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Fig. 1

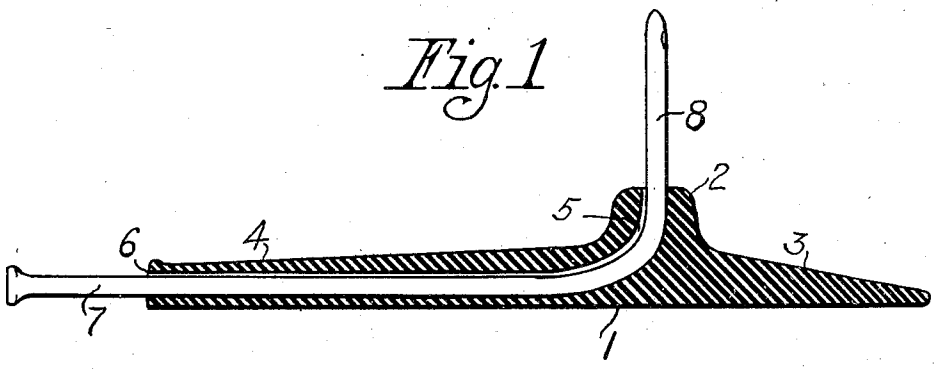


Fig. 2

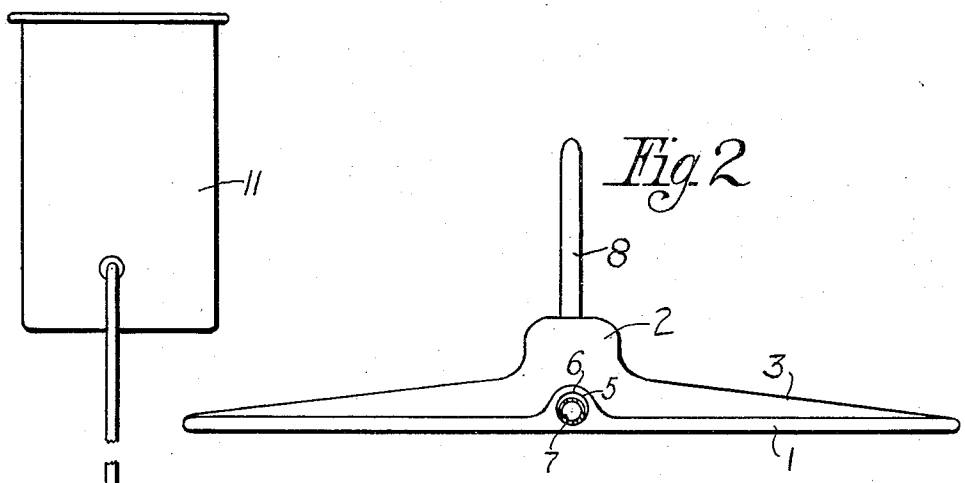
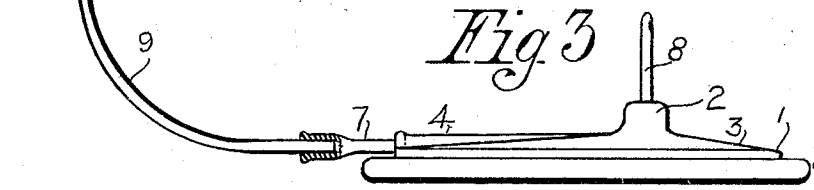


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to enema pads, the purpose of which is to permit the taking of an enema while in a sitting posture, and to enable the protruding end of a rubber catheter to be made long or short above the pad by merely pushing the catheter suitably through the passage in the body of the pad causing it to project at the desired length from the top of the pad.

The object of this invention is the production of a pad of the nature stated having parts of special construction and arrangement whereby it is believed the same may be most conveniently used by any person for the purpose intended.

The construction and arrangement of the parts of this invention are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, of which Fig. 1 represents a vertical section through the pad made in accordance with this invention, showing all parts assembled, and a catheter in position. Fig. 2 is a front or edge view showing the mouth of the passage in the body of the pad. Fig. 3 is a view on a smaller scale of drawing showing the invention connected with a source of irrigating solution and placed upon a suitable support for operation as described.

