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fig. 1

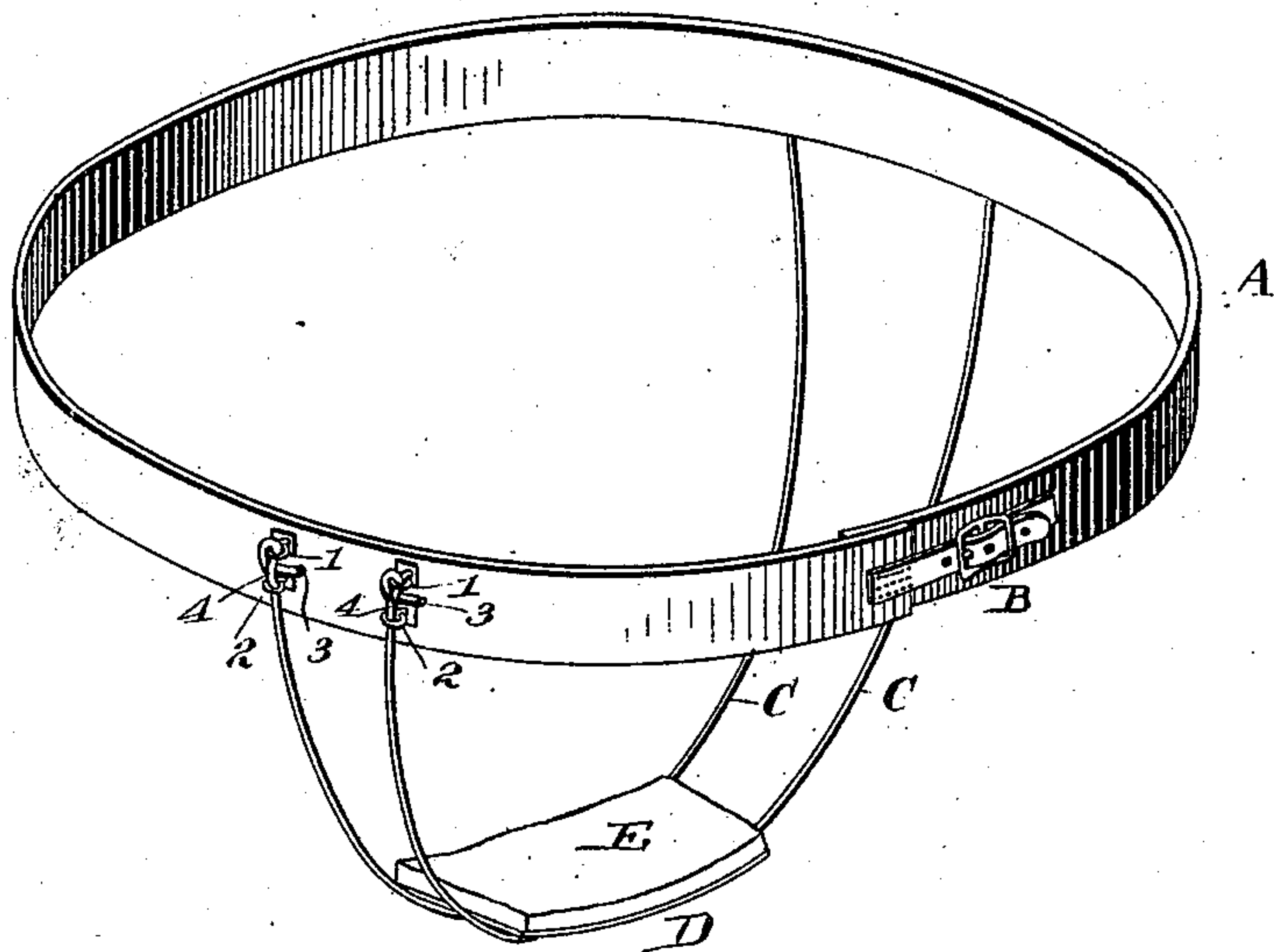


