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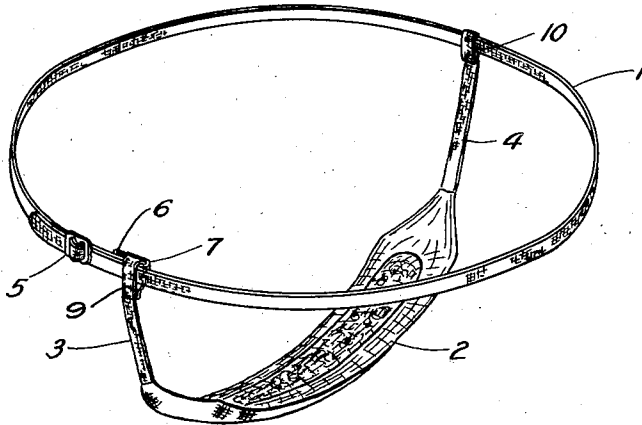


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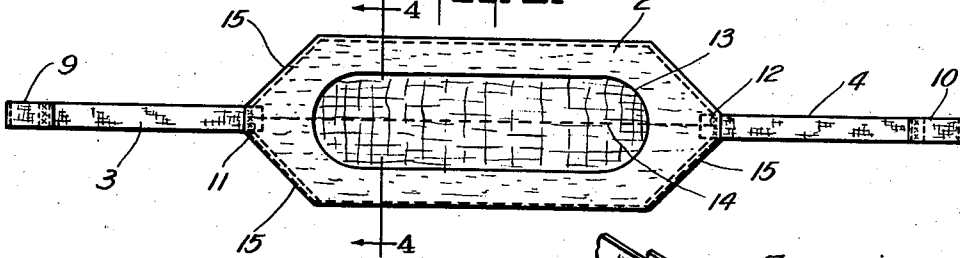


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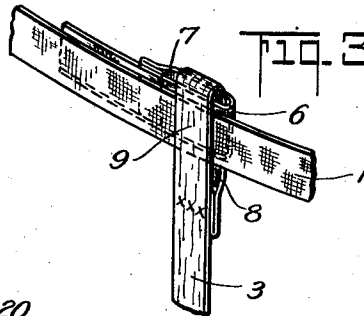


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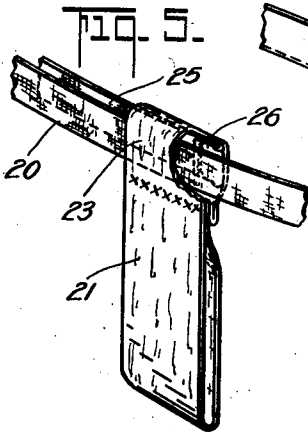


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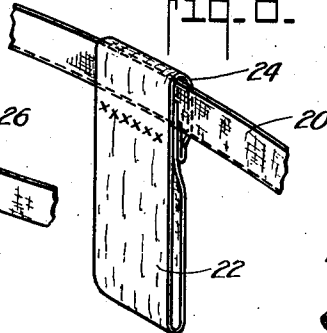
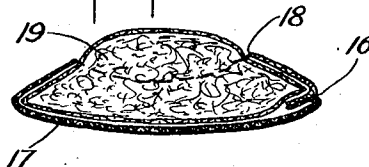


Fig. 4.



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The purpose of this invention is to provide a sanitary belt in which a pad may be readily removed and replaced, in which the construction is comparatively simple, so that it is neat and comfortable.

The invention is a belt of a comparatively narrow elastic band having a pouch suspended therefrom by narrow pieces of elastic in which the ends of the pouch are stitched to the pieces of elastic.

Sanitary belts and pads have been provided in different types and designs, and some have been provided with a pouch suspended from a narrow elastic belt but substantially all of these devices require pins, snaps, buckles, or some fastening means and, as any hardware on a device of this nature is objectionable, it is desirable to provide a device in which all buttons, snaps, pins, or the like, are removed.

The object of the invention is, therefore, to provide a simple, neat and comfortable sanitary belt in which all pins, snaps or other fastening means are eliminated.

Another object is to provide a pouch for a sanitary belt in which an absorbent pad may readily be held without any fastening means whatever, and from which said pad may readily be removed.

Another object is to provide a sanitary belt in which the waist band is adjustable and from which a pouch may be supported with the forward end held stationary and with the back slidable in relation to the belt.

Another object is to provide a pouch for a sanitary belt which may be attached to a narrow waist band or girdle, or any supporting means.

A further object is to provide a sanitary belt having a pouch that may readily be washed and cleaned.

And a still further object is to provide a sanitary belt having a removable pad which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these ends in view the invention embodies a comparatively thin, narrow elastic belt forming a waist band and a pouch having an opening in the upper side thereof and having narrow elastic bands attached to the ends by which it may be supported from the belt.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description, taken in connection with the drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view showing the device as it may be used.

