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Fig. 1.

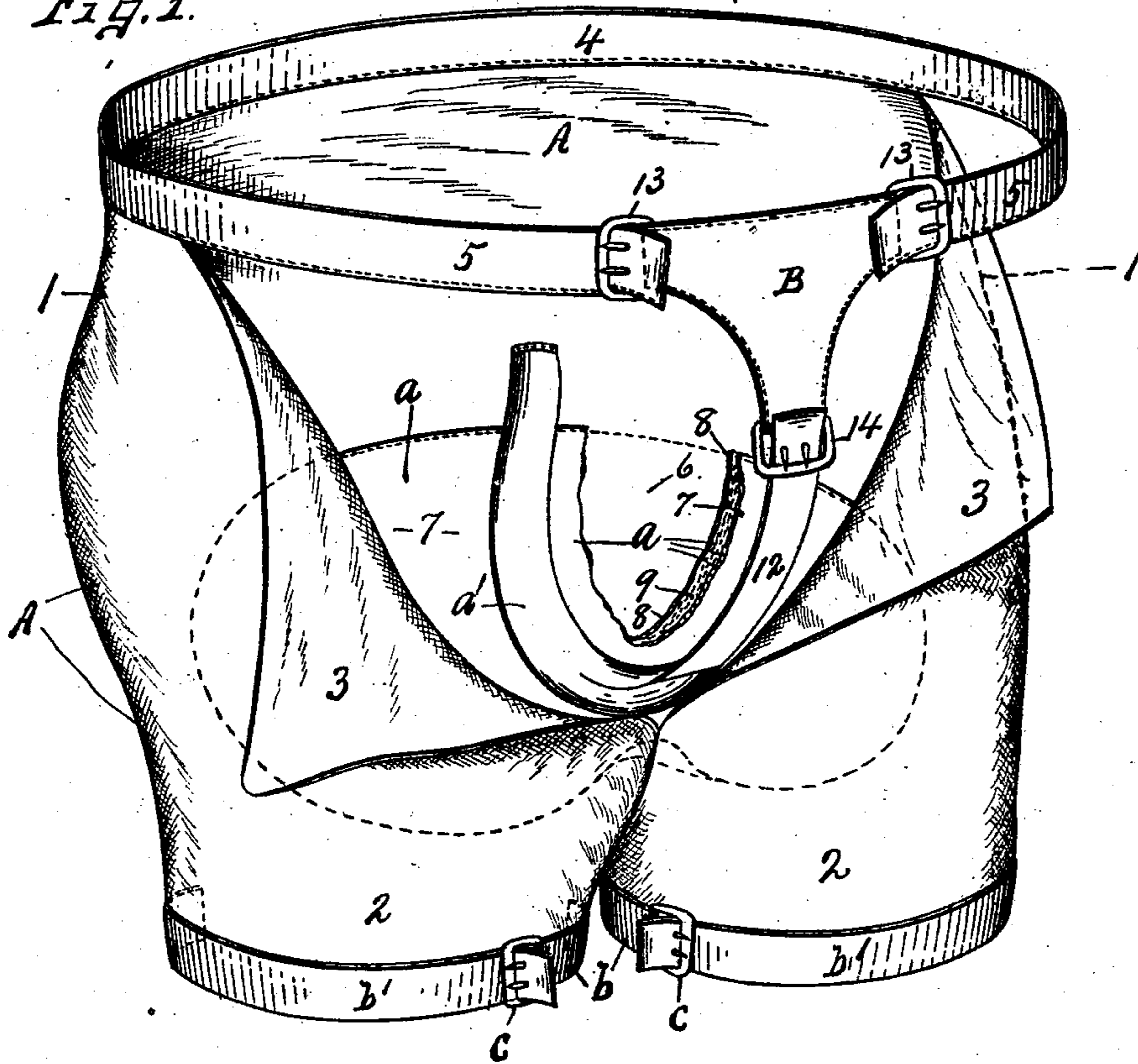
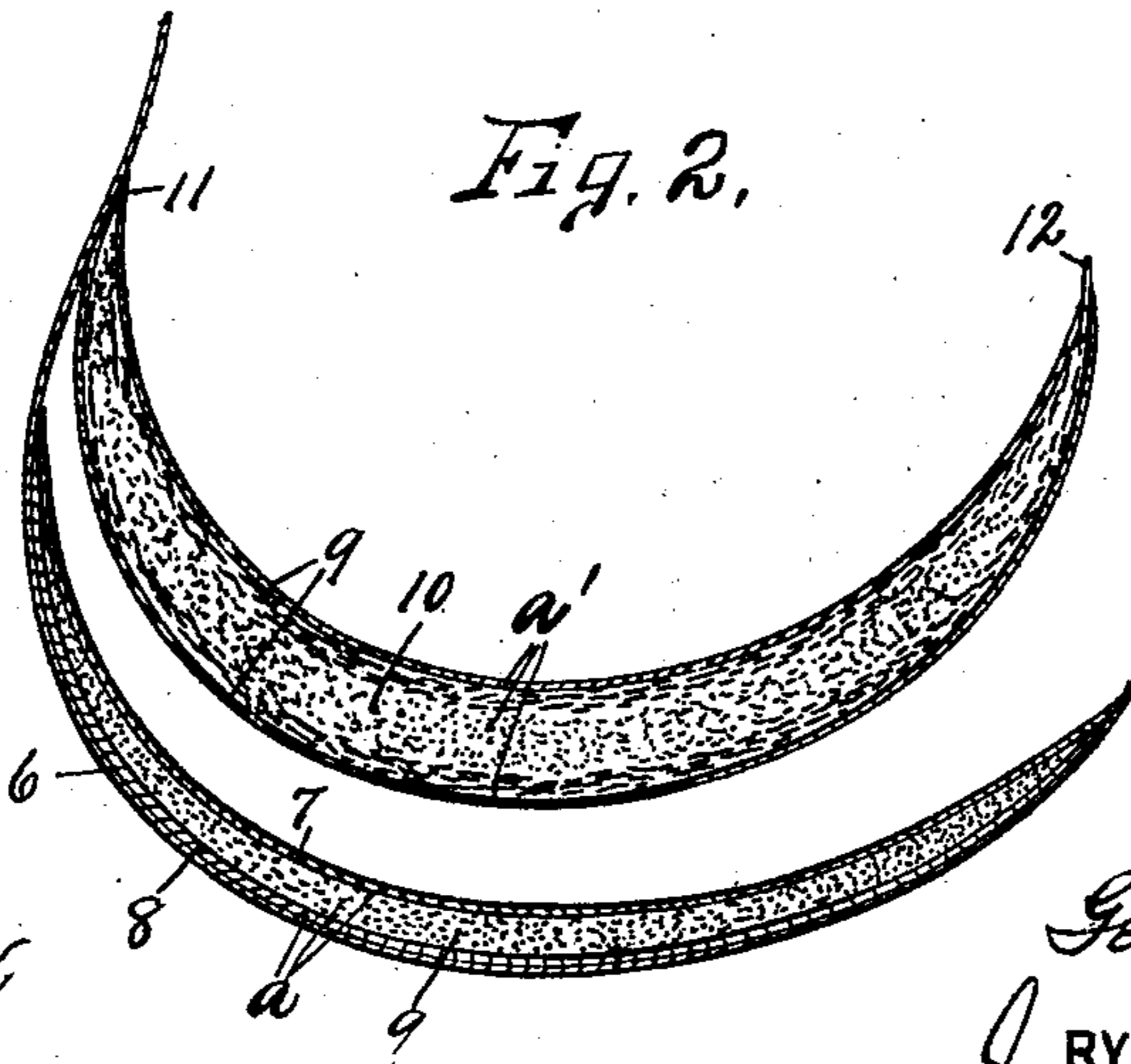


