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DR. BANNING'S  
PATENT LACE, OR BODY BRACE,  
FOR THE RELIEF OR CURE OF  
SPINAL AFFECTIONS,  
BLEEDING AT THE LUNGS,  
AND ALL WEAKNESSES OF THE BODY  
REQUIRING SUPPORT.

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W. W. PECK, Agent.

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Also to be had of DR. BANNING himself, during  
his limited stay in this city. Consultation as  
to its use, *gratuitous*.

[ A Lady in attendance upon Ladies. ]

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# "TRUTH IS MIGHTY."

This pamphlet contains a large amount of highly creditable and strongly approbatory evidence of the value and importance of the

## PATENT LACE, OR BODY BRACE,

to which the attention of the public is respectfully invited. The work claims not, however, for the Brace,

## MIRACULOUS POWERS!

SUCH AS THE "PREVENTION OF OLD AGE!"

NOR THE

CURING OF *CONFIRMED* CONSUMPTION!!

OR ANY OTHER

## HUMBUG!!!

But does profess and establish, beyond successful contradiction, the important fact,

## THAT NATURE ONLY REQUIRES HELP!

And that **HELP** is here afforded!!!

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*Causes of the debility of Ladies, so common at the present day.*

1. A neglect to support weak children. 2. Neglecting to support fast growing and lax fibered girls, at the change from girlhood to womanhood. 3. The present length of whalebone dress waists, and the enormous number and weight of skirts commonly worn, and pressing downward.

Braces on hand for very small children. Braces sent to order, as per measurement—Cash accompanying the order. Circulars informatory, furnished grat.s.

**DR. BANNING'S**

**CELEBRATED**

**PATENT LACE, OR BODY BRACE.**

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The proprietor of this Instrument wishes to return his thanks to the public, and to the Medical profession, for the very liberal and unexpected patronage which his LACE has, and does still continue to receive from every State in the Union. He also wishes to inform them, that he has lately made an

**IMPROVEMENT IN THE INSTRUMENT,**

which, for ease and support to the body, very far surpasses any supporter or brace now in use, (although since his article was introduced and patented, many other varieties have appeared,) and he would take this mode of respectfully requesting the public to guard against purchasing for his brace, any but those bearing the stamp of the proprietor, thus:

**"DR. BANNING'S PATENT LACE,**

**PA. APRIL 6th, 1843."**

And which may be had at the principal Office No. 369, Broadway, New York—and of the different agents throughout the Union.

The object of this Instrument is to relieve or cure the following Diseases, viz:

Weakness of the Breast; Bronchitis; Shortness of Breath; Pain in the Chest; Weakness and Bleeding at the Lungs; Palpitation of the Heart; Dyspepsia; Costiveness and Piles; Pains in the Back; Spinal Curvature and Enlargement of one Hip and Shoulder; Falling of the Bowels; Prolapsus Uteri; Irregular, Painful or Profuse Menstruation; a Tendency to Abortion, and Painful Pregnancy, and the bad shape incident to childbearing; a disposition to drooping, lounging and weariness; Hysteria, melancholy, causeless crying, and thoughts of suicide; habitual Bilious Colic; Sea Sickness and Chronic Diarrhoea; Milk-leg, with old Ulcers; Varicose Veins; Pains, coldness, numbness, and swelling of the extremities; Weaknesses peculiar to males and females, as such, whether from solitary abuse, or the debility common at puberty. The deformities of weak and rickety children, are greatly under its control.

These, and analogous maladies, which, when grouped together, seem to have no identity of nature or cause, may be often accounted for, and relieved, on the following rational and "common sense" principle, to which the critical attention of the popular and scientific reader is invited, viz:—That man, *animally* considered, is a *machine*, and that when his *mechanical* perfection is in any degree lost, there must follow a corresponding depreciation of its functions, as a natural result. With reference to the internal organs of the trunk, we remark, that they are all connected together, from the top to the base of the truncal cavity, and are under the influence of their own weight—that they, in health, all *support* each other, from below upward, and do not drag each other downward. This compact state and upward action is chiefly effected by the surrounding abdominal muscles, when in an active, healthy state. Therefore, when these are relaxed, the whole pile of organs will fall, producing a general displacement of them, necessarily inducing a host of functional derangements. These derangements will be *mechanical*, and of

course only curable by restoring the parts to their proper place. The following expresses some of the natural effects of muscular and ligamentous relaxation upon the body, which *cannot* be cured exclusively by medicine, viz:—The whole mass of organs falling, rest too heavily upon the arteries, veins, nerves and lymphatic vessels of the lower extremities, obstructing the commerce between them and the body, diminishing the arterial force, the return of the venous blood, the ascent of the lymphatic fluids and free nervous intercourse between the body and limbs, inducing coldness, numbness, swelling and loss of motion in them, with varicose veins. They will also press upon the urinary organ, and produce either a too frequent evacuation of urine, or else, turning it back or forward, so as to cramp its stem, will produce retention of that fluid, giving to too many, a false reason to suppose the kidneys to be affected. They also press on the lower bowel, and *thereby mechanically* produce costiveness, or torpor of the bowels. There will also be exerted a pressure on the Uterus, (or womb,) crowding it downward, and out of place, putting its supporting chords upon the stretch, producing a sense of pain, lameness of the back, and drawing sensation in the groins, where these ligaments are attached, and a great sense of weight or pressing at the lower belly.

