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Improved Accoucheur's Assistant.

LETTERS PATENT to Charles Midgley, of the City of Montreal,
Machinist, for the Invention of an "IMPROVED ACCOUCHEUR'S
ASSISTANT."

Montreal, dated 13th August, 1849.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION.

This invention is of a simple nature; its great and principle object is to enable Doctors, Midwives and others to confine females in a sitting position, with less trouble to themselves and pain to their patients. It is made of straps or stays, made with India rubber or any elastic stuff, or springs with pads; the whole is so arranged and fixed on the body as to give ease to the patient and facility to the operator. One of the straps or stays is placed round the back of the neck and is brought down on each side over the shoulders where it is connected with another strap or stay, this strap or stay is made to come round the small of the back or loins of the patient, and is then brought round each knee and fastened with a buckle, another strap or stay connected with the before-mentioned strap, is made to run down each of the legs on both sides, coming round the middle of the sole of the foot, and fastened also with a buckle; the straps or stays can be lengthened or shortened to convenience in the usual manner by the buckles. When the instrument or article is fitted on, in the manner above described, the patient, by pressing forward the knees on the pads, will have the stomach or front part thrown forward by the pad