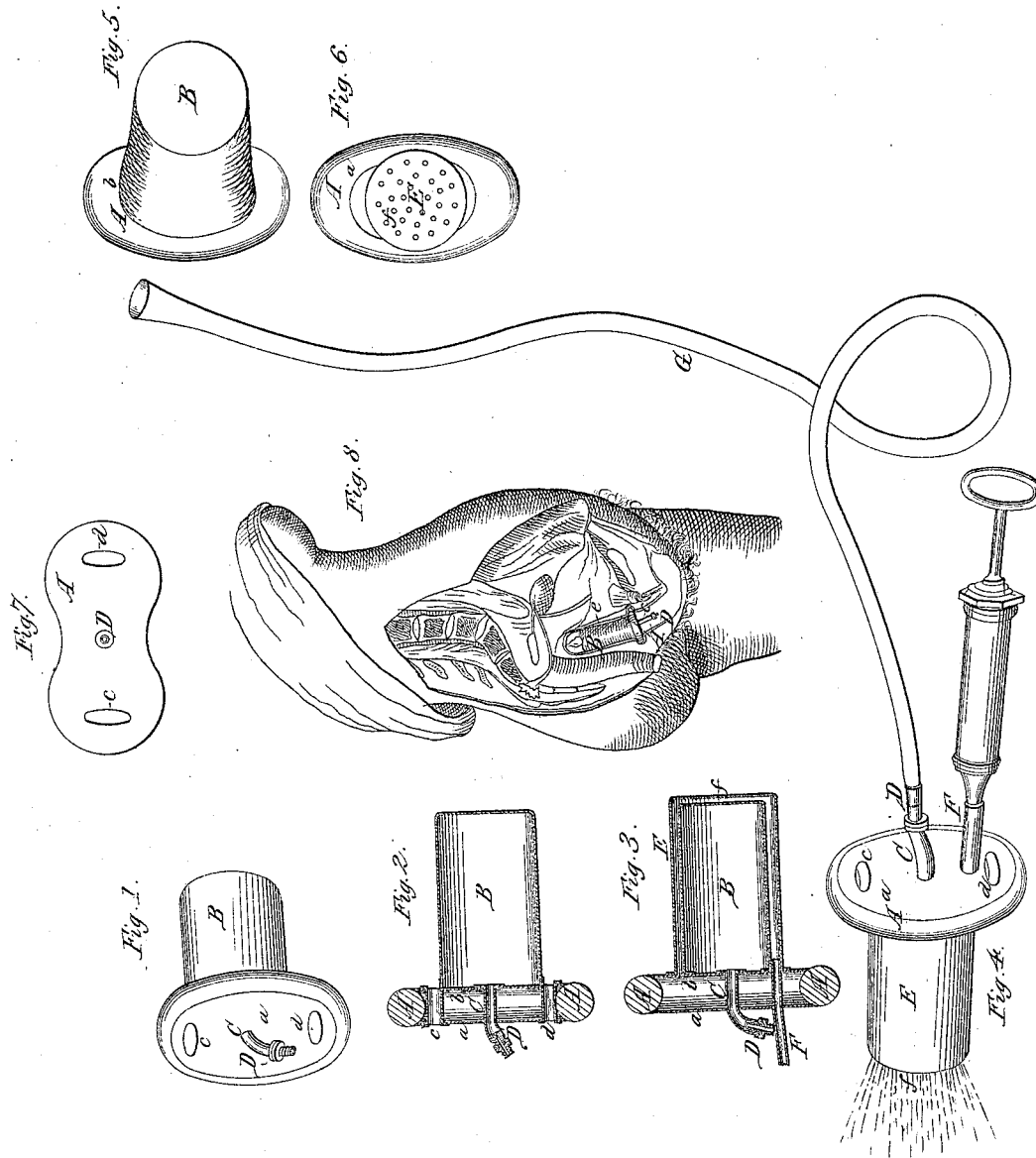


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, L. ANTONY GESCHEIDT, of the city of New York, county of New York, and State of New York, have  
5 invented a new and Improved Instrument to Prevent the Falling of the Womb and to Effect the Cure, which I call "Pherysteron" or "Suppositorium Uterinum."

