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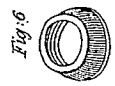


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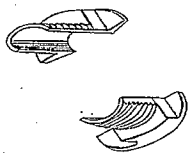


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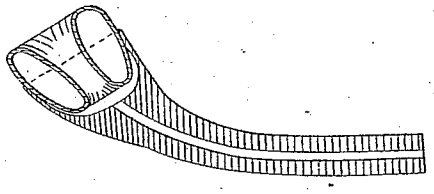


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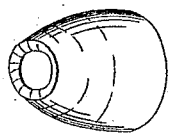
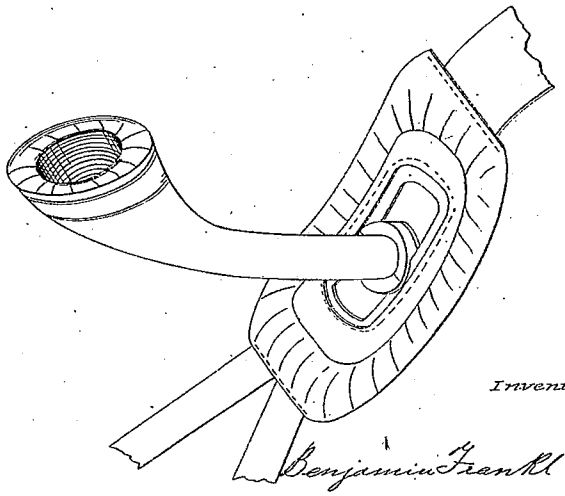


Fig: 1



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IMPROVEMENT IN PESSARIES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **36,040**, dated July 29, 1862.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TAFT, of Blackstone, in the county of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new instrument for replacing and supporting the womb in cases of prolapsus or falling of the womb, retroversion or anteversion of the same, by the use of which a radical cure can in most cases be effected; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the said instrument.

The nature of my instrument is to furnish a support to the womb, and not restrict or interfere with the natural motions and positions of the body of the wearer.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The instrument is composed of a hollow stem, to be made of rubber, glass, metal, or other substance, with a cup-shaped top of concavo-convex form, so as to receive a pessary of a concavo-convex shape, said pessary to be made of rubber, glass, metal, or other substance. The lower part of the stem is attached to a metallic plate by means of a clamp, with a nut to confine the clamp to the stem. The said clamp is made to slide up and down in an aperture in the plate, so as to create no irritation in bending the body forward or backward. The said plate is sewed to a pad, which is connected with a belt and bandage, so as to adapt it to the parts and likewise attach or secure it to the body, the bandage being elastic and the belt supplied with buckle, so as to adapt it to the size of the wearer, all of which instrument is shown in the drawings accompanying, which make a part of this specification, and are particularly described by letters and figures, as follows:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the instrument. Fig. 2 is a view of the bell-shaped pessary. Fig. 3 is a view of a section of the stem and pessary. Fig. 4 is a view of the clamp. Fig. 5 is a view of a section of the clamp and plate. Fig. 6 is a view of the nut that confines the clamp.

The advantages of this instrument over any that have been heretofore used are that it is easy of application, can be applied by the person who is to wear it. It elevates the womb to any required height, and the ball-and-socket form of the pessary adapts itself to the position of the womb in the various attitudes of the body, as also the sliding fastening to the bandage admits of motion of the body without irritation to the parts. The stem, being hollow, gives exit to the discharges from the womb, and allows the use of injections to the womb without removing the instrument. The urine can be passed or the bowels evacuated without removing the instrument.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The ball-and-socket movement of the pessary in the stem and the slide motion and method of adapting it to different individuals, so that the womb can be elevated to any required height.

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