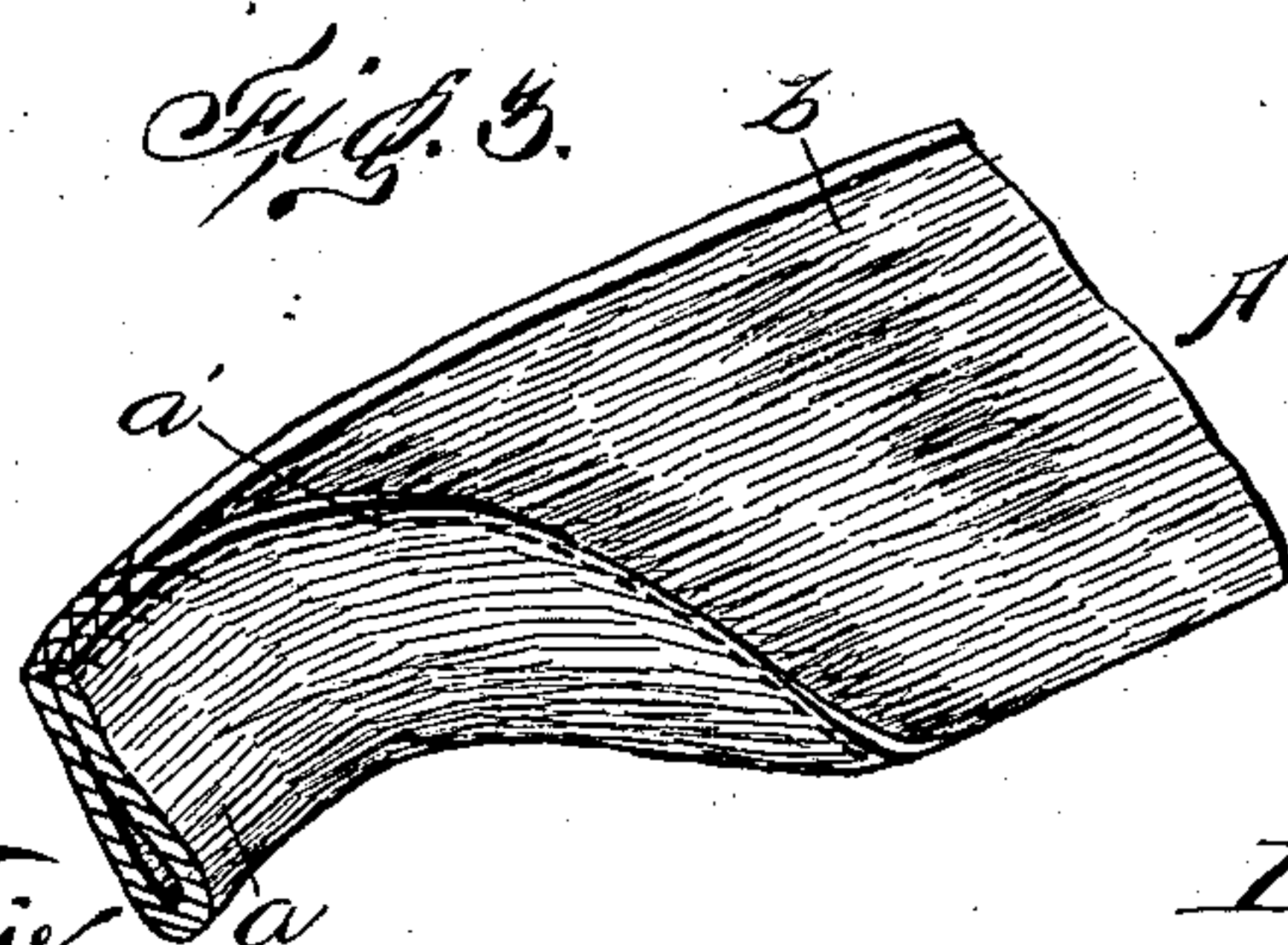
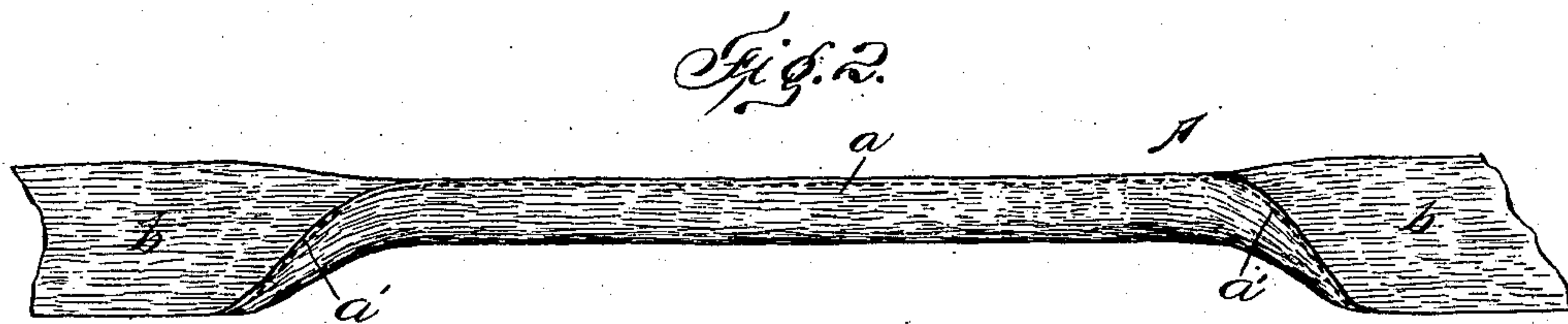
