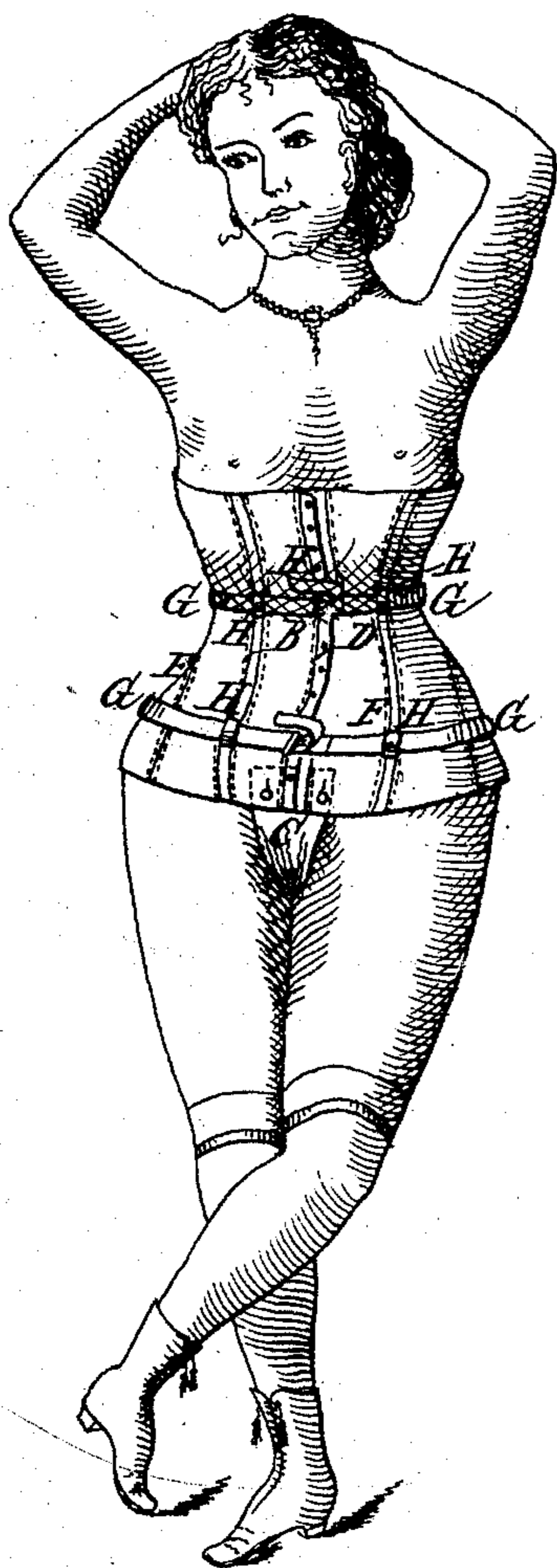
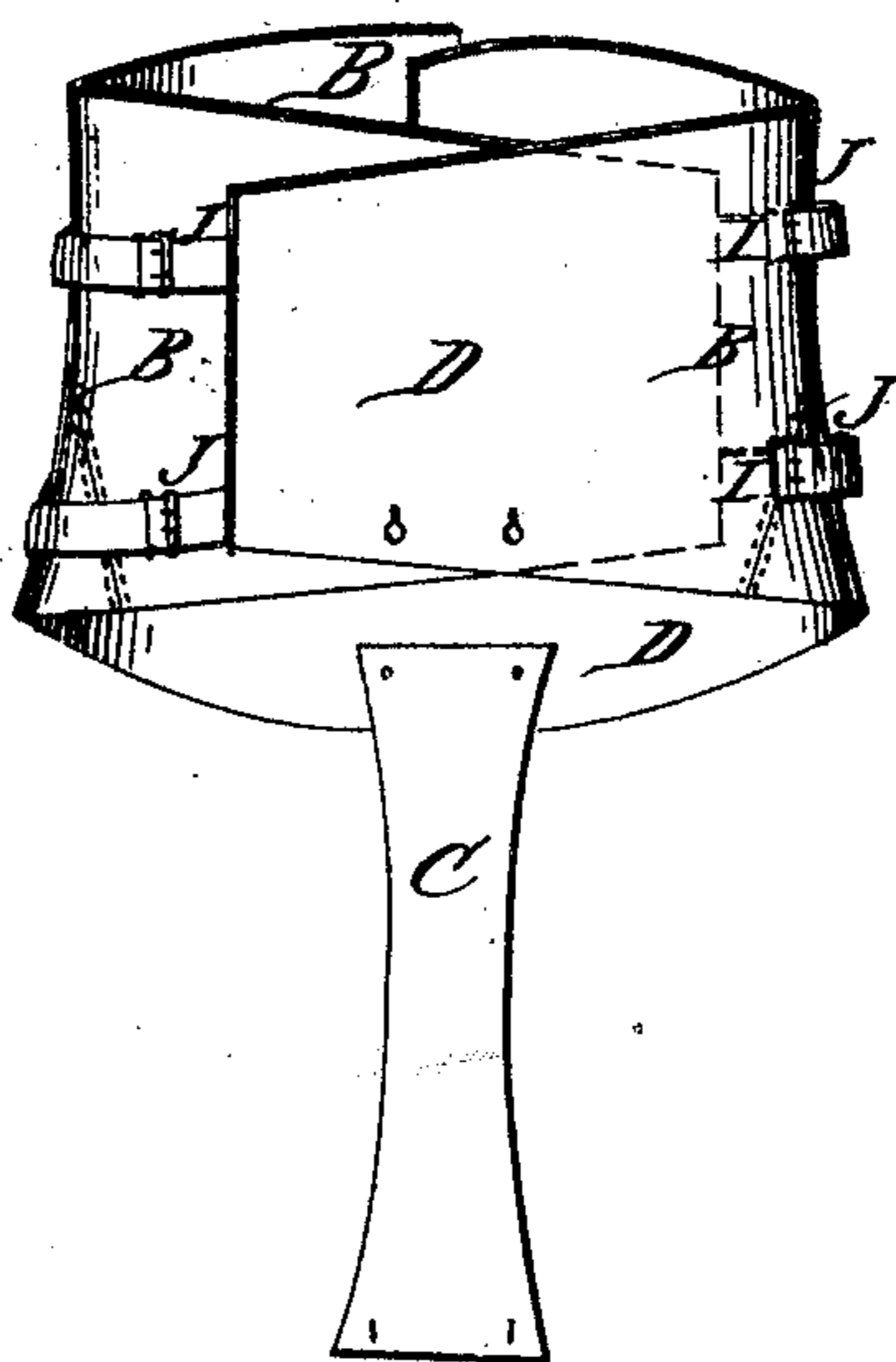


