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Fig. 1

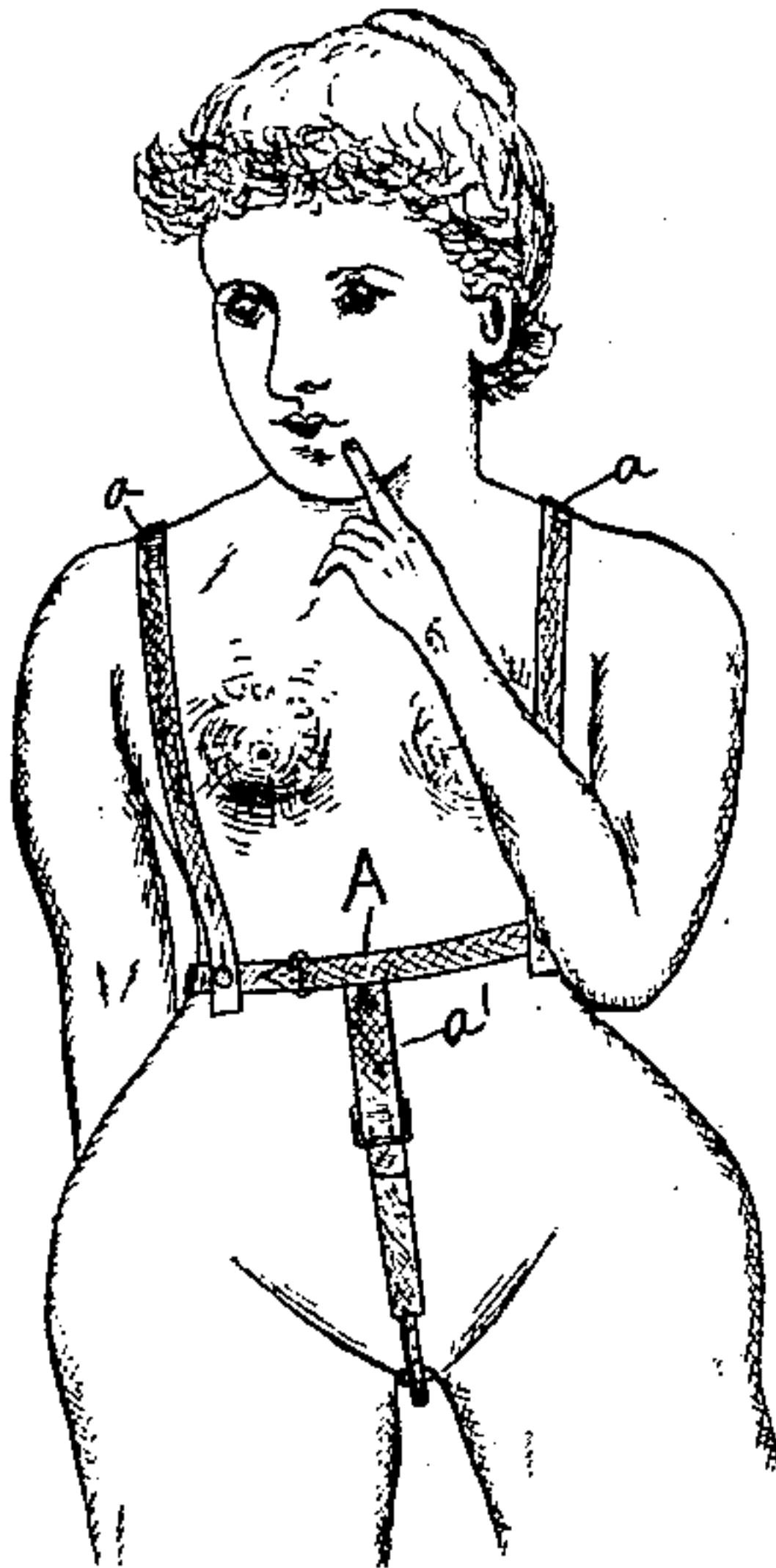