By the pressure upon the lower bowel, and consequently upon the hemorrhoidal veins, producing costiveness and obstructing the free return of blood from the bowel, piles are produced. We also see, the stomach, liver and spleen will now be left unsupported, causing also a sense of hanging, dragging pain, compelling the patient to lean over and press that region with the hand. The region of the stomach will be tender, and the patient will speak of "*goneness*," sinking, and other like sensations.

Also, the spleen will be dragged downwards; pulling on its upper ligaments, producing a dead, heavy, constant pain in the side, imitating inflammation of that organ, which cannot be reached by internal medicine. By this means, also, the diaphragm becomes displaced, and ceases to support the heart and lungs. The former will be now suspended, causing a fluttering or palpitation; the lungs being left unsupported, produces a disposition to lean forward in sitting or standing. When there exists this descent of the organs in public speakers, the voice is weak and throat sore, in connection with all the other symptoms just referred to. This falling also brings the body forward in front of the small of the back, or the body's axis, inducing an unusual leverage on that part, followed by a straining

weakness and curvature of the spine, with great pain and soreness; for the true philosophy of an erect and square form is, to have the hips, and particularly the small or hollow of the back, pushed under, so that the head and shoulders will be balanced upon the former, causing the crown of the head, the lower joints of the neck, the hollow of the back, the hips, knee and ankle joints, to be all in perfect line when erect; showing that drooping shoulders are the result of a falling of the internal organs, and more particularly of a weakness of the lower back, and a retreating of it and the hips from under the body, so that the case is a *humped back*, and not drooping shoulders. And also, that spinal curvature is caused by standing and sitting upon one hip, causing the weight to break across the spine, between the shoulders, and also the small of the back; and that both of which must be relieved by supporting forward, and to the centre of the *base* of the sinking pile, and not by putting *back* and *out* of *place*, the head and shoulders, as is necessarily done by shoulder braces and spinal supports.

### PROOF.

If you are drooped, and are pressed forward firmly by the finger's end upon the kidneys, your shoulders come back, and you are erect. (See figure 6.) When erect, if supported thus firmly, you cannot bow or droop until the back has permission to retreat.

If you are curved to one side, press the convex part of the spine, at the small of the back, forward and toward the centre, and the high shoulder will sink—the low and opposite one be elevated, and the body be comparatively square; then with another hand lift the abdomen, and you will feel strong and firm, and the chest commence to expand, and the breathing be immediately improved. All this the Brace accomplishes. (See Figures 5 and 6, on next page.)

FIGURE V.



Fig. V represents an internal view of Fig. III.

- A. Perpendicular line touching the breast, but not the abdomen, which is drawn back by the erect posture, and the active state of the abdominal muscles.
- B. Form of the Spine of an erect person, and a plumb line dropping from the crown through the union of the back and neck, and through the hollow of the back and the hip and knee joints, and falling a little nearer the ball than the heel of the foot.
- C. Elevated Diaphragm, supporting the lungs and heart.
- D. Hollow back of the erect and well-formed man.
- G. Urinary bladder at liberty, and uncompresssed by the abdominal organs.
- H. Uterus or *womb* uncompresssed.
- I. Rectum or *lower bowel* uncompresssed by the superior organs.

Figure VI is the reverse of Figure V.

