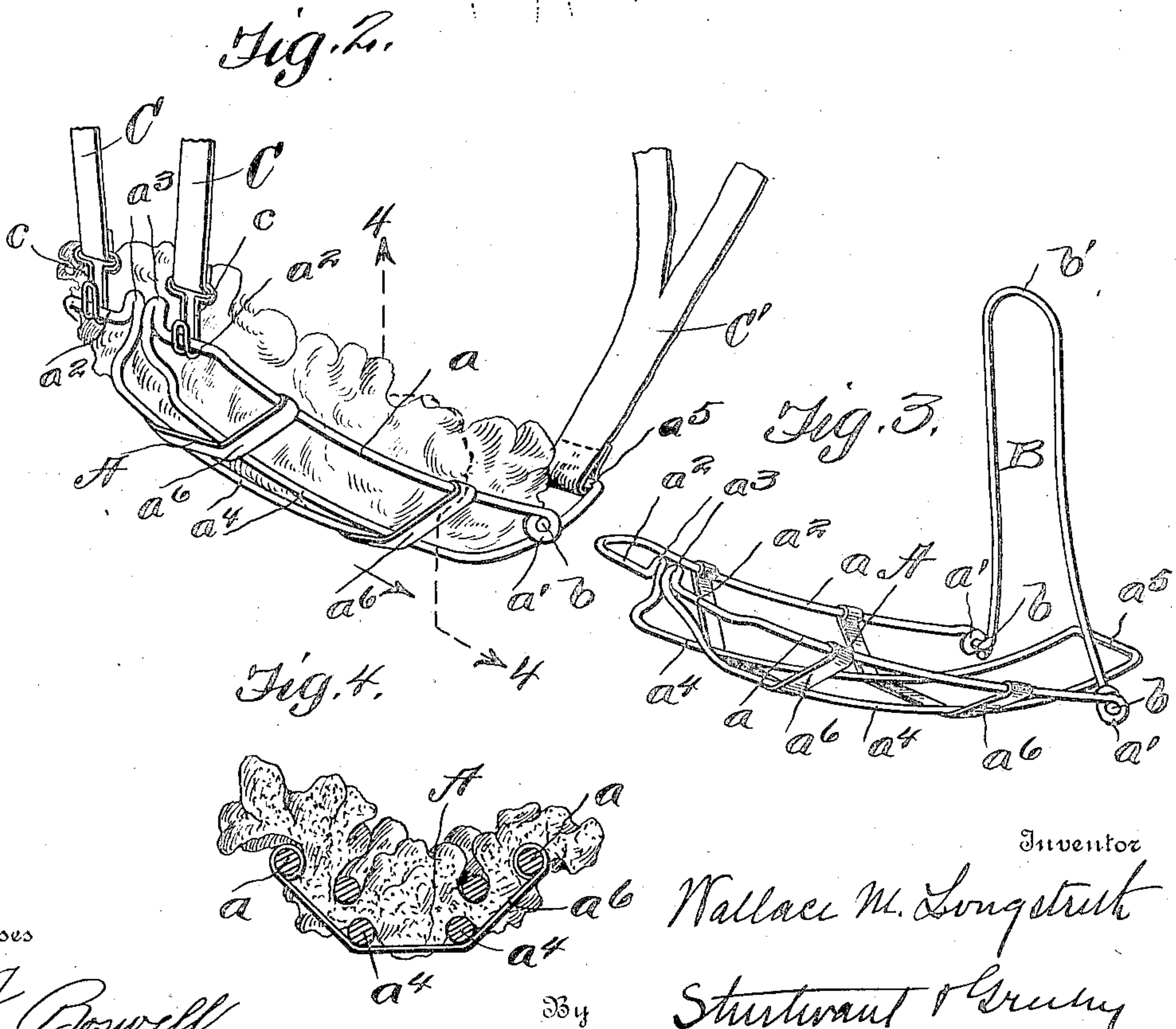
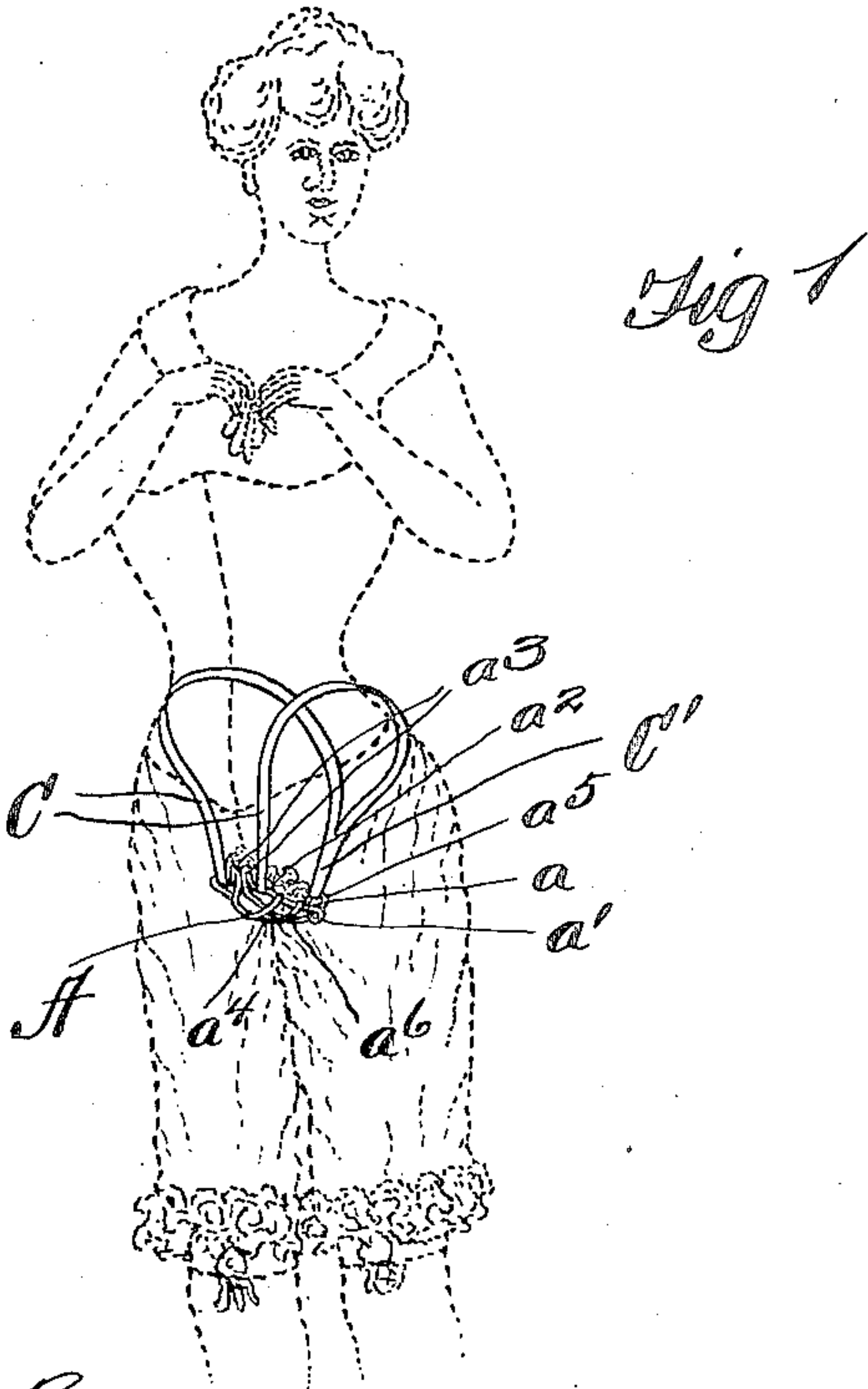


