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TRUSS PAD.

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Fig. 1

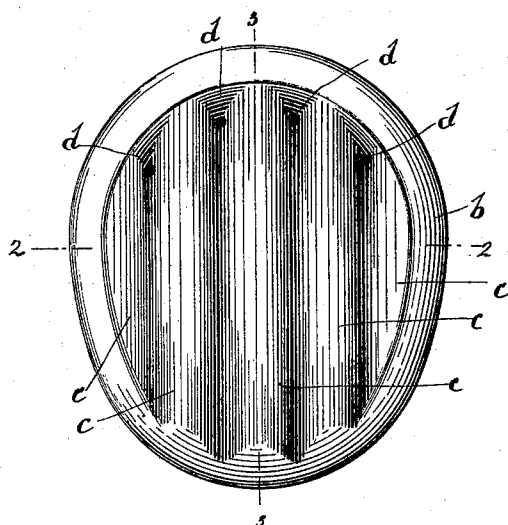


Fig. 2

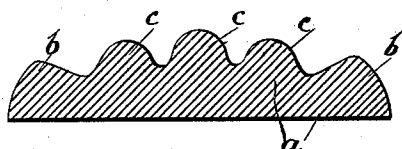
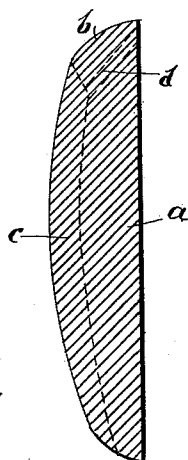


Fig. 3



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TRUSS-PAD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SMITH TUCKER, of Medina, in the county of Orleans and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Truss-Pad, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is a truss-pad formed of rigid material and constructed, so that the pad will more effectively control the rupture, the pad being provided with ribs engaging the skin and serving to draw together the loose folds thereof.

This specification is the disclosure of one form of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope of the conception.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional view on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3 is a similar view on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1.

The pad may be of oval form, as shown in the drawings, and is adapted to have its outer face *a* attached to the truss so that the pad may be held. The inner face of the pad is provided with a rib *b*, running around the bottom and each side of the pad. Extending vertically on the inner face of the pad are a series of parallel ribs *c*. The lower ends of the ribs *c* abut against the edge flange *b* at the bottom or lower edge of the pad, and the upper ends of the ribs *c* run through the rib

b to the very edge of the pad. If desired, the pad may be provided with openings *d*, running diagonally outward and downward from the several spaces between the ribs *c* and at the lower ends thereof. The pad so constructed is held by the truss with the ribs *b* and *c* against the rupture. Such a pad will more easily and effectively hold the rupture in place, gathering the loose folds of skin between the ribs *b* and *c*. The openings *d* employed serve to permit the circulation of air under the pad, as well as to carry off the perspiration beneath the pad.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A truss-pad formed of rigid material, and having one face provided with a rib run around the edge thereof, and with parallel ribs located in the space inclosed by the edge rib, the lower ends of the parallel ribs abutting against the edge rib, and the upper ends of the parallel ribs being run through the edge rib to the very edge of the pad.

2. A truss-pad formed of rigid material, provided with an edge rib, and with parallel ribs abutting against the edge rib, the pad having openings therein, the openings extending from the spaces between the parallel ribs.

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