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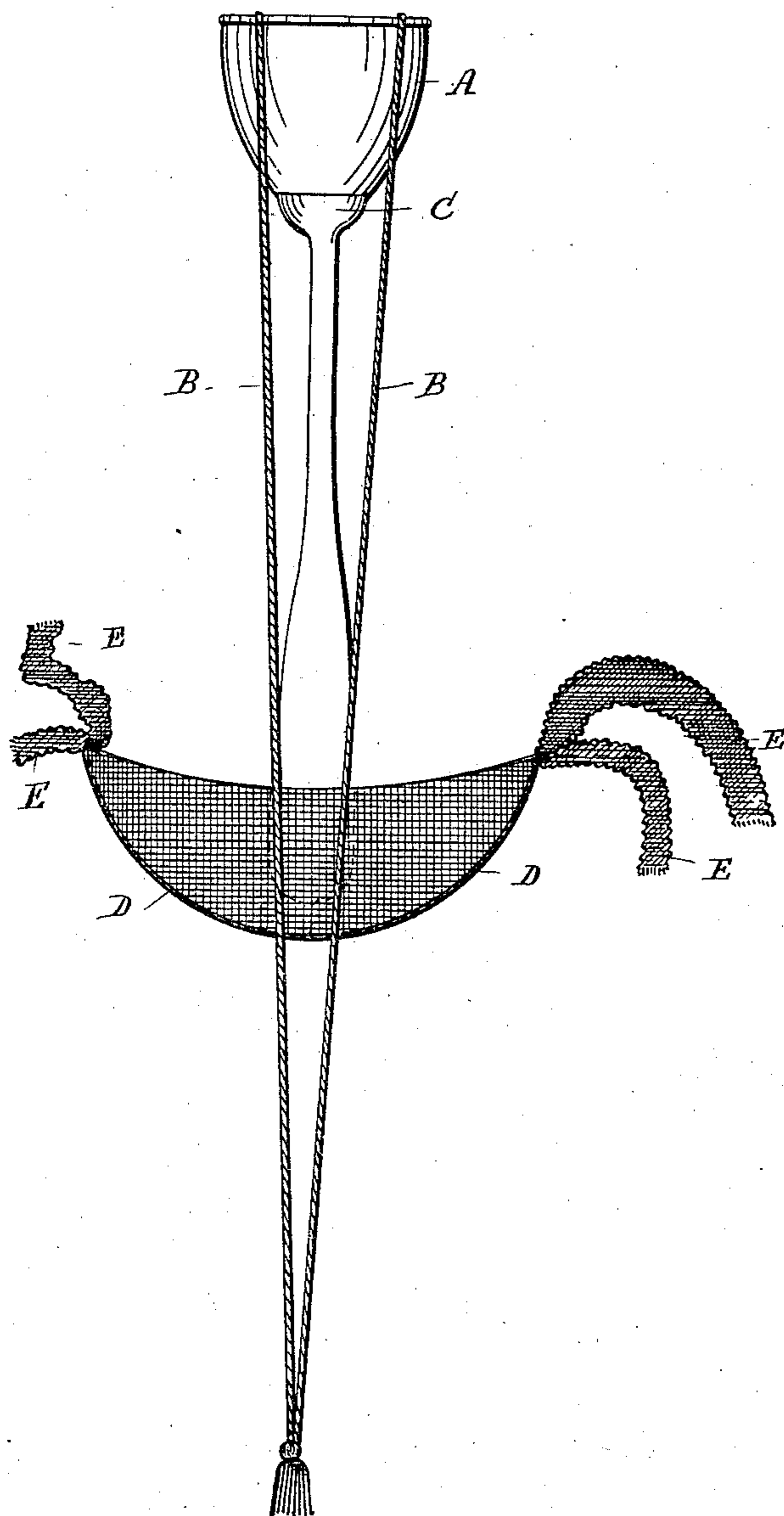
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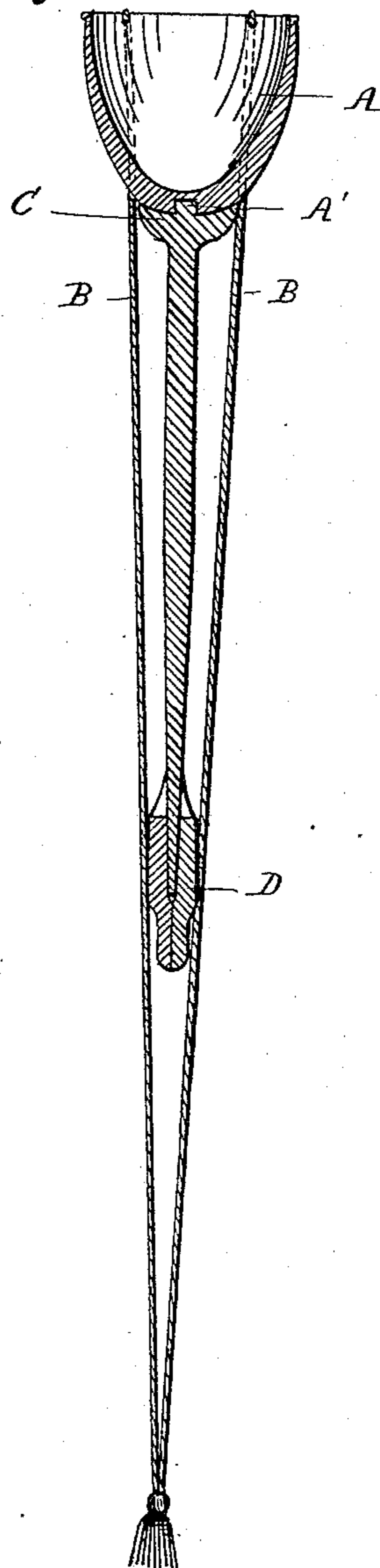
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, LYMON SIMPSON, FRANCIS M. LOTTRIDGE, and WILSON CARTER, citizens of the United States, residing at Jonesborough, in the county of Grant and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Uterine Supporters, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to improvements in uterine supporters, and has for its objects to provide a reversible cup which may be used for several purposes, such as a uterine supporter, as a vaginal cleanser and medicator. These objects are attained by the devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation showing the cup having its mouth placed in an upward position. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the cup, pedestal, and breech.

