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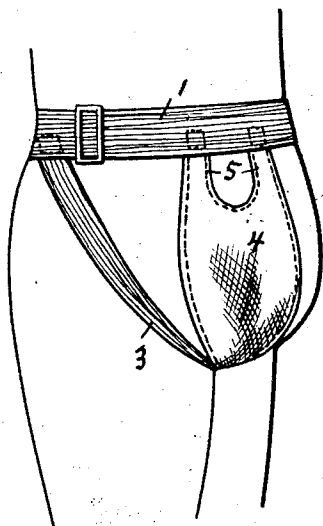


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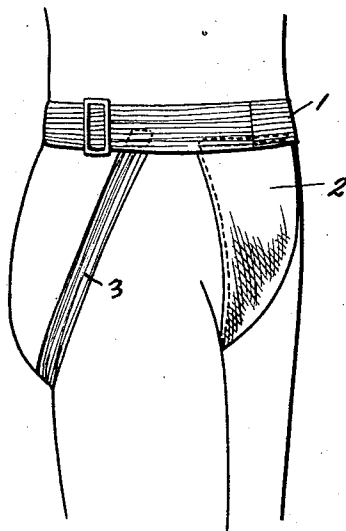
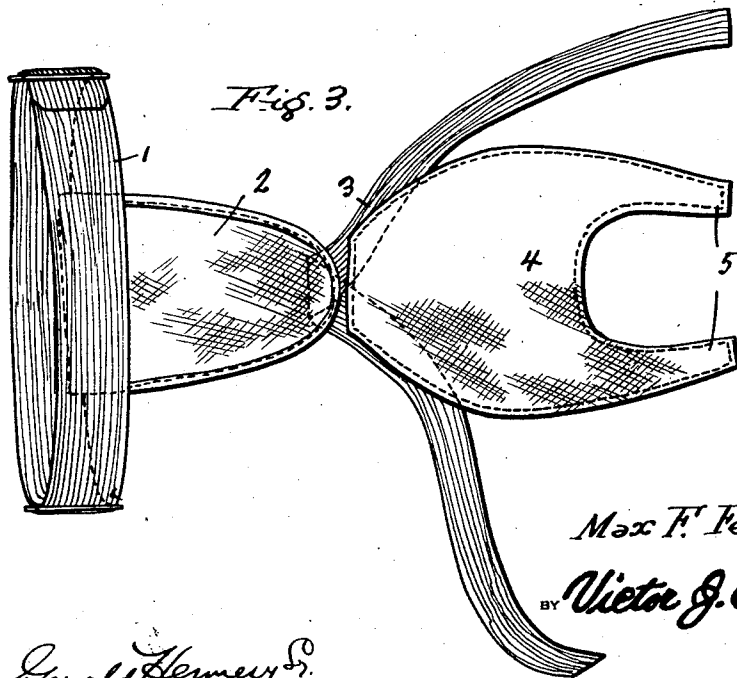


Fig. 3.



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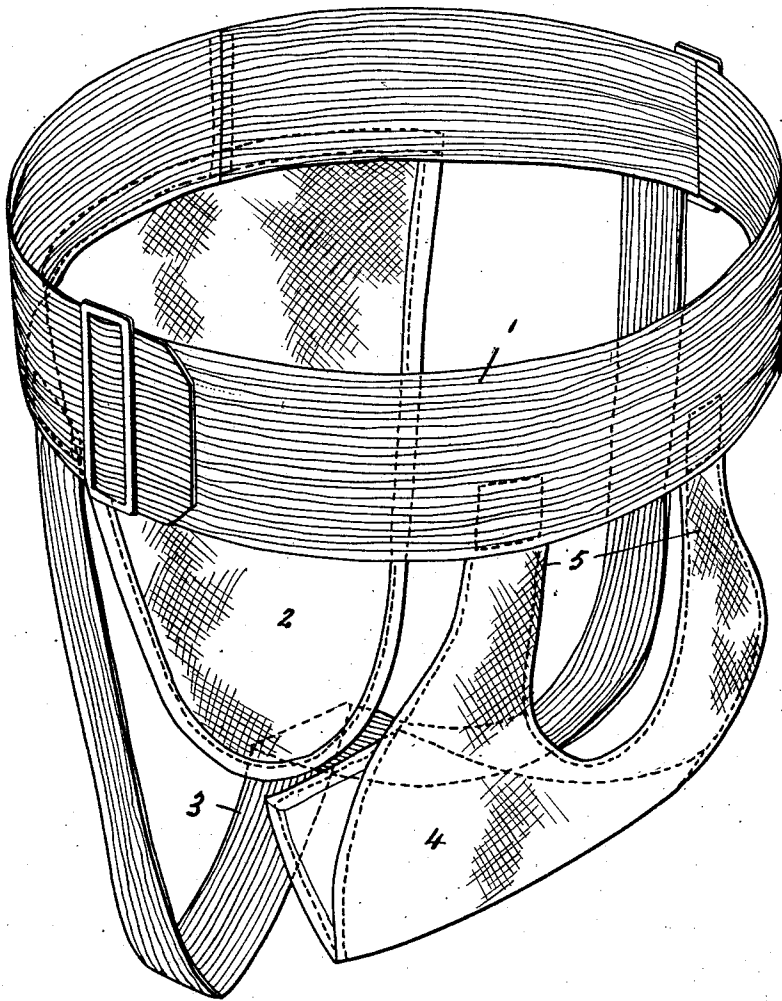
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Fig. 4.