Various modes have been resorted to, to  
10 prevent the falling of the womb, and to cure that defect by keeping it in its proper place; but all the modes employed effect the object only in part, because the uterus is not forced back to its natural position, al-  
15 lowed to fall at least some inches from its true place upon contrivances which from their hard nature cause irritation and produce inflammation. To obviate these inconveniences and to employ such means which  
20 effect both objects viz: the replacing of the uterus in its natural position and keeping it there by means of an instrument which causes no irritation, and which admits at the same time, injections upon the suffering  
25 parts, whereby an ultimate cure can be effected, I have invented the pherysteron aluded to, which consists of an elastic ring and an airtight bag, which is secured to the ring and which bag can be inflated in such a  
30 manner as to support the uterus.

The following is a full and exact description: The ring which I use, and upon which the airbag is secured is made of india rubber or of any other suitable elastic substance; it exerts through its elastic nature  
35 a uniform pressure upon the surrounding parts within the vagina, and causes consequently less irritation, as a hard nonelastic body will produce.

The ring A, see Figures 1 to 7 in the accompanying drawing, is either oval or of the figure 8 as in Fig. 7; it is entirely covered on both sides with india rubber cloth see Figs. 2 and 3 (sections) *a, b*; and where  
45 there is a strong secretion from the vagina or the uterus I make two holes in the surfaces of the oval to give egress to the secretion see Figs. 1, 4, and 7, *c, d*. Upon one side of the oval or otherwise shaped ring I  
50 place a short elastic bag of india rubber cloth or any other suitable substances see Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 5, B, which is fastened to the surface of the ring A and its covering *b*,

in such a manner, as to make the bag perfectly airtight. In order to inflate this bag 55 B, I pass a small elastic tube see Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, C, through the surfaces of the oval or ring *a, b* which opens into the airbag B, see sections Figs. 2 and 3. At the end of the small tube, which projects toward the open- 60 ing of the vagina, is a small valve, which closes when the bag is inflated through the pressure of the air within see Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, D. The bag fills the space of the vagina without distending it, as Fig. 8 shows at *e*. 65

To apply injections I place over the aforesaid airbag B another similar elastic bag, of somewhat larger dimensions see Figs. 3, 4, 6, E, which is fixed upon the oval in a similar manner as the above described bag 70 B, this bag E may be provided with a number of holes on its upper end *f*; and in order to pass the injections up the bag and through the holes at *f*, I pass a small tube F, see Figs. 3 and 4, through the surfaces of the oval, 75 large enough to admit the end of a syringe; the fluid when injected passes up the small tube F and between the bag B and E and out at the holes at *f* upon the suffering parts.

This instrument is applied in the follow- 80 ing manner, after the oval has been dipped into oil or any other lubricating matter, and after the air has been forced out from the air bag, the instrument is placed between the thumb and first finger, and passed up the 85 vagina, in such a manner that the flat sides of the oval, with the air bag on one side, and the small tube on the other, are turned toward the hipbones, and when the instrument has reached above the hipbones, it is 90 brought in a horizontal position, that the air bag B, see Fig. 8, comes toward the uterus, and the small tubes downward. The oval A, see Fig. 8, with its greater diameter is placed upon the tuberosity of the ischium 95 when the instrument has been properly placed, the air bag B is inflated, by means of a long tube G, see Fig. 4, which is screwed on to the small tube C with its valve D. In case the small tube C, with the valve D 100 causes inconvenience a small elastic bag can be fastened over it.

When the instrument is required to be removed, the air is allowed to escape from the bag B, which is effected by removing the 105 valve D from the tube C.

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

1. The combination of an elastic ring or oval with an airtight bag substantially herein described, which serves as supporter of the uterus.
2. The combination of an elastic ring or

oval with an airtight bag, and a second bag to admit the application of inspections substantially herein described.

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