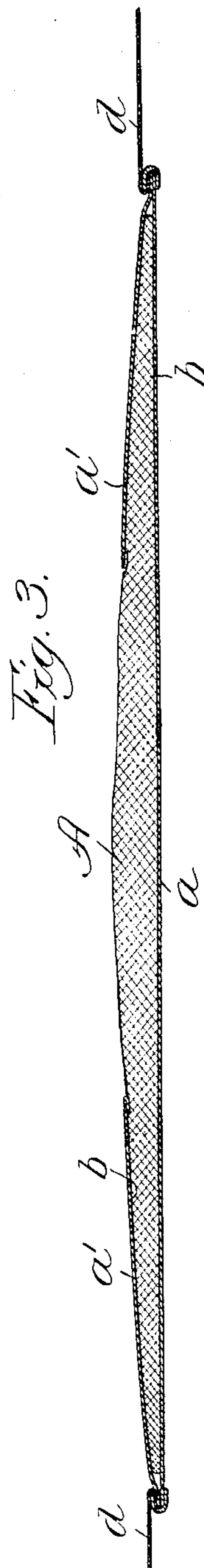
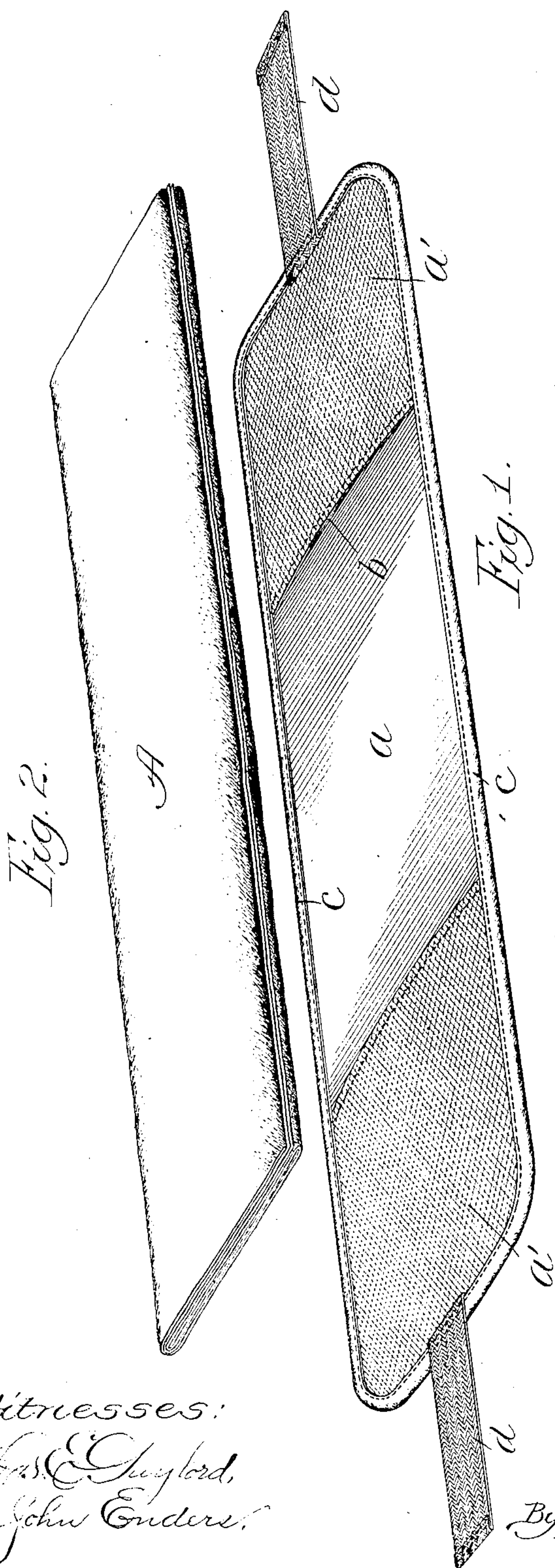


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CLARA L. WILLIAMS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Catamenial Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a novel and simplified construction of catamenial protector which shall present material advantages in use over other articles for the same purpose.

Among the advantages which it is the object of my improvement to afford are durability, due to the construction adapting the article to be washed without injury to or impairment of any of the parts; cleanliness, due to the construction avoiding presentation of any portion of the article in the way of the discharge and to the manner in which it adapts the napkin to be confined in the protector without pinning or tacking, whereby all need for contact of the hands of the wearer with the soiled part of the napkin in changing the latter is avoided, and comfort to the wearer, due to the avoidance by the construction of any means for holding the napkin in the protector tending to cause chafing or discomfort.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the protector; Fig. 2, a similar view of the pad or napkin for holding which the protector is provided; and Fig. 3, a central longitudinal section of the protector, showing the pad confined therein.

The article consists of a strip *a* of suitable dimensions—say about eighteen inches long and four inches wide—of waterproof cloth, preferably of the variety known as “rubber-cloth,” having one rubber-coated surface, which affords the upper surface in the finished article, and a pocket on each end of the strip *a*, formed with a strip *a'*, preferably of the same waterproof material, with its rubber-coated surface innermost, and of about one-third the length, or less, of the strip *a*, to which it is fastened by binding-tape *c*, sewed entirely about the edges of the strip *a* and about the entire end and side edges of the pocket-forming strip, thereby leaving free

the edge of the latter which crosses the strip *a*. The pockets thus provided at opposite sides of the transverse center of the article receive the ends of the napkin *A*, folded to conform to the width of the protector, the ends being tucked into the pockets, which are sufficiently deep to retain the napkin smoothly in place without other means of fastening it—such as pins, tacking-stitches, or elastic straps such as are sometimes provided to tie together the folded edges of the article and stretch across the napkin between the pockets for holding the napkin in place. All such fastening means are objectionable because of their tendency to chafe, the pinning and tacking means referred to presenting the further objection of requiring to be unfastened by the hands for changing the napkin and the folded edges and cross-straps referred to presenting the further objection of being liable to become soiled, while the straps are liable to impairment by washing the article, and thus impair the durability of the article.

Straps *d d* extend from the ends of the protector to afford means for fastening it to the belt or corset of the user. When the article is fastened in place, the construction leaves the napkin free to yield longitudinally and transversely, and thus to follow the movements of the parts of the body with which it is closely associated, thereby adding greatly to the comfort of the wearer.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A protector of the character described, consisting of a strip of waterproof cloth having napkin-end-retaining pockets on its end portions formed of strips of cloth permanently fastened along their outer and lateral edges to said first-named strip, and provided with an unobstructed napkin-space between the open pocket ends and presenting an open, flat and smooth surface free from folds or ridges, and securing means on the ends of the article, for the purpose set forth.

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