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CATAMENIAL SACK.

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Fig. 1

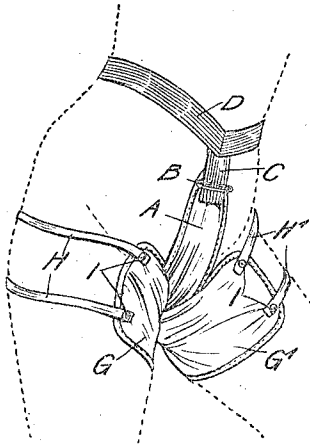


Fig. 3

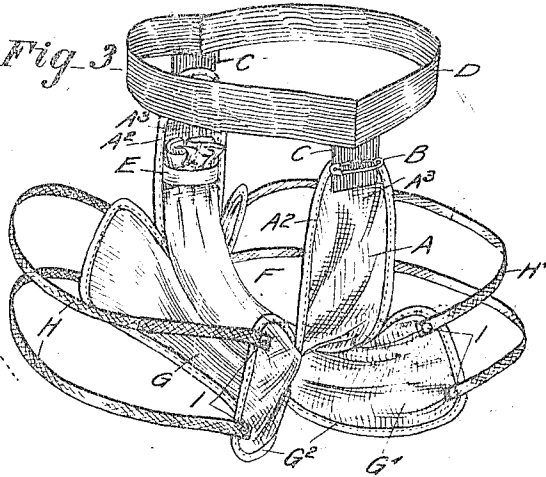


Fig. 2

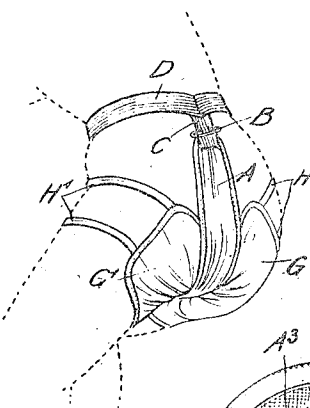


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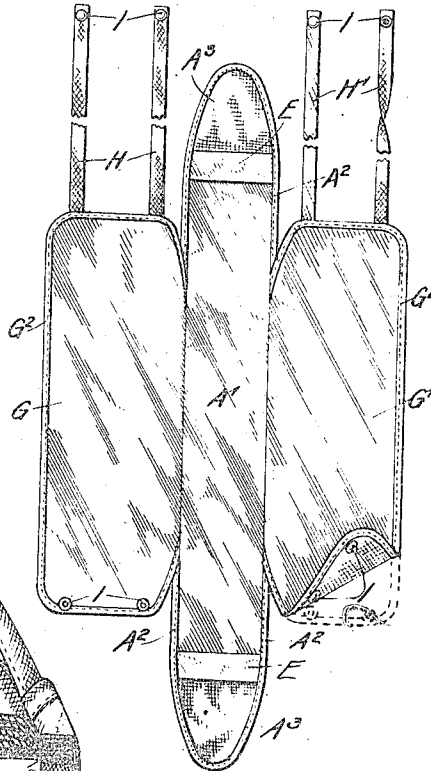
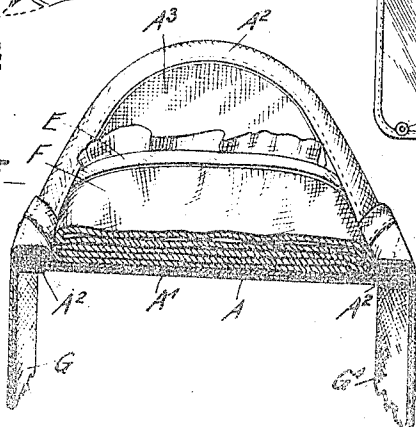


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE M. GOODNOU, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Catamenial Sack, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved catamenial sack arranged to detachably support a napkin and to protect the wearer's underwear against soiling.