Throughout the drawings and description the same number is used to refer to the same part.

Considering the drawings, the pad 1 is to be made entirely of soft rubber with a raised or protuberant portion 2 on its top. The pad 1 has a flat bottom, and the entire pad may be of the same thickness, or the thickness may increase gradually from the side edges in an inclined upper surface 3.

It will be noted in Figs. 1 and 2 that a thicknened or reinforced enlargement 4 extends from the raised portion 2 to the edge of the pad 1, and a channel 5 is formed through the body of the pad horizontally from the mouth of the passage at the edge of the pad and curving upwardly through the raised portion 2. The mouth of the passage is marked 6. The pad is thickened along the course of the passage, but it is found unnecessary to line the passage with metal, and the whole is made in one piece of rubber.

The passage 5 is formed sufficiently large and of such curvature that the rubber catheter 7 may be introduced movably and the end 8 thereof caused to project to any desired length above the raised portion 2. This enables the operator to give a high or low enema as required.

The purpose of the raised or humped portion 2, which it will be observed is located to one side of the middle point of the body of the pad 1, is to give sufficient body at that point of the pad to support the weight of the patient and to permit the introduction of the colonic tube or catheter freely without the danger of the weight closing the passage or channel 5.

It is not intended to limit this invention to any particular thickness or size or contour of the pad body.

In operation the pad is placed upon any suitable support as illustrated in Fig. 3. The rubber catheter or other like tube is lubricated with a little vaseline and passed through the passage or channel 5 so that the end 8 of the catheter extends vertically above the raised portion or hump 2 which fits easily into the depression of the anus thus making it more comfortable for use, and the hump 2 also acts to gently separate the parts of the patient adjacent to the anus and renders the introduction of the catheter relatively easy to properly accomplish. The irrigating solution as is customary, passes through a rubber tube 9 into the catheter 7. The tube 9 may be provided with the ordinary compression clamp 10 within reach of the patient, and the solution is contained in a raised vessel 11, as illustrated in Fig. 3.

Having now described this invention and its operation, I claim:—

1. An enema pad having a flat bottom body portion and an opening in the top, the said body having a passage extending in a curving direction from the said opening, the mouth of the said passage being arranged adjacent to one edge of the pad, and the said passage being adapted to guide the movement of a catheter and to cause the same to project vertically from the said opening.

2. An enema pad having a flat bottom body portion and a raised portion on its top, the said body having a passage extending downwardly through the said raised portion, the said passage varying its direction from said raised portion, the mouth of said passage being arranged adjacent to one edge of the pad, and the said passage being adapted to guide the movement of a catheter and to cause the same to project vertically from the said raised portion.

3. An enema pad having a flat bottom body portion provided with a raised portion on its top, said raised portion having a passage extending downwardly through the said raised portion, the said raised portion being located to one side of the middle point of the said body, the said passage varying its direction from said raised portion and extending through the body portion, the mouth of said passage being arranged adjacent to one edge of the pad, and the said passage being adapted to guide the movement of a catheter and cause the same to project vertically from the said raised portion of the body.

4. An enema pad having a flat bottom body portion provided with a raised portion on its top, the said raised portion being rounded on its top and sides and arranged at one side of the middle point of the said body, the said body having a passage extending downwardly through said raised portion and laterally through said body, the mouth of the said passage being arranged adjacent to the edge of the pad opposite the edge of the pad towards which the said raised portion is located, and the said passage being adapted to guide the movement of a catheter and cause the same to project vertically from the said raised portion.

5. An enema pad having a flat bottom body portion, the said body portion increasing upwardly in thickness from the edges of the pad and culminating in a raised portion having a rounded top and sides, the said body having a passage extending downwardly through said raised portion and laterally through the said body, the mouth of the said passage being arranged adjacent to an edge of the body, and the said passage being adapted to guide the movement of a catheter causing the same to project vertically through the said raised portion.

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