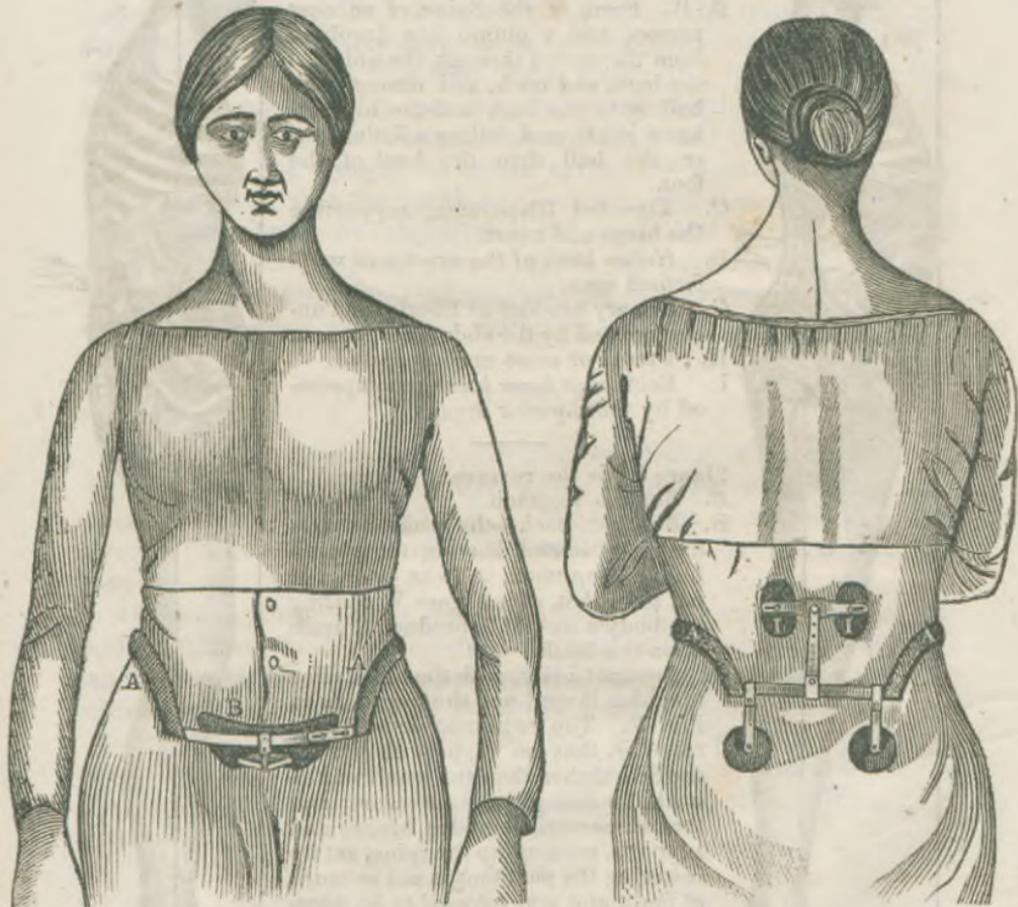
- B. Sunken stomach.
- E. Straight back—the base or axis having retreated, leaving the plumb line to drop much in front of it, and not *through* it, as in Figure V, causing the body's weight to produce a strain upon the back.
- C. Pendant belly, with the plumb line touching it, and not the breast, as in Fig. V. The "common sense" inference is, that no support should be applied higher than the small of the back, for drooping or curvature; and that all corsets, shoulder braces and supports, passing up the spine, act by restoring the part that is not so much at fault, and was *intended to be movable*, and leave the part at fault and that was *intended to be most fixed*, unsupported and astray.

FIGURE VI.



- F. Depressed urinary bladder, from the falling of the abdominal organs.
- J. Uterus depressed from the same cause.
- L. Compressed rectum, or lower bowel.

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Figures 11 and 12 represent Figure 6 raised to the erect posture and due proportion, by the Brace.

A. A. Springs passing above the hips.

B. Pad, lifting and supporting the bowels, thereby taking weight off from the organs below—supporting the stomach, heart and lungs, and thereby expanding the chest.

*Particular Advantages of the Lace over other Supporters.*

1st. It is cool. 2d. It is light. 3d. Its pads can all be shifted up or down, right or left, as often as the spleen or necessity of the case may require. 4th. Its great and universal flexibility. 5th. It LIFTS more than any other. 6th. Its back pads are four, and press on the weak hips, particularly on the weak back, balancing and not restraining the body.

*Rules of Measurement.*

Those who cannot apply to the agent in person, may send the following measurement. Draw a tape snugly around the hips over the body linen, one and a half inches below the top of the hip bones, also close above the hips, and send the number of inches, with a description of form, &c.

*Rules of selection from Measurement.*

Patients measuring 40 or 39 inches generally use No. 1; for 38 inches, No. 2; for 36 inches, No. 3; for 34 inches, No. 4; for 33 and 32 inches, No. 5; for 31 inches, No. 6; for 30 and 29 inches, No. 7; for 27 inches, No. 8; for 25 inches No. 9; for 22 and 20 inches, No. 10.

*How to apply the Lace or Brace. (Single Bow.)*

Bring the bow *above* the right hip, resting in the soft part between the haunch bone and the ribs; then fasten it by the elastic strap that passes *around* the left hip (*not above it*) and hooks on to a stud on the end of the main spring. The large pad should be nearly or quite to the front bone at the lower abdomen, and in the centre of it; the upper back pads behind the kidneys, each side of the spine, supporting the weak back and bracing the body. If necessary, change the position of the parts by means of the screws. If a double bowed Lace, act as above, only lock it at the joint at front. In a word—exercise your “Common Sense.” It is always best to be fitted by an experienced agent. Remove at night. Is worn over the linen.