fig. 2

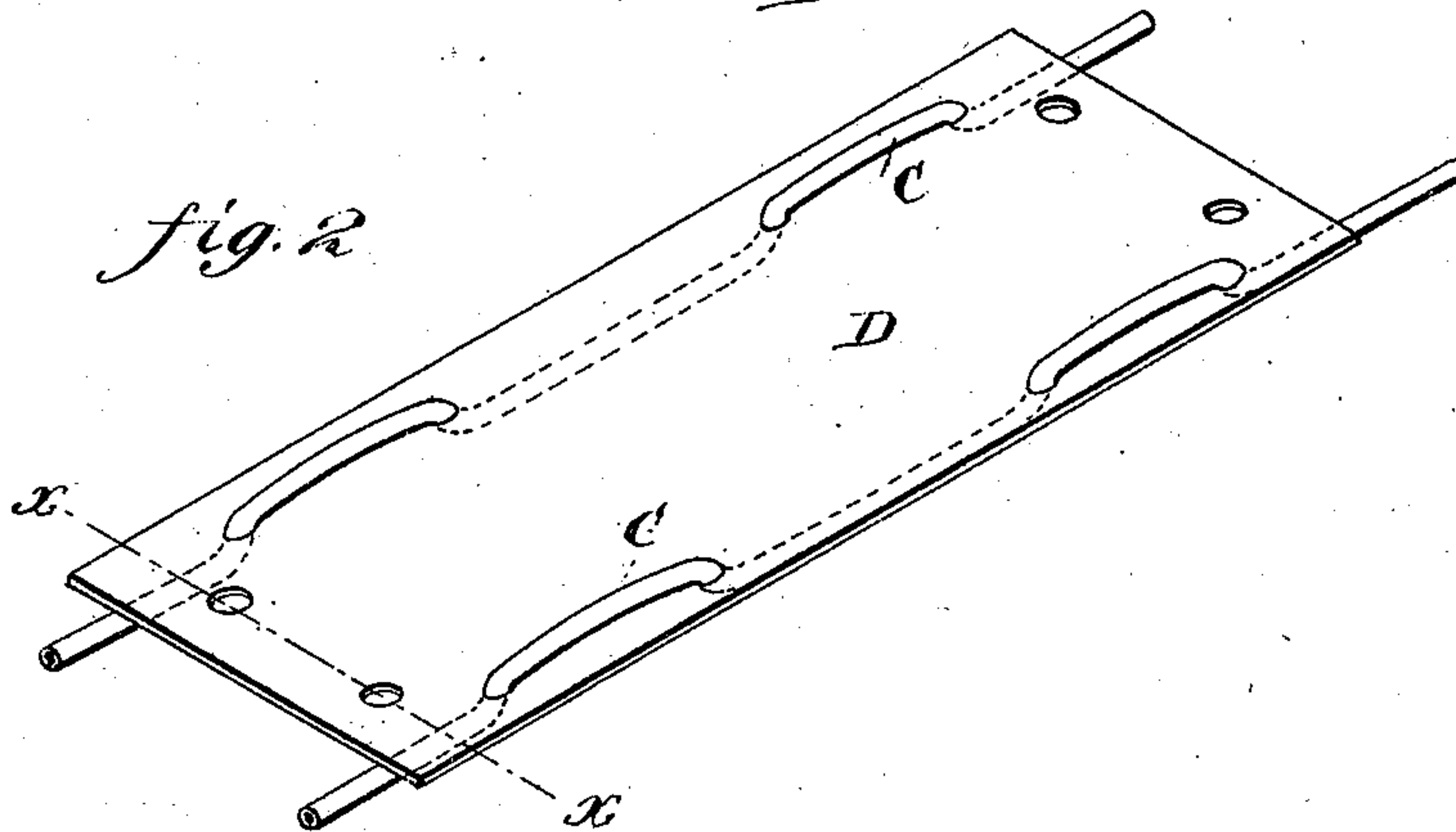


fig. 3

