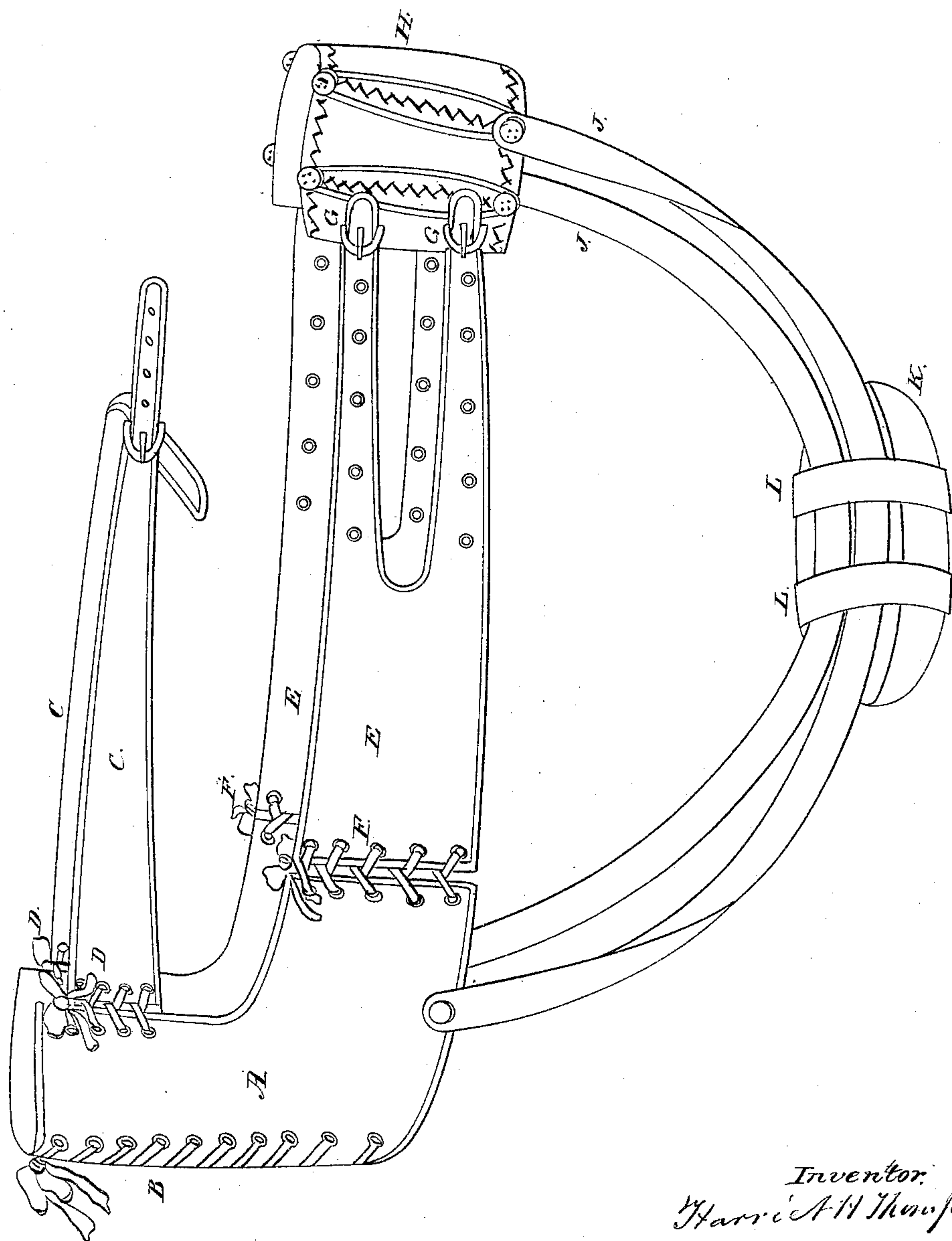


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IMPROVEMENT IN ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET H. THOMPSON, of the city of Washington, and District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Abdominal Supporters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of a back-brace, an abdominal supporter, and a pad for the crotch, with adjustable and yielding lacers and straps for the purpose of supporting the spine or small of the back, the abdomen, and womb.

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

The invention is made of buckskin or any light material, so as to be most comfortable to the wearer.

A represents an upright brace about eight inches high, that fits across the small of the back, on the spine, just above the hips, the lower part of the brace being about ten inches wide. It is a light pad stiffened with whale-bones covered with buckskin and laced down behind, as at B, and has two straps, C C, attached at each side, near the top, to buckle around the body and to be adjusted by lacers D D, that give them a yielding quality. Lower straps, E E, are also connected to the back-brace A by adjustable and yielding lacers F. The tongues of these straps are fastened by buckles G G to an abdominal supporter, H, which is a light and stiff pad about three inches in height and above six

inches wide, that fits in front at the lower part of the abdomen, to support the abdomen.

I have two light buckskin ribbons or straps, J J, the ends of which are buttoned onto the lower sides of the brace A and supporter H. To these straps J J a small soft buckskin pad or cushion, K, stuffed with cotton or hair, about four inches long and two inches wide, is attached by two bands, L L, passing around the cushion. The straps J J can be lengthened or shortened, as required, and pass under the bands L L, so as to be kept flat to the cushion K and fit in the crotch of the wearer, for the purpose of strengthening and supporting the womb or lower part of the abdomen, and relieve the pains incident to the distention and falling of the womb.

The advantages of these supporters combined are their adjustable and yielding qualities to suit the shapes and sizes of small or large persons, and being so very light, and binding on all sides, they answer fully the purposes intended and are most comfortable, economical, and beneficial to the wearer, allowing the wearer to work in any position or posture, and strengthening the body. They have been fully tested, and they have afforded the greatest relief and even effected cures.

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

The back-brace A, abdominal supporter H, and cushion K, with their adjustable and yielding straps C, E, and J, when constructed, arranged, and combined as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

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