The letter A indicates the cup, which is provided with four (or any suitable number of) silken cords, B, attached in any convenient manner thereto. C is a pedestal, having a small tenon on one end, which is adapted to fit into an opening, A', in the small end of the cup A. The other end of the pedestal is flattened and fitted to enter a narrow opening in a semicircular velvet breech, D, having elastic straps E, which are intended to extend over the shoulders of the wearer and to be further secured by a belt around the body. The elastic straps E will give to accommodate themselves to the different vibrations of the body, still holding the pedestal together with the supporter or cup A in the proper place. When the breech and pedestal have been taken away, the supporter or cup A may be withdrawn by means of the cords B.

As a womb-supporter, the cup is turned up. As a vaginal cleanser and medicator, the cup is inserted with the mouth down and its edges coming in contact with the walls of the vagina. Removing it gently by means of the cords B cleanses the vagina, and cold water or medicine injected therein cannot come in

contact with the mouth of the uterus, and thereby chill the same. The cup can also be inserted to any place in the vagina where ulcers occur, and medicine be applied in cauterizing such ulcers and not affect the uterus, making it safe as a uterine medicator. The length of pedestals, size and depth of cups will be regulated according to the requirements of patients using the same.

It is intended to make the supporters or cups of any material which is the most suitable for the purpose—such as rubber, celluloid, &c.

The advantage of having the cup and pedestal separate and detachable is apparent. The breech, being of soft material and capable of being turned to one side, will not interfere with urination. The pedestal, being flat at the lower end, will not inconvenience the wearer.

Having described our invention, what we desire to secure by Letters Patent, and claim, is—

The combination, in a uterine supporter, with the cup A, having cords B attached to its mouth, of the pedestal C, having a tenon, A', at one end adapted to be held by the cavity in the small end of the cup A, the tenon A' being surrounded by saucer-shaped cavity C', said pedestal having its lower end thin, flat, and of paddle shape, whereby it is adapted to enter between the two sides of a breech made of velvet or other soft material, D, and to be maintained in its proper position thereby, and the crescent-shaped breech D, made of velvet or other soft material, having elastic straps E, adapted to be placed over the shoulders of the wearer, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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