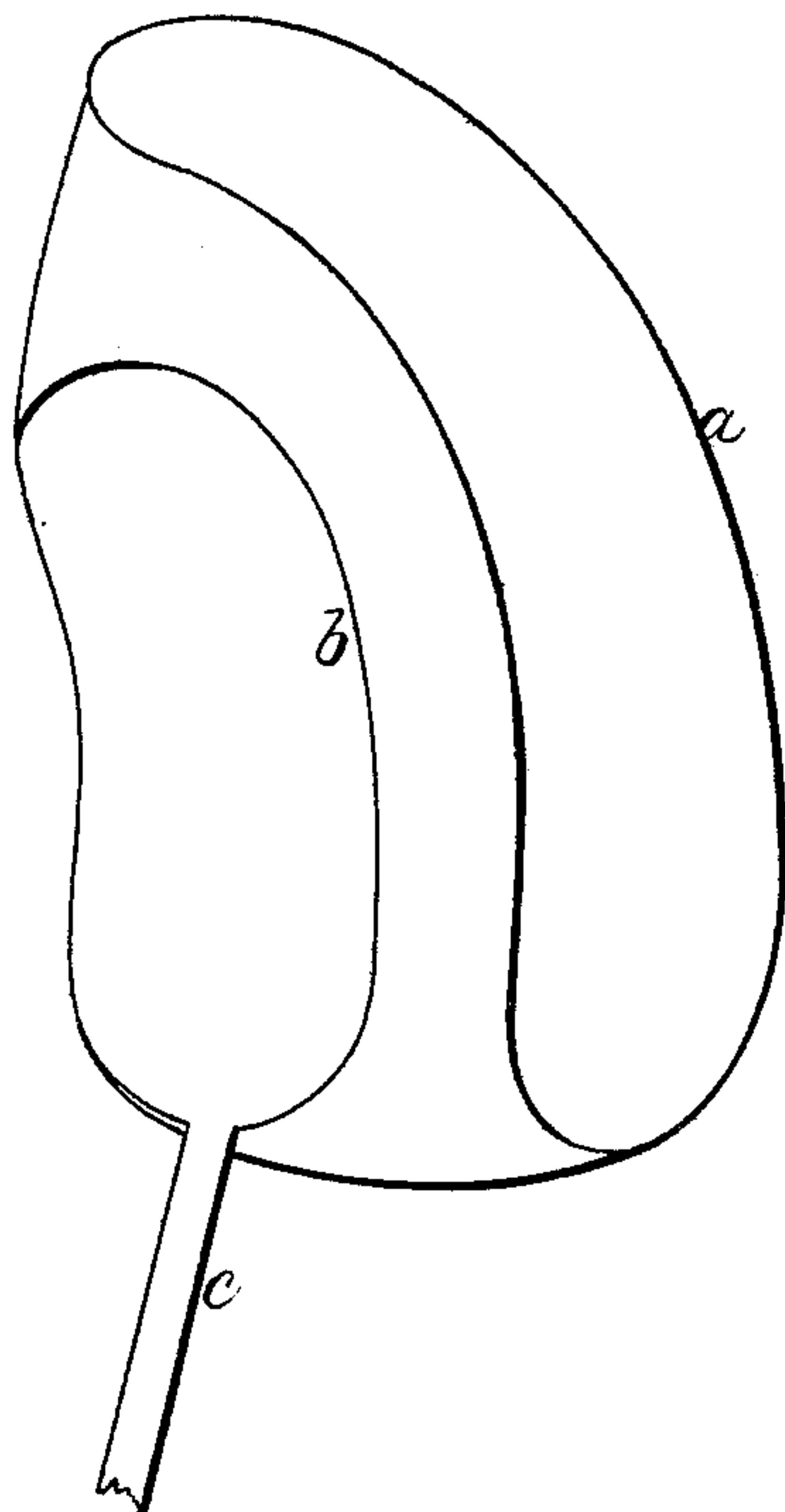


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IMPROVEMENT IN UTERINE-SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, J. S. RANKIN, of Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Pessary, or Uterine-Supporter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, in which—

a is a hollow cylinder, to be made of thin vulcanized India rubber, or other suitable material.

b is a small cylinder, of the same material, and expanded at each end, so as to be united to the larger cylinder, thus forming an air-tight sack, with a free passage through it, for the discharge of all uterine excretions.

c is a fine tube, of sufficient length, attached to the external cylinder, and through which the pessary is to be inflated.

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

The construction of the pessary, as herein described, that shall, when inflated, entirely fill the cavity of the vagina, holding the uterus in its normal position, and furnishing a soft cushion to it and all the adjoining parts, and having an opening through it, of sufficient size to allow of the free passage of all uterine discharges, as herein described.

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