Fig. 2

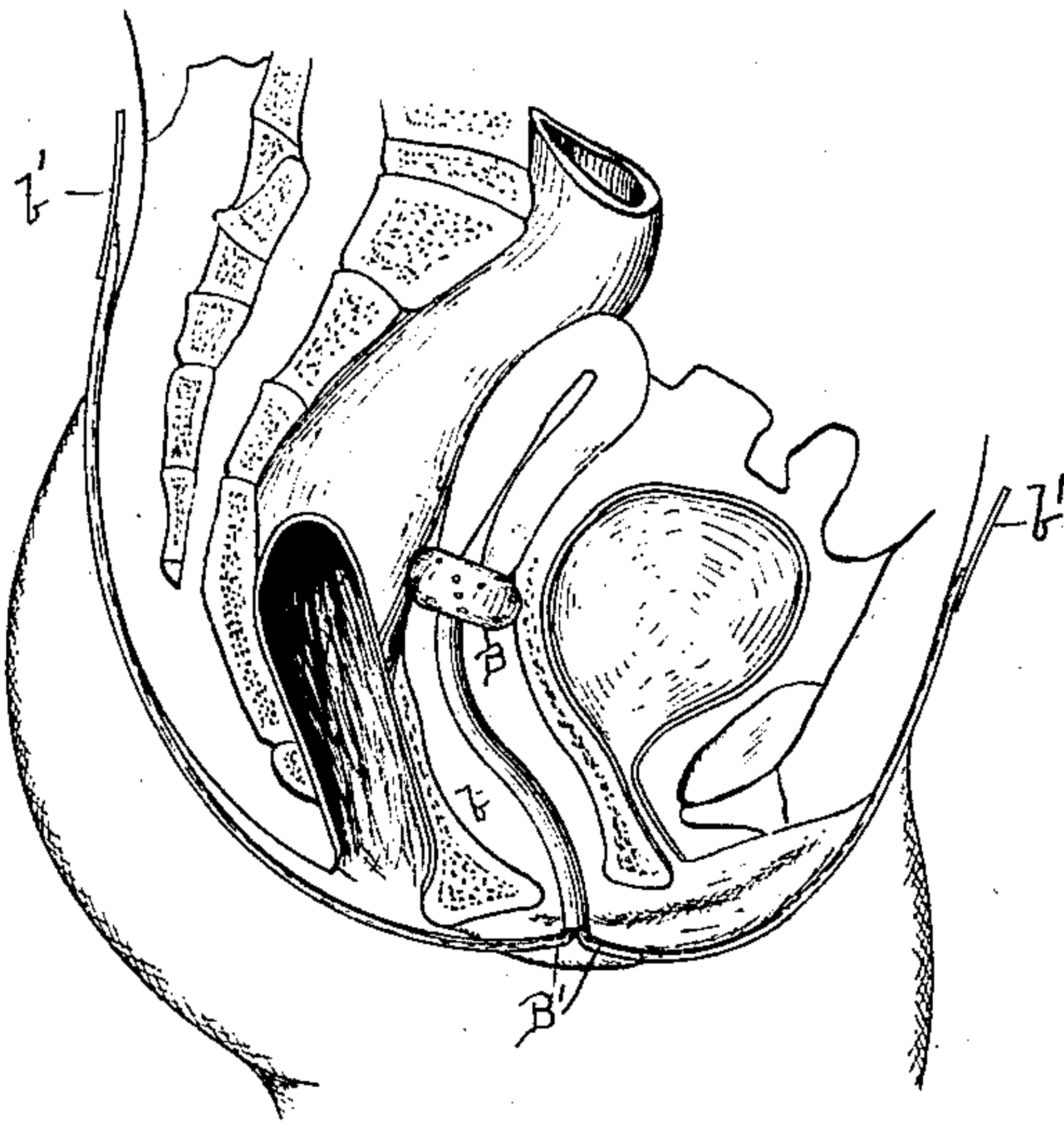
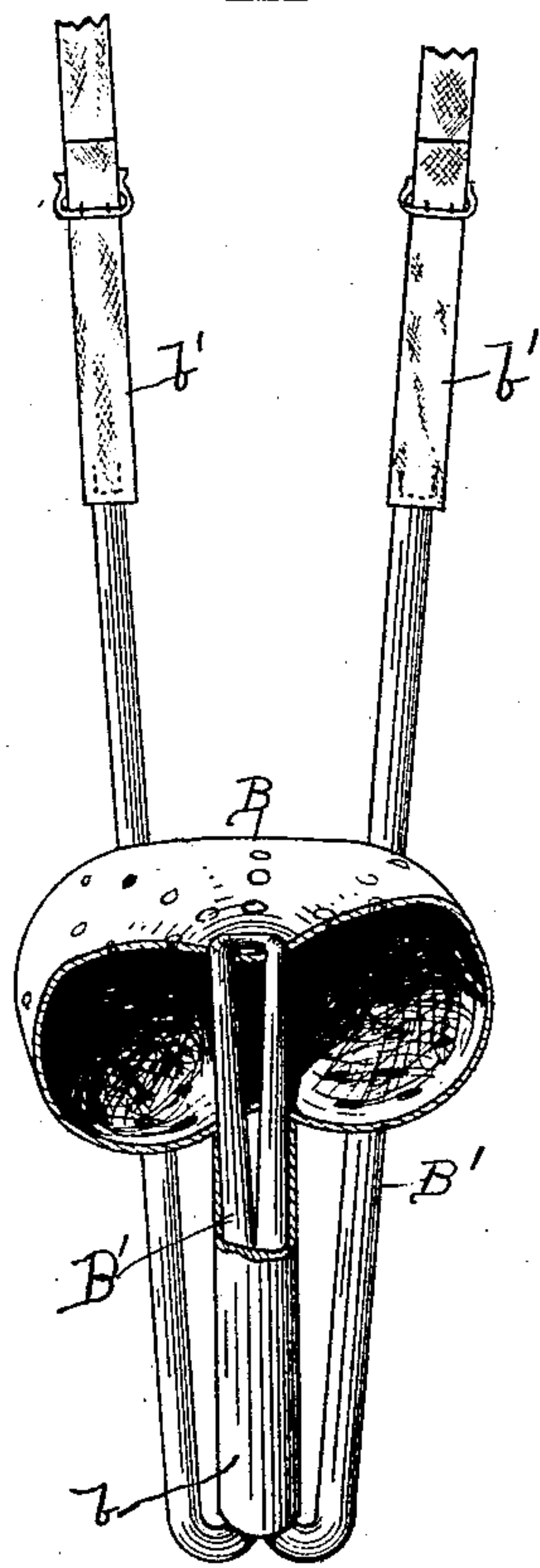


