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**Apparatus for Curing Genital Weakness.**

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**LETTERS PATENT** to Charles Watson, of 27, Alfred Place, Bedford Square, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, for the Invention of "**AN IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR CURING CERTAIN BODILY COMPLAINTS.**"

Sealed the 12th March 1858, and dated the 12th September 1857.

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**PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION** left by the said Charles Watson at the Office of the Commissioners of Patents, with his Petition, on the 12th September 1857.

I, CHARLES WATSON, of 27, Alfred Place, Bedford Square, in the County of Middlesex, Gentleman, do hereby declare the nature of the said Invention for "**AN IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR CURING CERTAIN BODILY COMPLAINTS,**" to be as follows:—

This Invention relates to a peculiar form and construction of apparatus or instrument for curing certain complaints in the male organs of generation, such as spermatorrhœa, seminal weakness, or debility of the parts, and consists in the use of a silver plated metallic ring to be applied to or worn on the penis. This ring is formed with a hinge joint, and is provided with a screw or other fastening to facilitate the opening of the same, and enable it to be secured on to and encircle the penis. Through the under side of this ring passes a screwed spindle, fitted at one end with a milled head for turning the same, and at the opposite or inner end with a pad or cushion, which is free to revolve on the end of the screw spindle, and to prevent that abrasion of the parts in contact,



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which would otherwise occur were the cushion or pad fixed. With the same view the metallic ring may be surrounded by velvet or other soft fabric.

In applying this apparatus the ring is first opened and then placed on the penis so as to encircle it, whereupon it is closed and fastened by the fastening provided for that purpose. The pad or cushion is now screwed inwards, so as to act upon and compress gently the spermatic cord or seminal vessel, thereby contracting the relaxed parts and producing the beneficial results desired.

**SPECIFICATION** in pursuance of the conditions of the Letters Patent, filed by the said Charles Watson in the Great Seal Patent Office on the 12th March 1858.

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**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, CHARLES WATSON**, of 27, Alfred Place, Bedford Square, in the County of Middlesex, Doctor of Medicine of the University of New York, send greeting.

**WHEREAS** Her most Excellent Majesty Queen Victoria, by Her Letters Patent, bearing date the Twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, in the twenty-first year of Her reign, did, for Herself, Her heirs and successors, give and grant unto me, the said Charles Watson, Her special license that I, the said Charles Watson, my executors, administrators, and assigns, or such others as I, the said Charles Watson, my executors, administrators, or assigns, should at any time agree with, and no others, from time to time and at all times thereafter during the term therein expressed, should and lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Channel Islands, and Isle of Man, an Invention for "**AN IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR CURING CERTAIN BODILY COMPLAINTS**," upon the condition (amongst others) that I, the said Charles Watson, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, should particularly describe and ascertain the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the same was to be performed, and cause the same to be filed in the Great Seal Patent Office within six calendar months next and immediately after the date of the said Letters Patent.

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**NOW KNOW YE**, that I, the said Charles Watson, do hereby declare the nature of my said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement, reference being had to the accompanying Drawings, and to the letters and figures marked thereon, that is to say:—

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My said Invention relates to a peculiar form and construction of apparatus



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or instrument for curing certain complaints in the male organs of generation, such as spermatorrhœa, seminal weakness, or debility of the parts, and consists in the use of a silver plated or other suitable metallic ring to be applied to or worn on the penis. This ring is formed with a hinged joint, and is provided  
5 with a screw or other fastening to facilitate the opening of the same, and enable it to be secured on to and encircle the penis. Through the under side of this ring passes a screwed spindle, fitted at one end with a milled head for turning the same, and at the opposite or inner end with a pad or cushion, which is free to revolve on the end of the screw spindle, and to prevent that  
10 abrasion of the parts in contact, which would otherwise occur were the cushion or pad fixed. With the same view the metallic ring may be surrounded by velvet or other soft fabric.

In applying this apparatus, the ring is first opened and then placed on the penis so as to encircle it, whereupon it is closed and fastened by the fastening  
15 provided for that purpose. The pad or cushion is now screwed inwards, so as to act upon and compress gently the "raphe," and thereby allow it to influence the spermatic chord or seminal vessel, by which means the relaxed parts will be contracted and the desired beneficial results will be produced.

And in order that my said Invention may be fully understood, I shall now  
20 proceed more particularly to describe the same, and for that purpose I shall refer to the several Figures on the Sheet of Drawings hereunto annexed, the same letters of reference indicating corresponding parts throughout both Figures.

