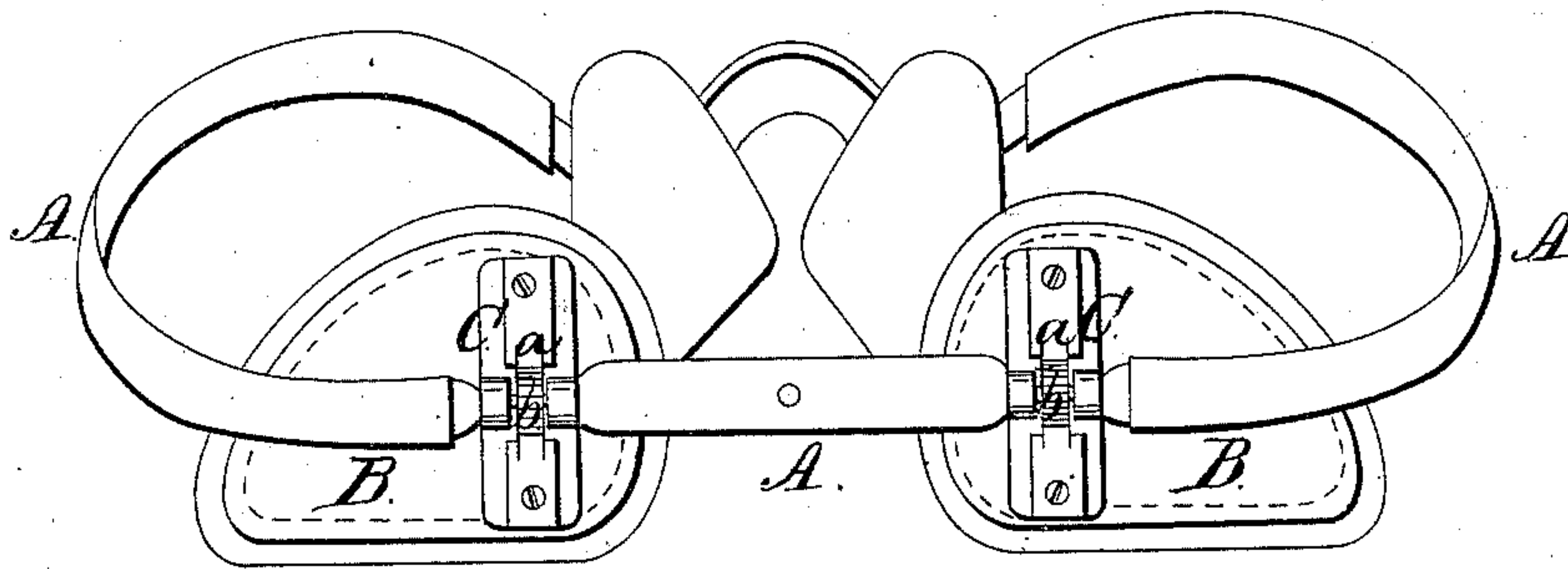


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IMPROVED ABDOMINAL SUPPORTER.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, MATTHEW FALON, M. D., of Bloomington, in the county of McLean, and in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Abdominal Supporters; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing the supporter with two pads in front, instead of one, and in the mode of adjusting the same to any form of abdomen that may be desired.

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

In the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, A A represent the long spring, which extends around the hips. B B are two pads, attached to this spring by the adjusting-attachment C. These pads, B B, are set apart in order to press against the abdomen on each side of the bladder, thus preventing the pressure against that organ, and it will hold up the abdomen and womb much better than all former supporters, which, by pressing against the bladder and rectum, often produce inflammation, irritation, and disease of the bladder, and constipation of the bowels. This is prevented by using one pad on each side of the bladder. The adjusting-attachment is for the purpose of setting the pads B in proper shape, by raising the spring *a*, which is against the cogged wheel *b*, on the opposite side from that to which the pad is to be turned. By this means the pads can be set to suit any form of abdomen, either in a pregnant or unpregnant state. Either one or both of the pads may be set to suit the falling of the womb, as this often falls more to one side than the other, or the pressure or bearing down of this organ or abdomen may be more on one side than the other.

The pads may be made of any suitable material, either hard or soft.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The arrangement of two pads, B, made of any suitable material, and arranged in front on a supporter, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The springs *a* and wheel *b*, forming the adjusting-attachment C, arranged and operating substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 10th day of April, 1868.

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