Figure 2 is a plan view showing the pouch with the elastic straps attached to the ends thereof.

Figure 3 is a detail showing the method of at-

taching the end strap of the pouch to the belt at the front.

Figure 4 is a cross section thru the pouch showing a pad therein.

Figure 5 is a detail showing an alternate design in which a tab is provided at the front of the belt.

Figure 6 is a detail showing a tab similar to that shown in Figure 5, which is adapted to be used at the back of the belt.

In the drawing the device is shown as it may be made wherein numeral 1 indicates the belt, numeral 2 the pouch, numeral 3 the strap at the front of the pouch, and numeral 4 the strap at the back.

The belt 1 is preferably made of a comparatively thin elastic band, and this may be provided with a buckle 5 at the front by which the size thereof may readily be adjusted. The belt is otherwise plain, except that the end 6 at the front, which is positioned on the inside of the belt, is folded over to form a loop 7, thru which an end 8 of the strap 3 may be placed, and in which the loop formed by folding over the end 8 of the strap 3 may be held so that the strap 3 may be located on the belt. It will be understood, however, that the manner in which these ends of the straps are folded to form the loops is only typical, as these loops may be formed in any manner, or the ends may be held together by any means. It will be noted that the end 8 is folded over to form a loop 9, and the forward part of the belt 1 passes freely thru this loop, thereby holding the end of the strap 3 to the inner end 6 of the belt and permitting the end of the strap 3 to slide on the outer portion of the belt. The outer end of the strap 4 is also provided with a loop, as indicated by the numeral 10, and this loop is slidable over the belt 1, so that the back may be free to slide in either direction. The ends of the straps 3 and 4 are stitched in the ends of the pouch, as shown at the points 11 and 12, however, it will be understood that these may be attached to the pouch in any manner, or by any means.

The pouch 2 is preferably made of an oiled silk, however, it will be understood that it may be made of any other material and preferably of a material that is waterproof and which, at the same time, is soft and pliable, and which may also be washed. In the design shown in Figure 2 the pouch is made of a flat piece of silk folded to form an envelope with an opening 13 in the upper side and with the edges brought together and stitched at the center of the bottom, as indicated by the line 14. The corners may also be

cut and formed on the beveled lines 15, however, it will be understood that the ends may be of any shape or design. It will also be understood that the stitches 14 may be placed at one side, as shown at the point 16 in the design shown in Figure 4, in which the material is folded to form an envelope with the edges brought together and stitched at one side instead of in the center of the back, thereby leaving the back plain. In this design the pouch is indicated by the numeral 17, and this is provided with an opening 18 in the upper side and in this design an absorbent pad 19 is shown in the pouch. It will be understood that a pad of any type or description may be used and this pad is placed in the pouch thru the opening in the upper side with the ends of the pad extending beyond the opening and tucked in the ends of the pouch. When standard napkins are used, the ends may be folded under the pad so that they will be on the under side thereof. It will, therefore, be noted that a pad may readily be held in the pouch without changing the construction thereof and without using pins or any holding means.

25 In the design shown in Figures 5 and 6, the belt 20, which is similar to the belt 1, is provided with a tab 21 at the front and a similar tab 22 at the rear, and these tabs are provided with loops 23 and 24 at their upper ends, by which they are slidable on the belt 20. The tab 21 is secured to the inner end 25 of the belt 20 by stitches 26, so that the tab at the front may be located upon the belt, whereas the tab 22 is freely mounted thereon. Whereas these tabs are shown on a belt similar to the belt 1, it will be understood that they may be provided on a girdle or any other supporting means, and the straps 3 and 4 of the pouch 2 may be attached to these tabs in any manner or by any means.

40 It will be understood that other changes may be made in the device without departing from the spirit of the invention. One of which

changes may be in the use of a pouch of any other type or design, another may be in the use of any other supporting means at the ends of the pouch, and still another may be in the use of any other means for supporting the device and to which the ends of the straps 3 and 4 may be attached.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. In use the device may be made as shown and described, and it will be noted that the belt may be placed around the waist and the pouch supported therefrom. An absorbent pad of any type may be provided in the pouch, and this may be held in position without the use of pins, snaps, or any holding means. This pad may also be readily removed and replaced as desired, and the pouch may readily be washed and cleaned.

The belts may be provided in different sizes and the straps 3 and 4 may also be provided in different lengths, so that all adjusting buckles, snaps, or the like, are eliminated.

Having thus fully described the invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

As a new article of manufacture, a sanitary napkin comprising a soft, pliable water-proof pouch formed of a sheet of material folded over at one side to provide double thickness, stitched at the opposite side and ends, with the ends diagonally formed and with an opening in the upper surface, the length and width of which are relatively less than the length and width of the pouch providing overlapping sections extending inward from the edges of the pouch which provide the only holding means for a napkin in the pouch, and relatively small straps with loops at their outer ends extending into the ends of said pouch at the vertexes thereof, and held by the stitching of the pouch.

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