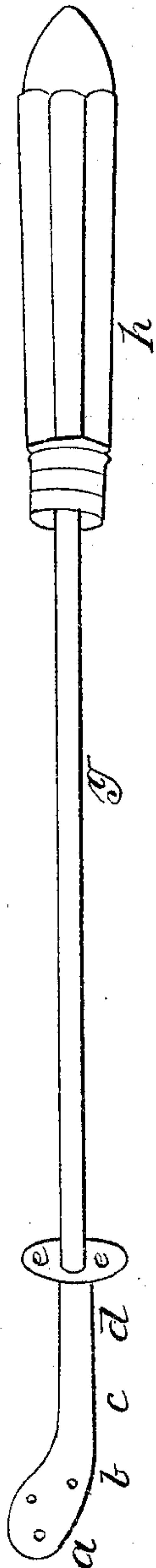


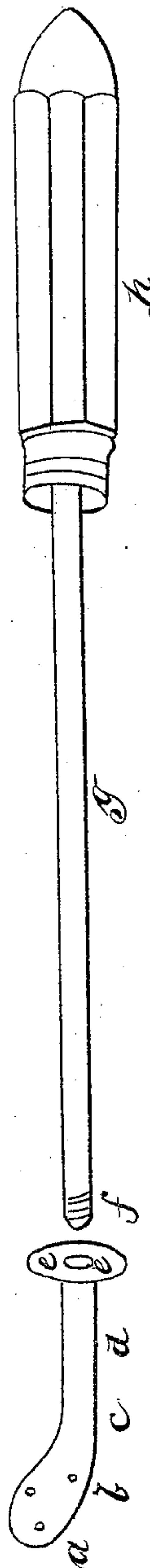
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Fig. 1



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Fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN PESSARIES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN H. CHRISTIE, of the town of Herkimer, in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Instrument for Supporting the Uterus in the disease known as "prolapsus uteri."

I call my invention "Christie's Uterine Supporter;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the instrument with the parts united, and Fig. 2 is a view of the same with the parts detached from each other.

My invention consists in the curved pear-shaped tube *a b c d*, perforated with small holes at the upper end, *a*. *e e* is a rim or flange surrounding the lower end of the tube described above. *g h* is the handle attached to the tube inside the rim or flange *e e* by means of the screw *f*. (Seen in Fig. 2.)

The tube *a b c d* should be made of silver or india-rubber, or any other substance which is not affected by moisture. The handle can be made of any metallic substance, of india-rubber, or gutta-percha.

The tube *a b c d* is to be introduced into the uterus by means of the handle *g h*. After it is introduced the handle can be separated from the tube, thereby leaving the lower end of the tube open.

The os sinæ, or mouth of the womb, contracts around the small part *d* of the tube, by which means the instrument is kept in the position in which it is to be worn, and thus preventing the uterus from falling over in any direction. This instrument can be worn without the least injury or inconvenience, the secretions of the uterus passing into the tube through the perforations at the upper end, *a*, and escaping through the aperture formed by the removing of the handle from the lower end.

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

The curved pear-shaped tube *a b c d*, perforated at the upper end, *a*, and opened at the lower end within the flange or rim *e e* by removing the handle *g h*, constructed and used in the manner described in this specification.

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