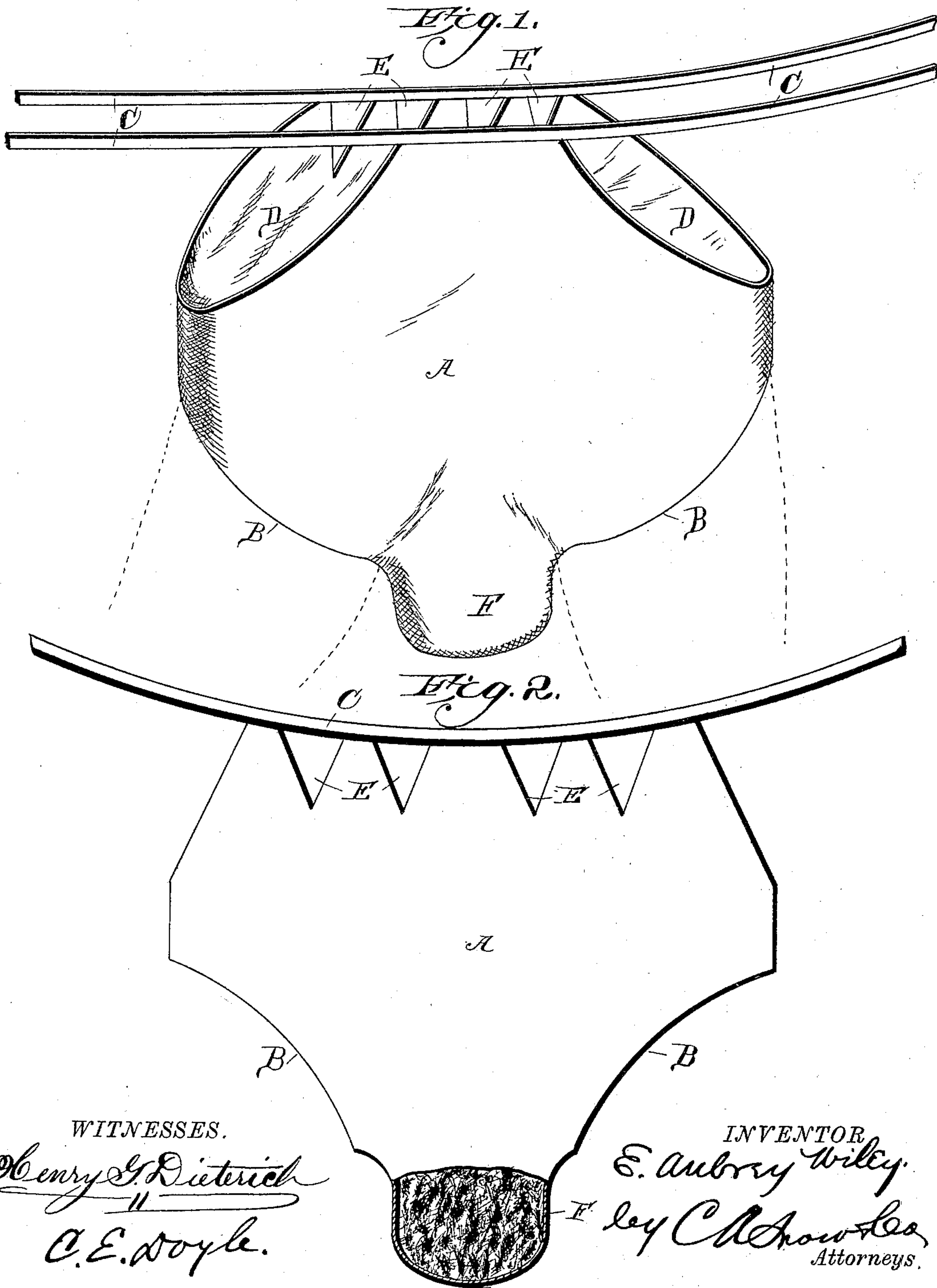


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA AUBREY WILEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Catamenial Sacks, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to improvements in catamenial sacks, having for its object to provide a device which may be easily and securely affixed to the body in such a manner that all unnecessary restriction and heating of the body are avoided; and, further, to provide the said sack with an integral pocket adapted to contain a sponge, linen, or other soft absorbent material, which cannot be displaced by the motions of the body.

The invention consists in a certain novel construction and arrangement of parts, fully set forth hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view of the sack in the operative position. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same partly broken away.

Referring by letter to the drawings, A designates the body of the sack adapted to fit closely around the lower portion of the trunk of the wearer and provided with the openings B B on either side to receive the limbs, and the upper edge of the sack is provided with the drawing strings or tapes C C to enable the top of the body to be adjusted to fit the waist of the wearer.

The sides of the body A are provided with the vertical slits D D, and the rear side of the same at the upper edge is provided with the V-shaped openings E E, to enable the sack to fit more accurately to the trunk and also provide ventilation.

The bottom of the sack between the openings B B, above referred to, is provided with the hanging pocket F, adapted to contain a sponge, soft linen, or other absorbent material in a position to receive the menstrual discharges and prevent them from coming in contact with the garments of the person wearing the sack.

The improved sack is designed to be made of thin rubber, which (being elastic) will fit the body accurately and closely, and will therefore protect the garments. The device

is also light and therefore will not annoy the wearer. Further, the sack cannot be displaced by the motions of the body, as the rubber will yield and permit free motion; and, further, the pocket being formed as a portion of the sack the former cannot become detached.

I am aware that various means have been devised heretofore to maintain catamenial sacks in their proper positions and prevent the escape therefrom of the fluid should a slight disarrangement of the sack occur or should the sponge or other absorbent become surcharged. Among the means employed, one is to form the mouth of the sack so large that a slight disarrangement will not expose the vulva; another device is provided with depending lappels or ears to cover the inner sides of the thighs of the female, &c. In these cases there is always more or less liability of a serious displacement and a consequent escape of the catamenia, owing to the trivial and insufficient means employed to secure the same in position, and therefore, in order to guard against these inconveniences, I provide a body portion which envelopes the entire lower portion of the trunk and is provided with openings which fit snugly around the thighs of the wearer. Being of rubber the body of the sack will stretch and yield to the movements of the wearer; but it will be obvious that in whatever positions the thighs are placed the depending pocket F, which is located between the thigh-openings, will always remain under or opposite the vulva. The thigh-openings fit the thighs of the wearer sufficiently tight to prevent the escape there-through of the catamenia, even should the latter overflow the pocket. It will be seen that there are no loose parts connected with this improved sack. It is made in a single piece and the body portion fits snugly around the lower portion of the body of the wearer, with the depending pocket hanging loosely below the same in a position to be entirely out of the way, so as not to inconvenience or hamper the movements of the wearer.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the

catamenial sack having the thin rubber body
portion A, adapted to fit snugly around the
lower portion of the trunk of the wearer and
provided near its bottom on opposite sides of
5 the center with thigh-openings B B, the loose
depending sponge-containing pocket F, lo-
cated between the thigh-openings and inte-
gral with the body portion, and the drawing
strings or tapes C at the upper edge of the

body portion, substantially as and for the 10
purpose specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
my own I have hereto affixed my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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