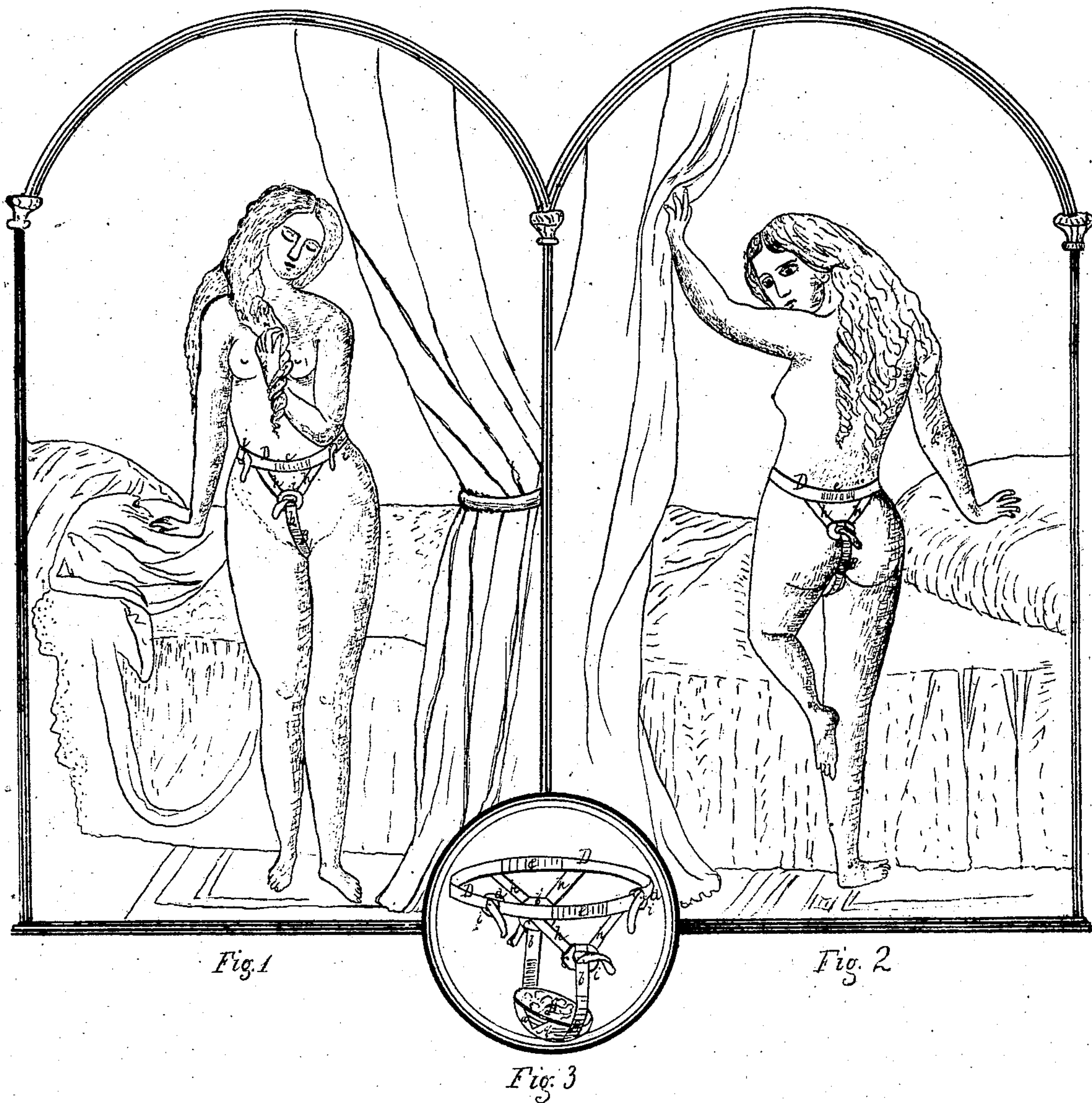


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IMPROVEMENT IN CATAMENIAL SACKS.

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, H. W. LIBBEY, M. D., of Cleveland, county of Cuyahoga, in the State of Ohio, have invented a new and improved Catamenial Sack and Belt; 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.

Figure 1 is a front view of a female, showing the sack and belt in position.

Figure 2 is a back view of same.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the sack and belt.

This improvement relates to the construction of a sack and belt to be worn by females during the period of the menses, which is adjustable and easy to the wearer, yielding readily to the motions of the body in stooping, sitting, or walking. The sack is also constructed of a material that is not permanently soiled, but that may be readily cleansed and re-applied.

The construction of my said improvement is as follows:

A represents a sack, made of oiled silk or rubber, or other suitable impenetrable material, which is gathered together at the edge and bound. In the sides of the sack is inserted a piece of elastic webbing, which serves to give form to it. B is an elastic band covered with oiled silk, which passes around under the sack A, and up the front and back, and terminating in straps of webbing *b b*, and is attached to the belt by means of the buckles *c c*. This band B serves to retain the sack in place by its elasticity, without inconvenience to the wearer, in all positions in which the body may be placed. D D is a belt or waistband, provided with buckles *d d*, for the purpose of adjusting the same to the various sizes of the persons wearing them, and also has pieces of elastic webbing *e e* inserted to give it elasticity, and render it self-adjusting. *c c* are buckles suspended from the belt B by the straps *h h*, to which the straps *b b* are attached, by which means the sack A is made to conform to the body. The buckles are all provided with pads *i i*, which prevent the body from being chafed by them. In the sack A is placed a sponge, *g*, or other material for taking up the secretion, and which may be removed for cleansing or replacement.

A sack and belt constructed of the materials and in the manner above described, may be worn without any inconvenience to the person, and, by its elasticity, readily adjusts itself to the wearer, the elastic band B always holding the sack closely in place. The sack, being made of oiled silk, or of an impenetrable fabric like rubber, may be readily cleaned for future use.

What I desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The sack A, having the elastic pieces *a a* in each side to give it shape, and the elastic band B, in combination with the adjustable belt D, all constructed in the manner described as and for the purpose set forth.

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