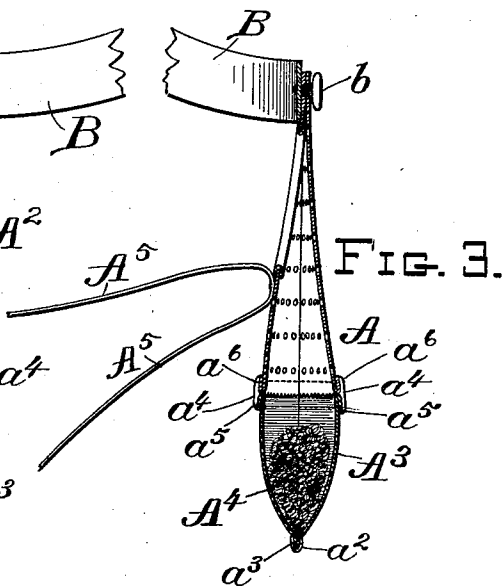
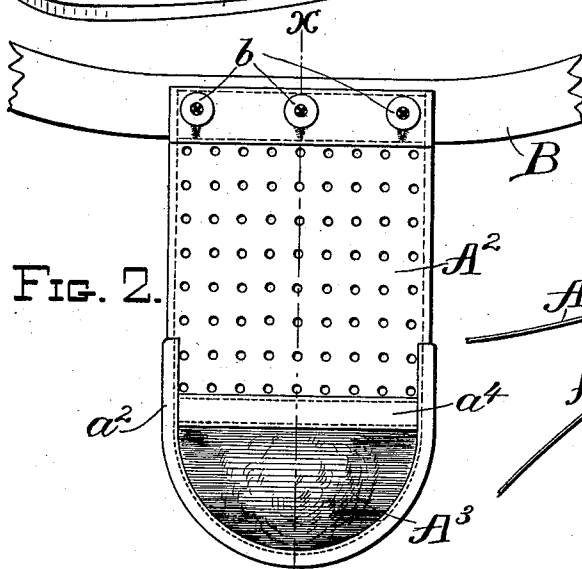
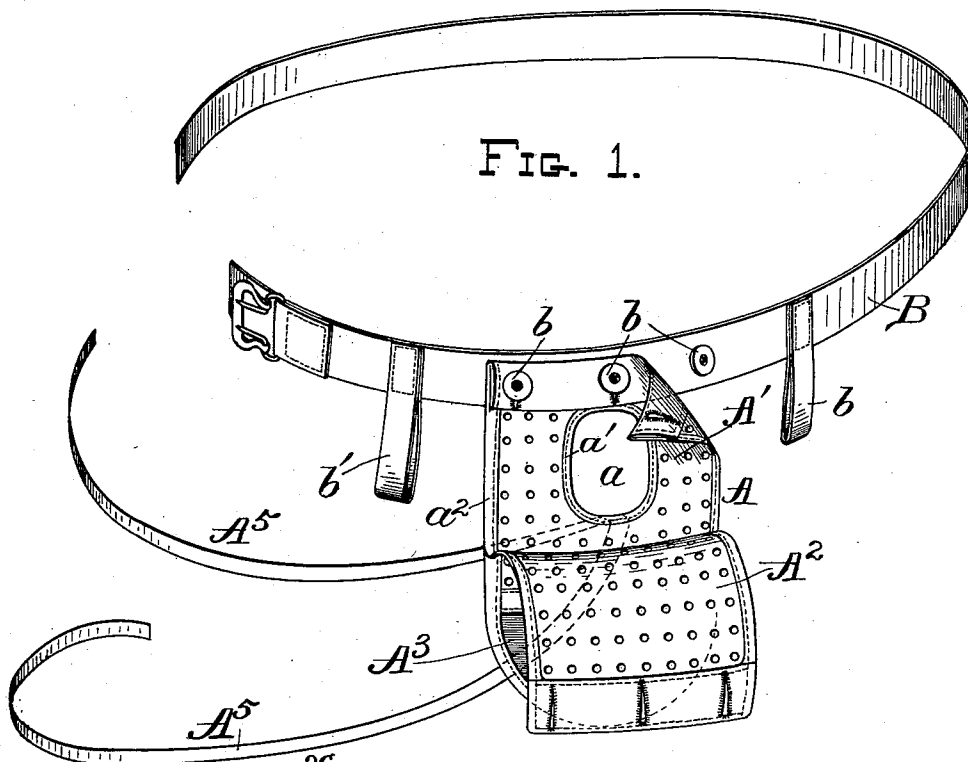


