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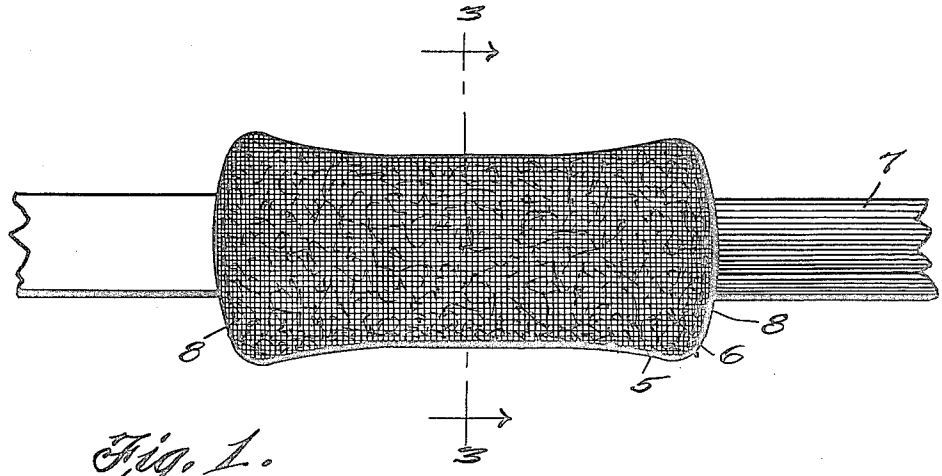



Fig. 1.

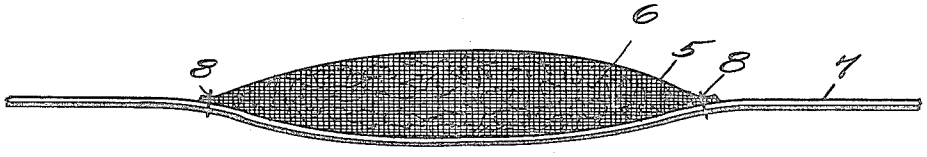



Fig. 2.

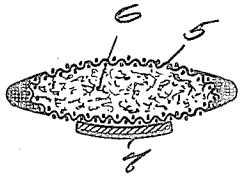



Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GOODWIN B. SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catamenial Sacks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sanitary catamenial sacks or bandages.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of the above mentioned character, which is extremely simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and convenient in use.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the same,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a device embodying the invention, parts being broken away,

Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the same, and,

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In the drawings, wherein for the purpose of illustration is shown a preferred embodiment of my invention, the numeral 5 designates a tube or sleeve, formed of an open gauze, or netting. This tube or sleeve is filled with a highly absorbent soft material, such as cotton 6.

The numeral 7 designates a flexible relatively non-extensible band, formed of cloth or the like. The tube or sleeve 5 is placed upon the band, at a point spaced equidistantly from its ends, and extends longitudinally of the band. The material of the tube, at its ends is preferably folded transversely to close such ends and stitched together, at 8, such stitching also passing through the band 7, for attaching the tube thereto.

It is apparent that the ends of the tube are completely closed, thus preventing the escape of the cotton. The device is held in place by the band 7, which is attached to the undergarment or garments in the usual manner. This band takes up all longitudinal strains, preventing them from being transmitted to the tube 5. The device is so cheap to manufacture that after use it may be thrown away.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herewith shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size, and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

A catamenial bandage comprising a supporting strip formed of a single ply of flexible relatively nonextensible fabric, a single ply tube of open gauze extending longitudinally of the supporting strip with the supporting strip extending substantial distances beyond the ends of the tube, the ends of the tube being secured to the supporting strip by stitching, and a filling of compressible absorbent material arranged within the tube.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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