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE TURNER, of Schuyler Lake, in the county of Otsego, in the State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Garments, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to sanitary garments for corpses, the object being to provide means secured to the body of the corpse for retaining, deodorizing, and disinfecting the post-mortem discharges, and thereby preventing the origin of disease-germs or the contagion of any existing disease.

To this end the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts of a sanitary garment, as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view, partly broken away, of my invention; and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view through the flux-absorbing pads seen in Fig. 1.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts.

My invention consists, essentially, of a pair of truncated breeches A, having a padded seat *a* and a flexible padded bandage *a'*, all of which parts are suitably united for forming a complete garment, which is readily applied to the corpse and firmly secured in position. The main body of the breeches may be of any desired form or fabric for inclosing the trunk and thighs of the body and generally consists of the trunk portions 1 and thigh portions 2 2, united to each other and forming the outer wall of the seat *a*, and suitable front flaps 3 3, as seen in Fig. 1. The upper edge of the body portion 1 is provided with a band 4, divided at its front for forming suitable straps 5 5, which are adjustably attached to a yoke B, presently described, which permits the upper edge of the body portion 1 to be tightly girded about the body of the corpse. The lower edges of the thigh portions 2 2 are also each provided with straps *b b'*, which are stitched or otherwise secured at one end of the lower ends of the portions 2 2, the free ends of one of the straps, as *b*, of each thigh portion being

usually provided with a suitable buckle *c* for receiving the adjacent ends of the opposite strap, as *b'*, and permitting the portions 2 2 to be drawn tightly around the thighs, and thereby preventing the escape of any excretions from the body of the corpse.

The padded seat *a* generally consists of a body of absorbent material of sufficient size to receive and absorb all superfluous discharge from the adjacent excretive organs which may escape beyond the limits of the bandage *a'*. As seen in Fig. 2, this seat comprises a portion 6 of the fabric of the body of the breeches which forms the outer layer of the pad, an inner layer 7 of absorbent fabric, an impervious layer 8 of rubber or equivalent material lying adjacent to the inner face of the outer fabric 6, and an absorbent filling 9 interposed between the inner lining 7 and the impervious layer 8 and composed of a suitable antiseptic, disinfectant, or deodorizing material, such as arsenic, charcoal, or salt. The peripheral edges of the layers 7 and 8 are stitched or otherwise secured to the outer fabric 6, thus forming a convenient sack for the germicide and absorbent, which extends over a considerable portion of the seat of the garment and serves to absorb any moisture or discharge from the body and to destroy any micro-organisms which may be contained therein.

The bandage *a'* usually consists of a narrow elongated sack formed of any desired porous fabric 9 and filled with an absorbent and germicide material 10, similar to the filling of the seat-pad, previously described. This bandage is suitably stitched or otherwise secured at one end 11 to the rear portion of the garment A, preferably above the seat-pad *a*, and its other end is adjustably secured by a strap 12 to the yoke B. This yoke B may be of any desired form or construction and is generally provided with oppositely-arranged buckles 13 for receiving the straps 5 and with an additional depending buckle 14 for receiving the strap 12. It is thus evident that the above-described fastening means permits the bandage *a'* to be drawn firmly into engagement with the adjacent organs of the body for retaining the solid excretions of the body and together with the padded seat *a* serves

to absorb the liquid discharges and to destroy any existing disease-germs which may tend to develop therein.

Although I have described the filling for
5 the seat *a* and bandage *a'* as composed of pulverized charcoal, arsenic, and salt, it is evident that said seat and bandage may be filled with any other element or composition for effecting the desired purpose of absorbing,
10 disinfecting, and deodorizing the excretions from the body to which my sanitary garment is applied.

The operation of my invention will now be readily understood upon reference to the foregoing description and the accompanying
15 drawings, and it will be noted that the seat-pad and bandage may be otherwise formed and combined without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. A sanitary garment comprising a pair of breeches, and a yoke, straps secured to the body

of the breeches and adjustably connected to
25 the yoke, additional straps adjustably secured to the legs of said breeches for the purpose described, an absorbent seat adapted to contain a germicide, and an absorbent bandage
30 also adapted to contain a germicide, and having one end secured to the rear portion of the breeches and its other end adjustably connected to the yoke for the purpose set forth.

2. The garment for corpses herein described and shown consisting of a pair of breeches,
35 straps at the lower ends of the same to fasten the leg portions around the thighs, a waist-strap, a padded seat, a yoke secured to the ends of the waist-strap, and a padded bandage having its rear end permanently attached
40 to the breeches above the padded seat and its front end adjustably secured to the yoke.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of October, 1900.

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