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Fig. 1.

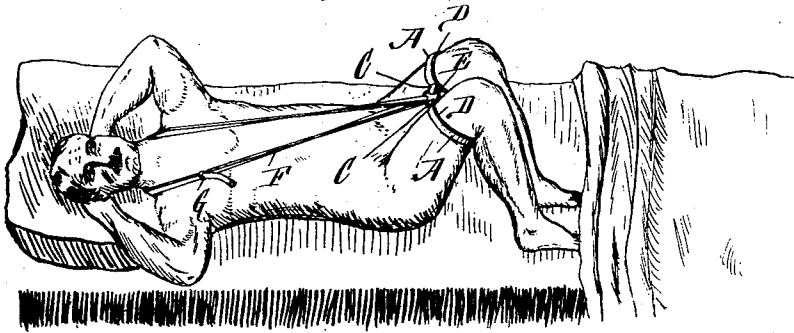


Fig. 3.

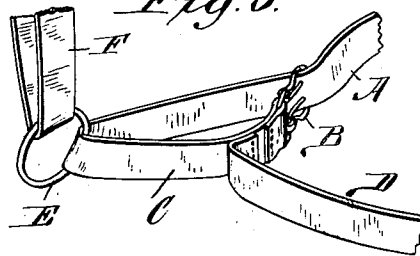


Fig. 2.

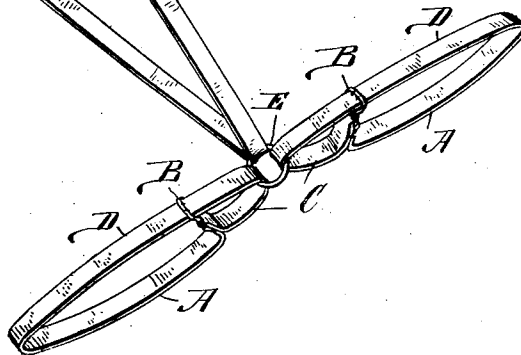
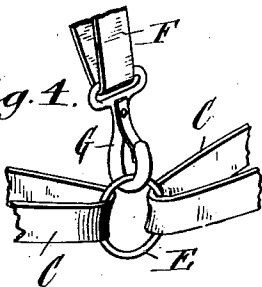


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARENCE W. FRASER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Body-Guards, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved body guard adapted to prevent the bed clothing from coming in contact with certain parts of man's body while asleep or when lying at rest.

The object of my invention is the production of a simple, inexpensive, and effective device of the character mentioned, which is primarily designed to guard against the bed clothing coming in contact with the generative organs of man, particularly of such who are afflicted with spermatorrhea; it being well known that in aggravated cases of this disease, the warmth of the bed clothing against such parts, and particularly friction of the clothing, produces seminal emissions, a cure of which can only be effected by preventing the causes.

My invention is also desirable in cases of operations upon the front of the body; it serving to relieve the body from the weight of the clothing, which would otherwise contribute to the discomfort and pain of the patient.

The invention comprises leg bands or loops connected by a ring, and a guard or support for the clothing in the form of a strap or band passed around the neck of the user and connected to said leg bands or loops by said ring, said guard strap being adjustable so that it may be held taut.

The device is applied when the knees of the user are elevated, as shown in Fig. 1; which assures an elevated position for the guard strap whereon the bed clothing may be supported out of contact with the body between the knees and the chest of the user.

In the drawings, in which similar letters of reference refer to similar parts in the several figures, Figure 1 is a view showing the device applied to a person. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the device with the guard strap broken, Fig. 3 is a still further enlarged perspective view of the lower end of the guard strap, a portion of one leg band, and the ring connecting said parts. Fig. 4 is an enlarged view of a modified form of connection of the guard-strap to the ring, showing also a portion of the leg-bands.

A designates the leg-bands which are slipped over the legs from the bottom to a point above the knees where they are adjusted by means of buckles B. Each of these bands is formed of a strap having the buckle affixed to one end; being thence looped, as at C, to form a connecting loop and passed through the buckle and having its other end secured to the first mentioned adjacent said buckle; said strap thus forming a second or larger loop serving as a leg-loop D.

The loops C of the leg-bands are connected by a metallic ring E, thus tying the legs of the user together. Said loops, however, permit a slight movement of the legs toward and from each other to render the user of the device more comfortable.

A guard or clothes-supporting band or strap F is passed through the ring E, and is of sufficient length to be conveniently applied around the neck of the user without cramping or inconvenience; a buckle G being applied to one end of the strap through which the opposite end of the latter may be passed, and the buckle fastened at the desired point. In this manner the guard or clothes-supporting strap can be adjusted to fit the user, and when applied, forms two straps arranged lengthwise of the body and above the same.

In Fig. 4, I have shown a snap-hook H applied to the guard or clothes support which is connected with the ring E, thus permitting the guard or support to be disconnected from the leg-straps. This may be preferred by some users, as the parts may be disconnected and change of posture assumed without passing the guard over the head or loosening the guard at the buckle G.

The device is constructed so that it can be folded into a small space, and conveniently carried about when traveling; the straps being preferably made of strong webbing, but any other material may be used, if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is,—

1. A device of the character described comprising a guard adapted to lie lengthwise and above the body, two leg-bands adapted to be attached to the legs above the knees, and a connection between said leg-bands and said guard or support.

2. A device of the character described comprising two adjustable leg-bands adapted to be applied to the legs above the knees, connecting-means between said bands, and

a guard strap adapted to be passed around the neck and extend downward along the body and above the same and having its lower end connected to said connecting-means.

3. A device of the character described comprising a guard band adapted to be passed around the neck of the user and extend downward therefrom along the body and out of contact therewith, and leg-bands adapted to be applied to the legs and having connection with the lower end of said guard band.

4. A device of the character described comprising two leg-bands adapted to be applied to the legs of the user and being flexibly connected to permit limited lateral movement of the legs, and a guard consisting of a strap adapted to be passed around the neck and to extend downward along the body and out of contact therewith, said strap being affixed at its lower end to the flexible connection of the leg-bands.

5. A device of the character described comprising two leg-bands formed of straps, each strap having a buckle at one end, thence being passed through the buckle to form a connecting-loop and the other end thereof being secured at or near the first-mentioned end to form a leg-loop, a ring through which

said connecting-loops are passed, and a strap passed through said ring and having a buckle at one end through which the other end thereof is to be passed, to form a band adapted to be passed around the neck of the user.

6. A device of the character described comprising two leg-bands adapted to be applied to the legs of the user, a ring connecting said leg-bands, a band adapted to be passed around the neck and extend downward along the body and out of contact therewith, and a snap-hook at the lower end of said last-mentioned band adapted for connection with said ring.

7. In a device of the character described, the combination of two leg-bands adapted to encircle the legs of a person, connection between said leg-bands, and a band adapted to be passed around the neck and extend downward along the body to a point between the leg-bands when it is secured to the connection between said leg-bands.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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