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Fig. 1.

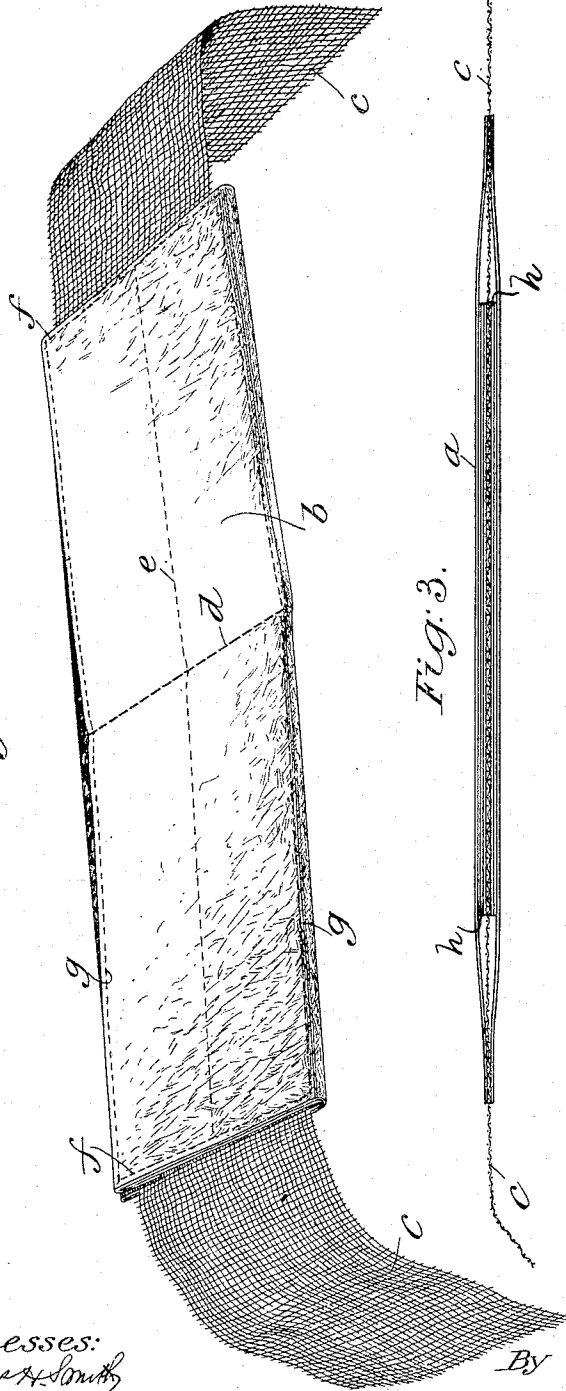
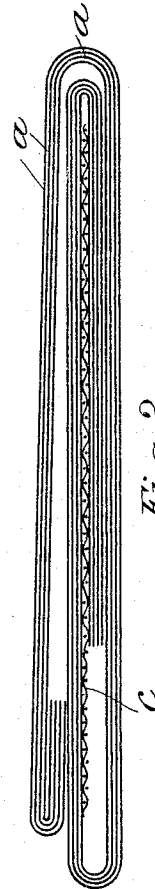


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA B. CAHOON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Catamenial Bandages, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore so far as I am aware catamenial bandages have commonly been made of a body of cotton or similar material inclosed in a wrapper of cotton cloth, or linen, or some such substance, but bandages so constructed are generally heavy, hot and more or less expensive, and the object of my invention is the provision of a catamenial bandage which is not only light in weight, cool, and inexpensive, but also sanitary, in that it is so cheap that when once used it may be thrown away.

In carrying out my invention I preferably employ a plurality of sheets of more or less absorbent paper, and a band or strip of gauze fabric, the said sheets of paper being superimposed and folded over upon each other and also over and inclosing the said strip of fabric, which is of such a length as to extend appreciably beyond the opposite ends of the pad formed by the folded sheets of paper, so as to be connected to a band or other support after the pad has been adjusted in position on the wearer.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved catamenial bandage. Fig. 2 is an enlarged cross section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a section of a modified form of the invention.

Referring particularly to the drawing, my improved catamenial bandage preferably comprises a plurality of superimposed sheets of crape or other suitable paper of a more or less absorbent character so folded as to form an elongated paper pad indicated at *b*. The folds in the superimposed sheets of paper, in forming the pad, are turned over a strip of gauze material *c* preferably a coarse cheese cloth, which passes longitudinally through the pad and extends beyond the ends thereof so as to provide a support for the pad and means whereby the same

may be connected to a strap or the clothing of the wearer after the pad has been adjusted to position.

In order that the relationship between the pad *b* and the strip *c* may be fixed and maintained, the same may be connected by lines of sewing as indicated in dotted lines Fig. 1, either one or all of which may be employed, that is to say, I may employ a single line of sewing *d* across the center of the pad, or a line of sewing *e* extending longitudinally through the center of the pad, or lines of sewing *f* at the ends, or lines of sewing *g* at the sides of the pad.

As illustrated in Fig. 3, I find it expedient for some cases to reinforce the central portion of the pad for an appreciable distance with additional layers of paper *h* preferably of the same material as the sheets of paper *a*.

As hereinbefore indicated the particularly advantageous features of my improved catamenial bandage are that it is very light in weight, cool, and inexpensive, being designed to be thrown away after use, thereby obviating the necessity of washing.

Paper of crape or similar character is not only cool and light in weight, but very absorbent of fluids and the crape paper which is of a fluted, corrugated or crinkled character provides a greater absorbent surface and a minute cellular surface to retain fluids, while being absorbed by the paper.

I claim as my invention:

As a new article of manufacture, a catamenial bandage comprising a plurality of superimposed sheets of absorbent paper so folded as to form an elongated pad, and a strip of coarse gauze material passing longitudinally through the pad and extending beyond the ends thereof, and a line of sewing connecting the said pad and strip to maintain the one in a fixed relationship to the other.

Signed by me this 26th day of February 1909.

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