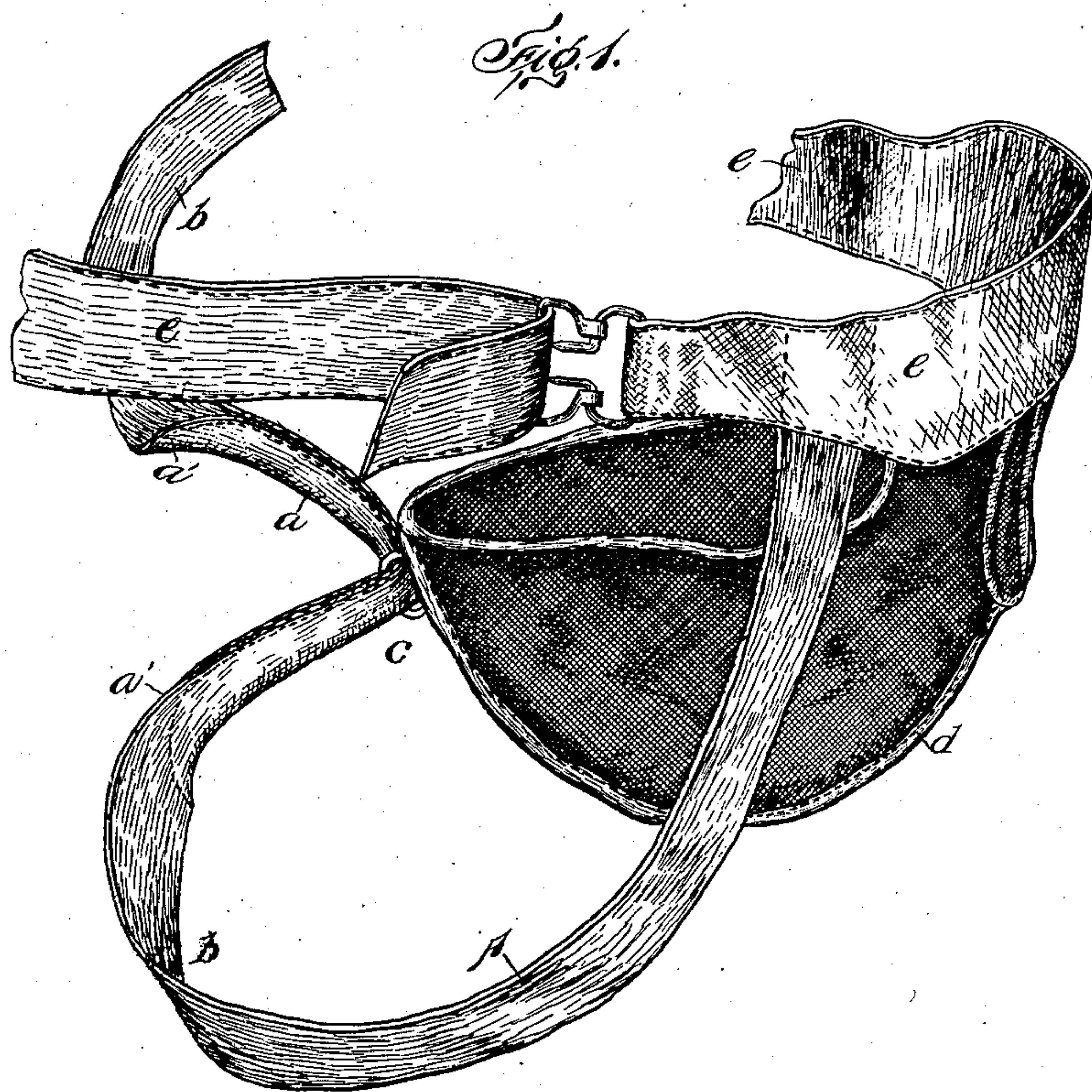


