buckles or slides, may be employed in lieu of the loops.

55 are straps attached to the side edges of the apron at a proper distance from the top of the device, which are brought around the body to the front, where their ends are tied or connected by buckles or other suitable contrivances.

7 represents the ordinary napkin, and its illustration is to show that while the apron does not in any manner interfere with the use of the napkin there is a coöperation of the two appliances to effect a useful result. To effect 60 this coöperation of the two devices, the waistband 2 is furnished with the pendent tabs or straps 8 and 9, situated at the front and rear, respectively, to which the napkin-supports 10 or the ends of the napkin itself are pinned or 65 otherwise secured.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a catamenial appliance, the combination of a waistband, an absorbent apron suspended from the waistband by means of straps 70 which are attached to the apron at its upper edge, the lower end of the said apron being free or unrestrained, and straps connected to the sides of the apron and near its upper edge, whereby the upper part or portion only of the 75 said apron is drawn forward and secured in contact with the person, substantially as specified.

2. In a catamenial appliance, the combination of a waistband, an absorbent apron suspended from the waistband by means of straps 80 which are attached to the said apron at its upper edge, the lower end of the said apron being free or unrestrained, straps connected to the sides of the said apron and near its upper 85 edge whereby the upper portion only of the apron may be drawn forward and secured in contact with the person, and pendent straps at the front and rear portions of the waistband adapted to support the ordinary napkin 90 which is interposed between the apron and the person, substantially as specified.

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