In order to accomplish the desired result use is made of a napkin support provided with means for detachably supporting a napkin; a belt to which the ends of the said support are detachably secured, protecting flaps extending outward from the sides of the said support and adapted to fit the legs of the wearer, and retaining means at one end of the said flaps and adapted to be passed around the wearer's legs to be attached to the other end of the said flaps.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the catamenial sack as applied; Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view of the same; Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the catamenial sack; Fig. 4 is a plan view of the support and its flaps in extended position; and Fig. 5 is an enlarged cross section of the catamenial sack with a napkin in position thereon.

The support A is preferably formed of a piece or strip of cotton, linen or like fabric material, overlaid by a piece A' of a moisture-proof material such as rubberized or impervious cloth, the said piece A' being secured along its side edges by a binding A² extending all around the support A. The piece A' terminates at its ends a distance from the rounded off ends A³ of the support A, and the said ends A³ are fastened by safety pins or other fastening devices B to tabs C depending from the front and rear of a suitable belt D of elastic or non-elastic material to suit the convenience of the wearer. Loops E extend across the upper face of the support A at the ends of the piece A' and the ends of the loops are fastened in place at the binding A². A folded napkin, absorbent pad or other absorbing means F

is adapted to be placed on top of the piece A' of the support A, and the ends of the said absorbing means are passed under the loops E to hold the said absorbing means in position on the support A, as plainly indicated in Figs. 3 and 5.

To the sides of the support A at the middle portion thereof are secured protecting flaps G, G' of rubberized or impervious cloth and adapted to engage the legs of the wearer, as plainly shown in Figs. 1 and 2, to protect the underwear of the wearer from being soiled. The flaps G, G' are provided with suitable bindings G². To the rear ends of the flaps G, G' are secured bands or straps H, H', preferably two for each flap and preferably made of an elastic material. The straps H, H' are adapted to be passed around the legs of the wearer and the front ends of the said straps are adapted to be fastened to the front ends of the flaps G, G' by the use of suitable fastening devices I such as buttons and buttonholes, or stud and socket members, as indicated in the drawings. By the arrangement described the protecting flaps G, G' are held snugly against the legs of the wearer without being uncomfortable, and when the flaps are in this position they properly protect the wearer's underwear against being soiled. In order to insure a proper fitting of the protecting flaps G, G' around the legs the inner edges of the ends of the said flaps G, G' are curved outward and are detached from the support A, thus allowing the said inner free edges of the ends of the flaps G, G' to fit the groin of the wearer at the front and to extend over the sides of the buttocks at the rear without the least danger of binding or chafing.

It will be noticed that in terminating the piece A' a distance from the ends A³ of the support A the said ends A³ are left soft and unobstructed for convenient attachment of the safety pins B.

In using the device, the wearer first puts on the belt and then attaches the rear end of the support A to the rear tab C, after which the support A is passed between the legs to the front and attached to the front tab C. The wearer next passes the straps H, H' around the leg at the outside thereof and fastens the free ends of the straps to the front ends of the protecting flaps G, G' to hold the latter in protecting position on the legs, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Having thus described my invention, I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A catamenial sack, comprising a support made of a flat strip of textile material overlaid by an impervious cloth, the ends of the strip being provided with means for detachably holding an absorbing means in position on the support, a belt to which the ends of the said support are detachably secured, protecting flaps of impervious cloth extending from the sides of the said support at the middle thereof, the ends of the flaps being detached from the support and the said flaps being adapted to fit the wearer's legs, and means for holding the said protecting flaps in position on the wearer's legs.

2. A catamenial sack, comprising a band like support for an absorbing means, a belt

having depending tabs at the front and rear and to which the ends of the said support are detachably secured, protecting flaps extending from the sides of the middle portion of the said support and adapted to fit the legs of the wearer, the said flaps having their ends curved outward and detached from the sides of the support, and fastening straps attached to the ends of the said protecting flaps and adapted to pass around the wearer's legs to hold the said flaps in position on the legs.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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