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Abdominal Supporter

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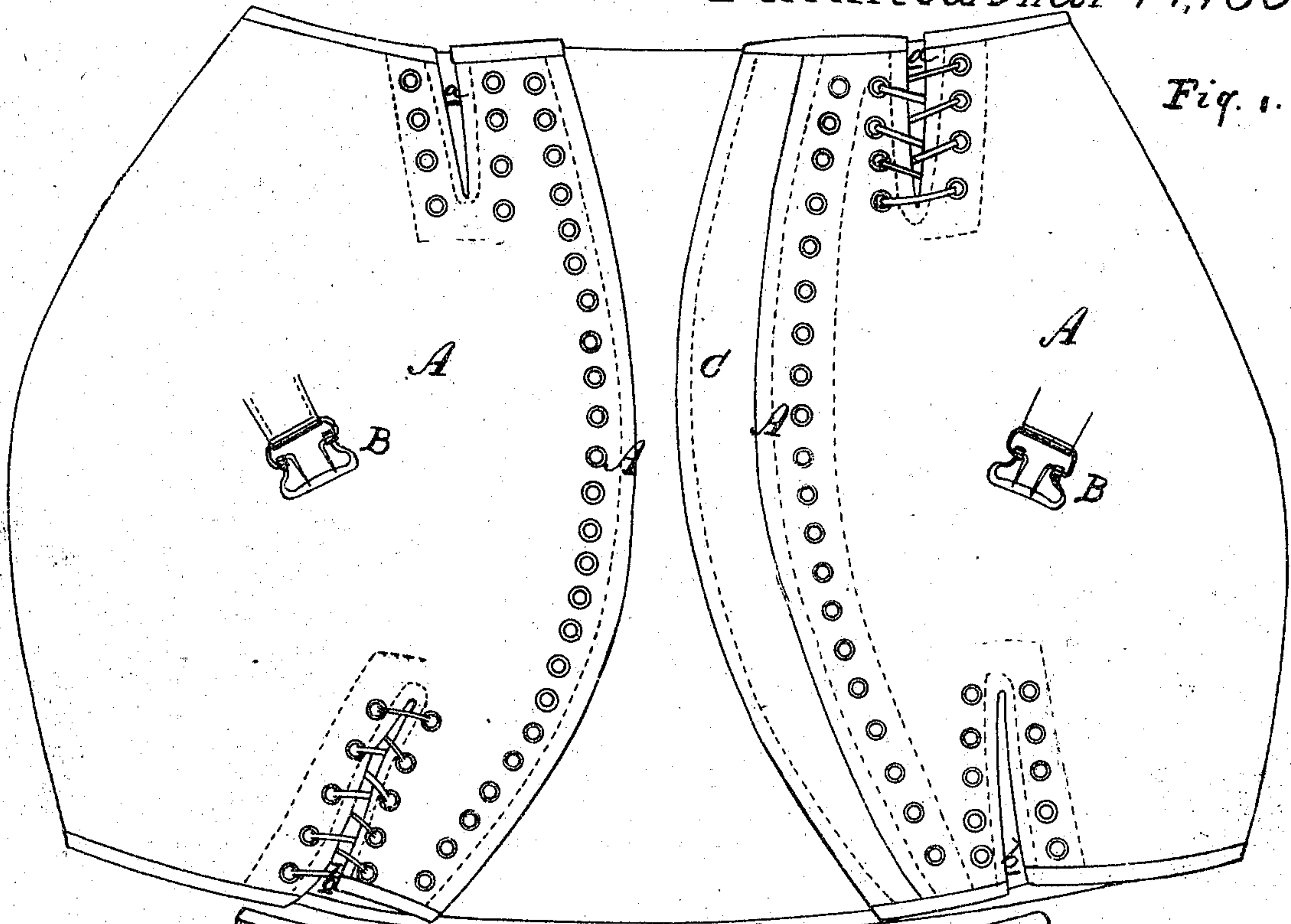


Fig. 1.