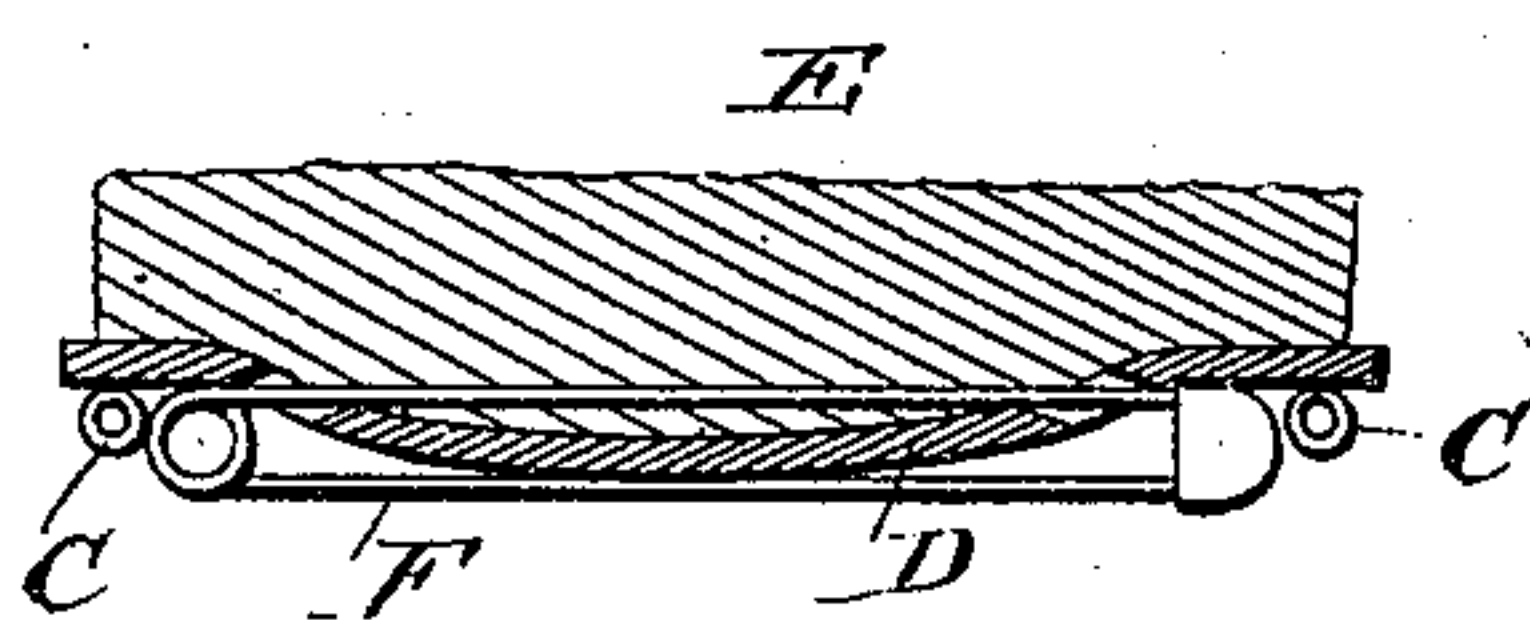
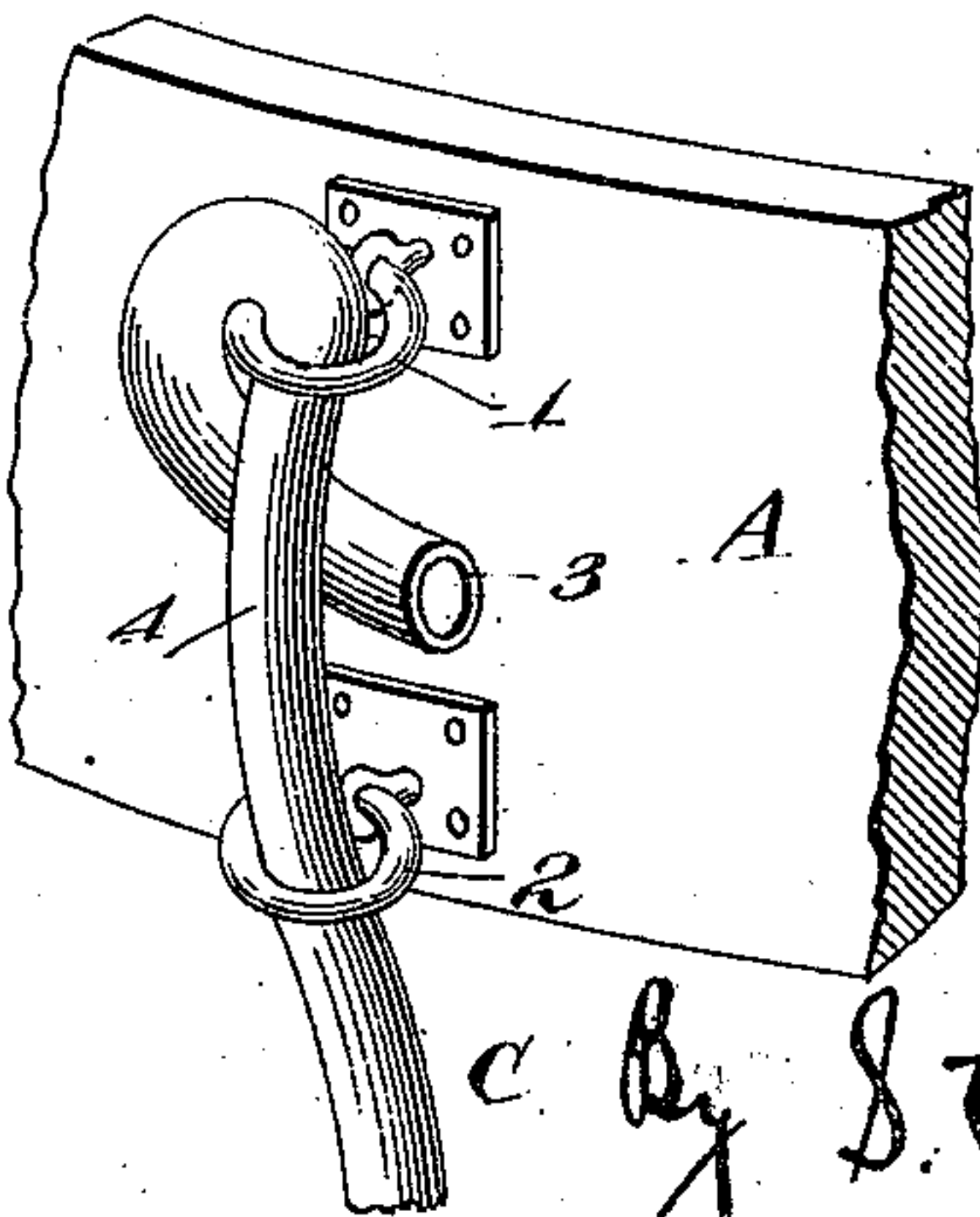


fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE WOODSON GAINES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockwood, in the county of Roane, State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catamenial Sacks; 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 appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improvement in catamenial sacks, and it has for its object the construction of an appliance that will be light, simple in construction, and that will not chafe or unnecessarily incommode the wearer.

Another prime object of my invention is to produce a catamenial sack which may be easily adjusted and kept clean.

The invention will first be described in connection with the accompanying drawings, and then pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved apparatus. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the bandage alone. Fig. 3 is a detail sectional view of Fig. 2, taken on the line $x-x$, with the inner pad in position. Fig. 4 is a detail perspective view of the belt fastening device.

In the drawings, A is a belt of elastic webbing or other suitable material, and provided with a fastening device or catch B of any ordinary construction.

C are supporters made of light rubber tubing of small diameter, being fastened to the rear of belt A by sewing, riveting or otherwise.

To the front of belt A are secured upper rings 1 and lower rings 2 through which the free ends of supporters C may be passed and secured by turning said free ends 3 beneath that portion 4 which lies between the two rings 1 and 2.

D is an outer bandage, made from sheet rubber and provided with four holes on each side through which the rubber supporters C are passed as shown.

E is an inner bandage, preferably of car-

bolated or otherwise sterilized cotton, being laid upon the rubber outer bandage D and secured by ordinary safety pins F, these pins passing up through the under side of the rubber and only partly through the upper layer of cotton. It will be understood that the safety-pins F serve not only to fasten the cotton E to the rubber outer bandage D, but also to spread open the said bandage D and keep it extended.

In using my apparatus, belt A is adjusted around the waist, the supporters C being unfastened from the rings 1 and 2. These supporters are then passed between the legs and the rubber outer bandage D slipped onto them. The inner bandage E of cotton is next secured in place on the outer bandage by means of safety-pins F. The whole bandage being adjusted over the exterior parts, the ends of the supporters are passed upward through their respective lower rings 2 and upper rings 1 until the bandage is drawn tightly against the body, when the loose ends 3 may be fastened by inserting them beneath the portions 4, as will be fully understood from the drawings. It will be noticed that by drawing more or less of the free ends 3 through the rings 1 and 2 the apparatus may be adjusted to fit any size of persons. When this carbolated cotton is unfit for further use, it may be readily and quickly removed and a clean layer applied without inconvenience, simply by sliding the whole bandage forward and upward within reach and within sight of the wearer. As the supporters and lower bandage are of rubber, they may be washed when soiled, and thus are easily kept cleanly; moreover, the supporters, being of round rubber tubing, cannot chafe the body of the wearer, and, at the same time, are elastic and pliable enough to permit freedom of motion in any direction.

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

In a catamenial bandage, the combination with a waist band, of a pair of elastic tubes each secured at one end to the rear portion

of said waist band and adapted to be secured
at their free ends to the forward ends of said
waist band, an oblong rubber bandage hav-
ing a series of apertures along each side, said
5 tubes passing through the series of apertures
along the longitudinal sides of said bandage,
and safety pins passed through the apertures
along the shorter sides of said bandage and

adapted to secure an absorbent lining to said
bandage, substantially as described. 10

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in
presence of two witnesses.

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