Figure 1 of my Drawings represents a perspective view of one form of the  
25 instrument opened out ready to be applied; and Figure 2 shews the instrument (which is slightly modified) applied to the penis. A is the ring; B, a hinged joint; C, a small screw for fastening the two halves together when closed; D is a pad or cushion turning freely on the inner end of the screw spindle E, to prevent friction or abrasion of the parts. This spindle is tapped  
30 through the lower portion of the ring, so that the pad may be raised or lowered by turning the spindle E. The instrument shewn applied in Figure 2 has, in addition to the pad D, a projecting tongue F.

The ring is surrounded with velvet or other soft fabric, as shewn in Figure 2, to prevent any injury of the parts.

35 In applying this apparatus the ring is first opened, as in Figure 1, and then placed upon the penis so as to encircle it, whereupon it is closed and fastened by the fastening provided for that purpose. The instrument is to be placed upon the penis in the manner shewn in Figure 2, so that the pad D and small tongue F may gently touch the "raphe," namely, the dark line



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situated beneath the body of the penis, and thereby allow it to influence the functions of the seminal vessels and spermatic cord by a gentle and equable pressure, and by so doing contract the relaxed parts in order to produce the beneficial results desired.

Having now described and particularly ascertained the nature of my said 5 Invention, and the manner in which the same is or may be used or carried into effect, I would observe, in conclusion, that I do not confine or restrict myself to the precise details or arrangements which I have had occasion to describe or refer to, as variations may be made therefrom without deviating from the principles or main features of my said Invention; but what 10 I consider to be novel and original, and therefore claim as the Invention secured to me by the herein-before in part recited Letters Patent, is,—

First, the herein-before described general construction and arrangement of apparatus for curing certain bodily complaints herein-before mentioned.

Second, the application and use of a revolving pad in combination with a 15 jointed ring and screw spindle for the purpose of curing, by the aid of gentle pressure upon the “raphe,” the bodily complaints herein-before mentioned.

In witness whereof, I, the said Charles Watson, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Ninth day of March, One thousand eight hundred 20 and fifty-eight.

CHARLES WATSON. (L.S.)

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WATSON'S SPECIFICATION.

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FIG. 1.

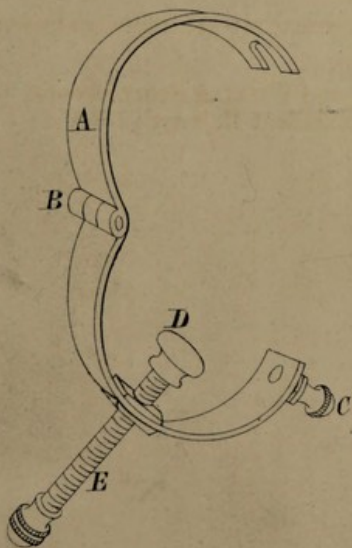
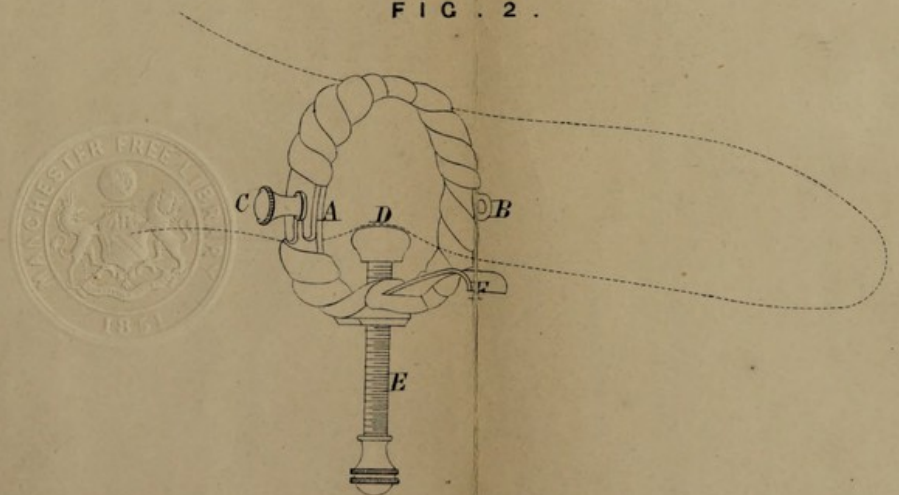


FIG. 2.



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