Fig. 3



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIZA KIRWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Indianapolis, in the county of Marion and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Uterine Supporters, of which the following is a specification.

My said invention consists in an improved construction of uterine supporters, which is simple and inexpensive in construction and convenient and efficient in use, as will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a view of a female figure, showing the general arrangement and manner of wearing my said invention; Fig. 2, a view, on an enlarged scale, of the female uterine organs, showing the womb supported by my said invention; and Fig. 3, a sectional perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the supporter proper.

In said drawings the portion marked A represents a belt from which the supporting device is suspended, and B said supporting device.

The belt A is of any suitable material and is preferably adjusted to the body loosely, (its ends being connected by a buckle or similar device,) and supported by suspender-straps *a*, which pass over the shoulders of the wearer, being attached to the belt permanently at one end and adjustably by means of buttons, buckles, or such like devices at the other end. A strap *a'* of soft flexible material depends from said belt both at its front and rear side, being attached permanently thereto at their upper ends.

The supporting device B consists of a hollow bulb or ball of soft flexible material—such as soft rubber—and has numerous perforations around its sides, as shown. It is attached to a soft flexible stem B', (preferably rubber tubing,) which is doubled with each end extending down through adjacent perforations in the top and lower sides of said bulb. A larger tube *b*, of such a length as is required to extend from the outside to the womb, is mounted on said two branches with its upper end against the under side of the bulb, thus holding the top wall down at its center to secure the de-

sired depression therein, and at the same time affording the stem the desired rigidity at that point. From the lower end of said tube *b* the ends of the stem B' separate and extend upward—one in front and the other in the rear—terminating in flat straps *b'*, which are adjustably attached by means of buckles or other suitable devices to the depending straps *a'* of the belt A. As stated, the top of said bulb is indented or formed cup-shaped, which formation is secured and maintained by the proper adjustment of the tube *b*, as will be readily understood.

My said invention is used as follows: The belt A is adjusted to the body and supported in the desired position by means of the suspender-straps *a*. The ends of the straps *b'* are connected to the straps *a'*, and the bulb B is inserted in the vagina to that point necessary to hold the womb in the proper position, being sustained by the walls of the vagina and that portion of the stem covered by the tube *b* and the suspending devices to which it is attached. Any flow from the organs is received into said cup-shaped top of the bulb, and through the perforations into said bulb, which may be removed and cleansed as often as is necessary, it being an easy matter to clean it by reason of its bulb shape and the perforations therein, which permits water or other cleansing liquids to be readily forced through it.

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

A uterine supporter consisting of a hollow ball or bulb of soft material, said bulb being attached to a stem which is doubled and inserted through adjacent perforations in opposite sides of said bulb or ball, a tube being mounted on the projecting ends of said stem and adjusted against the under side of said ball or bulb to secure the desired depression in its top side, said stem being attached to suitable supporting-braces, all substantially as set forth.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 27th day of February, A. D. 1892.

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