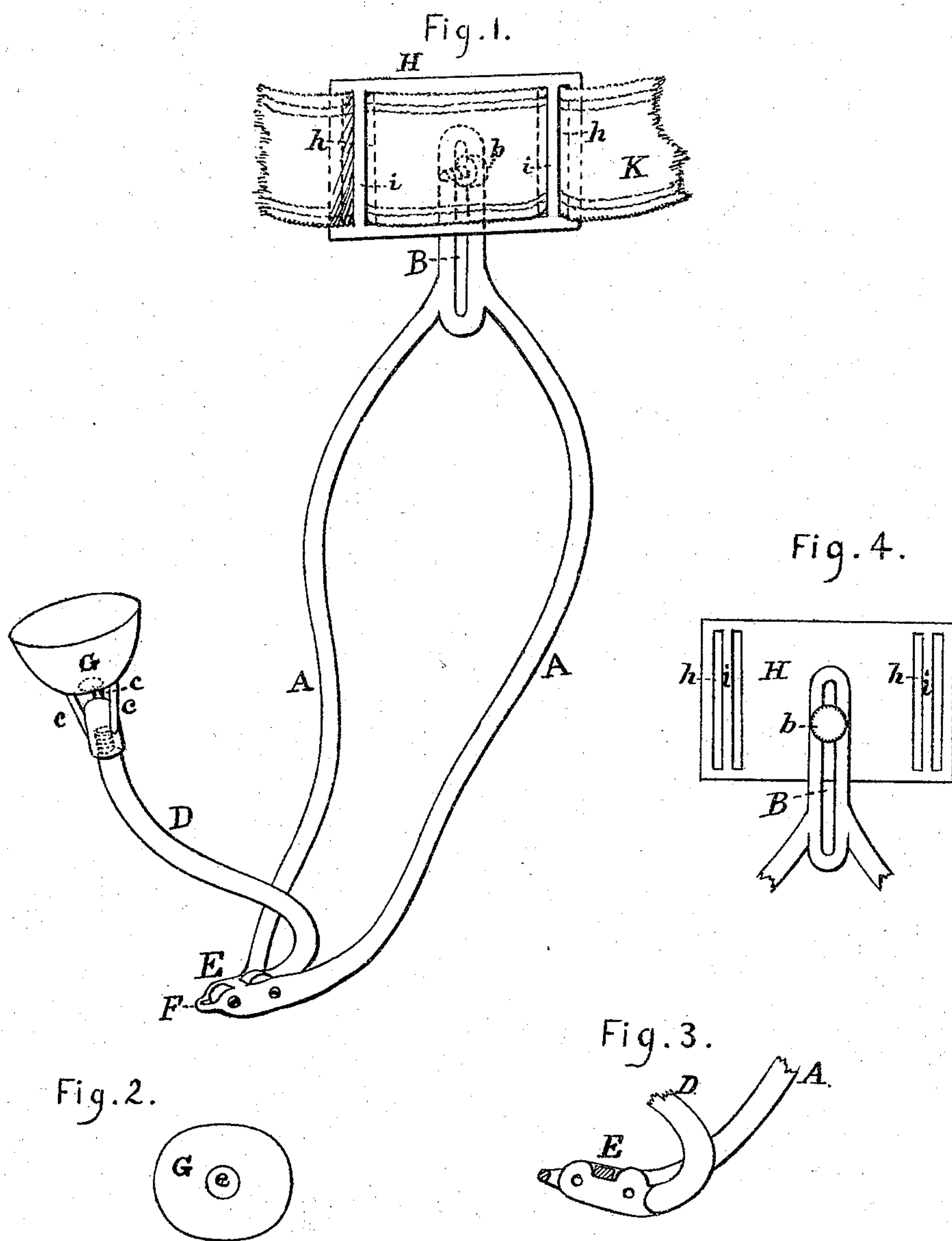


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IMPROVEMENT IN UTERINE SUPPORTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORATIO N. CANER, of Freeport, in the county of Stephenson and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Uterine Supporter; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which forms part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the improved uterine supporter. Fig. 2 is a plan view of cup G, herein mentioned. Fig. 3 illustrates the double adjustable hinge. Fig. 4 is a front view of the belt-plate.

Nature.

My invention consists of a frame constructed to extend around not only the upper part and sides, but also the lower part, of the external organs of generation, in combination with a cup-stem having upward and outward curves, attached to the lower part of the frame by an adjustable hinge, so as to furnish an easy and firm support and avoid pressure upon the delicate parts within the labia.

A A are the frame-arms, so constructed and arranged as to surround the labia pudendi and the mons veneris as much as possible without interfering with the motion of the thighs. B is a slot at the top of the frame to slide over the pin *b* on the belt-plate, to which the supporter is held by a screw-nut. D is the stem with an upward and outward curve, as shown in the drawing, and is attached to the lower part of the frame by the double and adjustable hinge E, which is so arranged as to rest in the perineum out of the way. The

stem is made to curve upward and outward, and is introduced from the lower part of the frame, as described and shown, to avoid the lower margin of the vagina and to obviate the liability of its pressing on the clitoris and meatus urinarius; and by removing one of the screws of the hinge the stem is rendered adjustable to any required position, and it may be readily removed and another of different curve or length attached. F is a loop at the lower part of the frame for receiving the supporting-bands from the back part of the belt, so as to afford additional support and not interfere with defecation. G is an oval cup, so made to fit the natural shape of the uterus, and is supported by rods *c c c* above the screw-nut *d* on the upper end of the stem, and is provided with a large perforation, *e*, at the bottom to allow the free passage of all the secretions. H is a belt-plate, having a pin or bolt, *b*, with a screw-nut on the end to hold the supporter, and double slots *h h* and bar *i* at each end, so that when in use the plate may rest on the outside of the belt K, as shown in the drawing.

Claim.

The frame A A, constructed so as to extend around the labia pudendi and the mons veneris, in combination with cup-stem D, having upward and outward curves, and attached to the lower part of the frame by an adjustable hinge, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of February, 1873.

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