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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2.*



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## OBSTETRICAL BANDAGE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

### TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH O. HAMILTON, of Jerseyville, in the county of Jersey, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Obstetrical Bandage; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

The obstetrical bandage embraced in the present invention is so made or constructed as to fit persons of varying sizes or dimensions, and when worn be perfectly comfortable and easy. In the accompanying plate of drawings my improved obstetrical bandage is illustrated—

Figure 1 being a front view of the same as applied and worn, and

Figure 2 a view of the side of the supporter which encircles the back.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A, in the drawings, represents my improved obstetrical bandage. This bandage A is made in three parts or sections, B, D, and C, two, B and D, to pass around the body of the patient, and the other, C, to pass under the pelvis, between the limbs, from the back to the front side of the body. The two body-encircling parts B D of the bandage, at their front ends E, are to be secured or fastened together by hooks and eyes, or by the ordinary corset-fastenings, and at such portion of the bandage it is stiffened with whalebone or other suitable splints, as shown at the points marked F in the drawings, fig. 1 more particularly. The two parts of the bandage at the back of the person overlap each other. G, elastic bands passing across the front of the bandage through loops H of the same, and thence around each side to the ends of the bandages upon the back, to which they are joined or secured, suitable slits I being made in the outside portion of the overlapped ends for the straps or bands to pass through to the end of the portion underneath. These bands or straps G, however, are not continuous, but in separate parts or sections, joined or fastened together by buckles J, and they are provided with leather extension-pieces K for the tongues of the buckles to enter in lieu of into the elastic portions, as they would finally destroy the same. To adapt the bandage to embrace the hips of the person without strain thereon, pieces or gores L are set in at the proper parts of the bandage to give the necessary fullness. The part D of the bandage which passes under the pelvis is attached by buttons, or otherwise, to the other portions B C, so as to admit of a ready attachment and detachment.

From the above description of the construction of my improved supporter, its manner of attachment and use are obvious, and therefore need no particular explanation herein.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An obstetrical supporter formed in three parts, B C D, and provided with elastic bands G, extension-pieces K, loops H, gores L, and slits I, all constructed and arranged as shown and described.

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