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM L. MARCY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Annapolis, in the county of Anne Arundel and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Double Aprons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in double aprons for use by males in diseases of the genito-urinary organs, where suppuration takes place, and it is especially intended for males affected with gonorrhea.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, in which the same parts are indicated by the same letters throughout the several views.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved double apron partly buttoned on to the belt, with the outer flap down. Fig. 2 represents a front view of my improved double apron, with the front flap buttoned up. Fig. 3 represents a section of the device along the line xx of Fig. 2.

A represents the improved double apron composed of two flaps A^1 and A^2 of perforated material, preferably cotton or linen, and a bag or drip receptacle A^3 , preferably made of oil silk, but which may be made of any other material impervious to water. Into this bag a mass of cotton, or other absorptive material A^4 , is placed to absorb the mucous matter dripping from the organ. The double apron is buttoned by means of the buttons b , to the belt B. The said belt has loops b' which may serve either to support the strings A^5 away from the scrotum, and adjacent regions of the body, or may serve as points to fasten the said band for the purposes to be hereinafter described. The edges of the double apron are protected by tape bindings a^2 , and where the perforated material and the oil silk join, the ends of each as a^5 and a^6 are bent back as shown in Fig. 3, and are then sewed to the tape a^4 as shown in Fig. 3.

The bag A^3 is made in two sections, each

approximately semicircular, and the union of the outer edges is effected by laying the edges flat against each other, as shown at a^3 in Fig. 3, and in then binding the two together with a piece of tape as shown at a^2 in the said figure. By making the various seams in this manner, no rough edges are anywhere presented which may fray and irritate the diseased member.

The operation of the device is as follows:—The diseased penis is inserted in the hole a , protected by the soft binding material, preferably tape a' , and the end hangs down over the absorbent mass A^4 , which catches and absorbs the drippings. When this mass becomes partly saturated, it should be removed, and fresh material inserted in its place. Free access may at all times be had to the bag A^3 , by unbuttoning the front flap, as shown in Fig. 1, and this flap may also be unbuttoned for purposes of urination.

Should it be desired to change the double apron, the old one may be taken off, and a new one buttoned on.

The strings or tapes A^5 are provided for the purpose of holding the double apron in place during the night, in which case the said strings should be passed between the legs, and brought around the hips and secured to the loops b' . When thus secured, the device will not allow the penis to drop out during the night and soil the bedclothes.

I am aware that patents have been issued to Heaney, No. 173,857, dated February 22, 1876, and to Ware, No. 375,846, dated January 3, 1888, for devices which resemble the herein-described device in many respects, but my device possesses special advantages over those shown in either of said patents in that the two perforated flaps forming the upper portion of the double apron allow the diseased parts to be kept well ventilated and consequently not to be heated unduly; while the impervious drip bag partly filled with absorbent material effectually prevents the drippings from soiling the person or the clothing. Moreover, not only may the absorbent material be removed and destroyed, but the bag itself may be readily detached from the belt

and cleansed, or it may be destroyed and a fresh bag buttoned on.

I claim as new—

An article of manufacture, to wit, a double
5 apron, comprising a belt, two detachable perforated flaps buttoned thereto, the inner one of said flaps having a hole therein adapted to receive the penis; a bag impervious to water attached to the lower ends of said flaps; absorbent material placed in said bag, and

strings adapted to pass between the legs, attached to the inner flap beneath said hole for the penis, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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

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