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WALLACE M. LONGSTRETH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Terra Alta, in the county of Preston, State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Catamenial Sacks, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention relates to that class of pads known as "catamenial sacks."

The objects of the invention are to provide a receptacle or holder for absorbent material which may be readily sterilized without injury to the material of the receptacle, to provide such a receptacle with a retaining means movable across its open upper side to hold the absorbent material in place and yet not inconvenience the wearer, to form the receptacle of perforated sheet metal or of metallic wire in the form of an open cup in the upper open portion of which is pivoted the swinging retainer.

The objects I accomplish by the construction shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the invention in use. Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view showing the invention ready for use. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the invention with the retainer thrown back ready to receive the absorbent material, and Fig. 4 is a cross-sectional view on line 4 4 of Fig. 2.

In the drawings, A designates the receptacle formed of a single length of metallic strip or wire and comprising the parallel curved side bars  $a a$ , formed at their rear ends with eyes  $a' a'$  and bent inwardly at their front ends, as at  $a^2 a^2$ , thence upwardly and rearwardly to form catches  $a^3 a^3$ , and thence downwardly and rearwardly to form the curved bottom bars  $a^4 a^4$ , which are connected at their rear ends beyond the eyes  $a' a'$  by the integral cross-bar  $a^5$ . Thus an open-work metallic receptacle curved to fit the person is provided. The device is strengthened by means of transverse braces  $a^6 a^6$ , bent at their upper ends around the side bars  $a a$  and soldered to the under sides of the bottom bars  $a^4 a^4$ . The side and bottom bars being then

rigidly secured together are prevented from being pressed together to the inconvenience and discomfort of the wearer. The front ends of the bottom bars  $a^4 a^4$  are preferably soldered or otherwise rigidly united.

B is the curved U-shaped retainer, bent outwardly at its rear ends to form pivots  $b b$ , which are mounted to turn in the eyes  $a' a'$ , and permitting the retainer to swing down into the upper open end of the sack or retainer to hold the antiseptic absorbent cotton or other absorbent medium in place. When so swung down the front cross-bar  $b'$  of the retainer snaps under the catches  $a^3$  and is so held from accidental displacement.

The absorbent material may be readily removed for renewal, and the sack or receptacle may be thoroughly cleansed without trouble and sterilized in the hottest water or air without injuring it or in any way changing its shape.

The front cross-pieces  $a^2 a^2$  form means for the attachment of the hooks  $c c$  of the front suspension-straps C C, and the rear cross-bar  $a^5$  is for the rear suspension-strap C'.

The device has proven upon trial to be exceedingly comfortable to the wearer.

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

1. A catamenial sack comprising a receptacle for absorbent material formed from a single length of wire bent to form two parallel side bars, two parallel bottom bars, and a catch at the junction of said side bars with said bottom bars, a retainer for said absorbent material formed of a U-shaped length of wire pivoted at the ends of its arms to the side bars of the said receptacle and having its cross-bar adapted to engage with the above-mentioned catch, and means to attach said receptacle to the person.

2. A catamenial sack comprising an elongated curved receptacle for absorbent material, the same comprising parallel longitudinal side bars and bottom bars, means to hold said bars in their parallel relation, a catch at one end of said receptacle and a bail hinged to the other end thereof and adapted to engage said catch to secure said material in the receptacle.

3. In a catamenial sack, an elongated



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together at their rear ends by an integral  
5 cross-bar and connected at their front ends  
to the front ends of the side bars by integral  
cross-pieces having catch-forming bends,  
and a U-shaped retainer pivoted at its rear

ends to the side bars and at its front closed  
and adapted to snap under said catch. 10

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

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