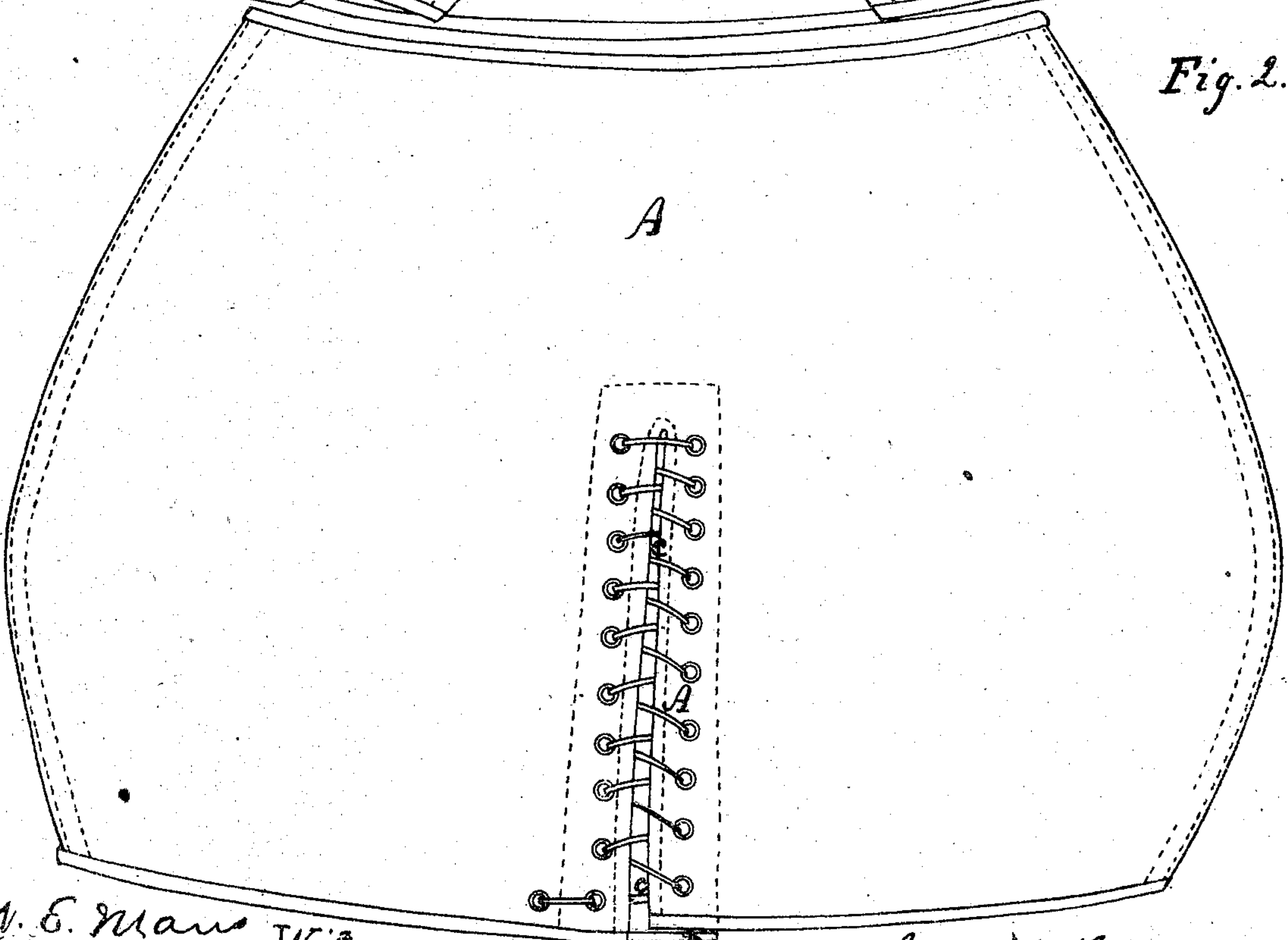


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS.

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, JAMES A. MORRELL, of Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Abdominal Supporters; and I do hereby declare and make known that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters and figures marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

My said invention relates to a device for supporting the abdomen, whenever, from weakness, muscular relaxation, or any other cause, there is a tendency of the bowels to fall or press down into the lower part of the abdominal cavity; and it consists in so forming the said supporter, that upon being laced or otherwise secured upon the person, it may fit closely across the front and lower part of the abdomen, so as to afford an easy, uniform vertical support to the parts, as desired, and as hereinafter described.

To enable those skilled in the art to understand how to make and use my said invention, I will proceed to describe with particularity the construction and application of the same, making reference, in so doing, to the aforesaid drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front view of my invention, and

Figure 2 a rear view of the same.

Similar letters of reference in the different figures denote the same parts of my invention.

A represents the supporter, which is designed to be worn upon the person, enclosing the abdomen, and may be constructed of cloth or other suitable material.

The supporter is open in front, and has its edges provided with eyelets, for convenience in lacing and securing the same upon the person, the said edges being cut in the curved form shown in fig. 1, so that upon being brought together, the supporter will fit the configuration of the abdomen, drawing closely across and under the lower part of the same, so as to give the support desired. The desired effect may also be further increased by lacing up the openings *b b*, made in the lower margin of the supporter, as shown, for that purpose.

Similar slits or openings, *a a*, may be made at the top, for the purpose of enabling a close fit of the supporter to be made around the waist, to secure the same accurately and comfortably upon the person.

An opening, *e*, is made in the back of the supporter, provided with lacings, so as still more accurately to fit the form of the wearer, D being a flap lying under said lacings when the slit *e* is opened. A similar flap, C, may be arranged in front, as shown, for the same purpose.

B represent buckles, whereby a uterine supporter may be attached, to be worn in connection with the abdominal supporter, when desired.

Having described the construction and operation of my invention, I will specify what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent.

1. I claim an abdominal supporter, having its front edges constructed in the curved form shown and described, for the purposes set forth.

2. I claim providing an abdominal supporter with the front lower lacings, *b b*, or their equivalent, as and for the purposes described.

3. I claim an abdominal supporter provided with the curved front edges, when constructed with the upper and lower front lacings, and the rear lacing, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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