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN R. DRAKE, of De Land, in the county of Volusia and State of Florida, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Suspensory Bandages, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement in that class of suspensory bandages having a leg-band connecting the scrotal bag or pouch with the body-band. I have devised an improvement in such leg-bands, whereby durability and the comfort of the wearer of the bandage are greatly increased.

The details of construction and arrangement of parts are as hereinafter described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a suspensory bandage embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the central portion of my improved leg-band. Fig. 3 is a perspective view, enlarged, of the fold of the leg-band.

The leg-band A is formed of elastic or a rubber tape of seven-eighths of an inch in width. The central portion *a* for a length of about six inches is doubled or folded transversely upon itself, and its edges are sewed together, as shown, the outer or remaining portions *b* of said band having their normal or full breadth. The part *a* passes through and is slidable in a ring *c*, attached to the scrotal pouch *d*, and the parts *b* are suitably secured to the body-band *e* in any preferred way. The part *a* thus doubled or folded is far more comfortable to the wearer than if left of normal width, in which case it would twist or fold irregularly, and it is also much more durable, besides being adapted to slide freely in the pouch-ring *c*, so that the leg-band as a whole readily adjusts itself to the varying positions of the legs of the wearer.

Another principal feature of my invention

is the manner in which the parts *a* and *b* are merged into each other, so as to entirely avoid any projection or fold that will irritate the skin by sliding contact therewith, as is often the case in leg-bands as usually constructed. In carrying out this part of my invention one-half of each of the end portions of the folded section *a* is turned, as shown at *a'*, at an angle of about forty-five degrees across the adjacent broad portion *b* of the leg-band and stitched thereto, as shown. The folds or laps *a'* thus lie flat upon the part *b*, so as to form practically an unobtrusive attachment thereof, and will not chafe the skin of the wearer of the suspensory. The leg-band may therefore be worn with entire comfort, besides sliding more easily and being more durable than those constructed and arranged in the usual manner.

What I claim is—

1. An improved suspensory bandage comprising the usual body-band and a pouch having a ring attached, and a leg-band which is slidable in said ring and formed of an elastic tape having a narrowed central portion formed by folding the tape transversely upon itself flatwise and sewing the edges of the folds together, the ends of such central portion being folded at an angle and stitched to the broad flat bottoms *b*, as shown and described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture the leg-band for suspensory bandages, consisting of an elastic tape having its central portion folded upon itself and its edges sewed together and the end *a'* of such portions being folded diagonally across the broad flat portions *b* and stitched thereto, as shown and described.

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