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The object is the provision of a catamenial or menstrual bandage of a construction to snugly fit the body of the wearer without slippage or displacement, which is sanitary, which when positioned, requires no adjustment and which embodies the desirable features of simplicity and durability and comfort to the wearer.

To the attainment of the foregoing the invention consists the improvement as hereinafter described and definitely claimed.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improvement as applied, looking toward the rear of the device.

Figure 2 is a similar view looking toward the front of the device.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the improvement.

Figure 4 is a perspective view thereof.

In carrying out my invention I make use of a waist belt 1. The belt is comparatively wide and is of elastic material. If desired, and as disclosed by the drawings, the belt may be in two parts, each having a buckle on its end to receive therethrough the end of the cooperating part. This is not an absolute necessity, as the elasticity of the belt will conform itself to the waist of the user.

The belt 1 at the front thereof, has stitched or otherwise secured thereto the straight end of a semi-elliptical piece 2 of suitable fabric. The piece 2 is in the nature of an abdominal support and has secured to its reduced or outer end a strip of elastic material. The strip is centrally folded on itself to provide oppositely arranged angularly disposed straps 3. The central folded portion of the strip is secured, in any desired manner, to the piece 2.

Stitched or otherwise secured to the lapping portions of the straps 3 there is a pad or apron 4, preferably of water proof material. The body of the pad or apron is centrally widened, and the edges thereof are rounded. The outer end of the apron is centrally cutaway to provide the said apron with extending portions in the nature of straps 5. These straps 5 are stitched or otherwise secured to the rear of the waist belt 1, while the ends of the straps 3 are stitched to the opposite sides of the belt. The apron 4 snugly conforms itself to the

buttocks of the user and serves to support this portion of the anatomy and, being connected to the abdominal support 2 holds the latter properly positioned, while the elastic straps 3, embracing the sides of the buttocks and being connected to the support 2 and the elastic belt hold both the support and apron properly and effectively sustained. This arrangement is clearly disclosed in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. The pad or apron may have secured thereon, preferably by safety pins, a sanitary napkin, although it is in no way necessary that the same should be fastened thereto.

The arrangement of the device on the person of the user is clearly illustrated by the drawings. Incident to the elasticity of the waist belt 1, the manner in which the elastic straps grip the wearer and force the parts of the improvement to the position illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, of the drawings, the liability of slippage or displacement of the belt is entirely overcome.

The device may be readily positioned and easily removed. The construction is comparatively simple and may be worn with perfect comfort by the user. Of course, I am not to be restricted to the precise details of construction or material employed and may make such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of what I claim:

Having described the invention, I claim:—

In a catamenial appliance, a supporting belt of elastic material, comprising two sections which are adjustably connected, a pad of water proof material having its edges rounded inwardly to the ends thereof, one of said ends being straight and the other end having strap extensions which are fixed to the back member of the belt at points equidistant from the center, a fabric front of semi-elliptical formation, having its widened edge fixed to the front section of the belt, a strap having its ends fixed to the sides of the front member of the belt and having its central portion lapped upon itself to underlie the outer and confronting ends of the pad and of the front piece, and the edges of the said pad and front piece being stitched to the said portion of the strap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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