*How to manage the Brace.*

Let it ever be borne in mind, that such is the construction and principles of the Brace, and so varied the forms and sizes of it, that it never need hurt, when skilfully selected and fitted. If it hurt, something is wrong. If the patient becomes restive in it, it should not be worn so steadily at first. If it hurt, examine the causes rationally, and so remedy it. Little inconveniences soon

vanish, when they originate with the susceptibilities of the wearers.

Dr. B. begs that any inconvenience may be at once made known to the Agent. If its application occasions some *nausea* for a day or two, it is a token for good.

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## WHO SHOULD WEAR THE LACE?

1. All, whether children or adults, who have any enlargement of one hip or shoulder—or curvature—weakness or pain in the spine, or between the shoulders—or who are disposed to droop or lounge, and are easily fatigued—such as merchants, clerks, artizans, seamstresses, &c.

2. All who are weak from long confinement, who live sedentarily; all, of lax fibre; all ladies who are easily fatigued on walking, riding, or other exercise; and particularly all who have any variety of female debility, as “bearing down”—whites—painful, profuse, or irregular menstruation—young people, particularly weak girls, at the change to womanhood—and young men, with seminal weakness and debility of the loins.

3. All public speakers, and singers, and those who have a depressed, weak condition of chest, with *spitting* of blood and shortness of breath, short cough and oppressive pains.

4. Those who have any degree of dyspepsia, with costiveness or piles—with sense of sinking or “goneness” at the stomach and sides; nervous, gloomy looks, and melancholics; feeble travelers, who are liable to sea sickness. In a word, it is good to own, as we own an umbrella, or any contingent article, to use when we are most exposed to violence or effort, thus preventing the necessity for its permanent use. When used early, it may be soon laid aside.

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## LETTERS.

*Letters from several of the most Eminent Physicians in this and other Cities respecting the Brace. Savannah, June 11, 1847.*

DR. BANNING—*Dear Sir:*—We, residents of the city of Savannah, have had frequent opportunity of witnessing the effects of your “Patent Body Braces,” and are convinced that they *excel*

*every mechanical instrument* which has ever been invented to relieve the pelvis from the unusual pressure of the contents of the abdomen, consequent upon spinal and other organic affections, which so often baffle the skill of the most able physician. We believe the principle to be a correct one, and if judiciously applied, will do much good. Therefore, we congratulate the public on the success of your labors wherever you have had an opportunity of imparting instruction. We sincerely wish you success in your endeavors to do good, and tender our best wishes for your prosperity, hoping you may enjoy a long life of usefulness.

Your friends,

H. K. Burroughs, M. D. (Mayor of the City.)

C. P. Richardson, M. D.

J. C. Habersham, M. D.

J. S. Morrel, M. D.

A. Cunningham, M. D.

*From Professor Goddard, Philadelphia.*

I have examined Dr. Banning's instrument for relief of weakness requiring support, and have made *practical experiment* of the same, and am astonished at the results.

PAUL P. GODDARD, M. D.

Philadelphia Feb. 28, 1846.

*From Professor Dickinson, Charleston, S. C.*

The principle which Dr. Banning has so ingeniously carried out, seems to me widely applicable to a large class of cases of suffering and debility in both sexes.

SAM'L. HENRY DICKINSON, M. D.

Feb. 5, 1847.

*From Professor Mott of New York, and others.*

The undersigned have examined Dr. Banning's novel views on the mechanical pathology of many affections of the viscera, and believe them to be highly interesting and worthy the serious attention of the medical profession.

Valentine Mott,  
Alex. B. Whiting,  
Stephen Brown,

J. Kearney Rodgers,  
Stephen R. Kirby,  
H. McLean.

PITTSBURGH, May 28, 1846.

We, the undersigned, having used in our practice, "Banning's Patent Lace," for the relief of cases of simple *Prolapsus Uteri*, cheerfully testify to its being the best instrument we have met with to fulfil all the indications required in the case, which can be required from an external support.

A. N. McDowell, M. D.

T. F. Dale, M. D.

Jos. P. Gazzam, M. D.

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*Extract of a Letter from Dr. H. H. Sexton, Galesburg, Illinois,  
June, 28th, 1848.*

DR. BANNING—*Dear Sir:*—I wish you to forward me another supply of braces; I have but four remaining of the fifty I purchased of you. \* \* \* \* \* I have used your brace most successfully in cases of from two to seven years standing, and knowing, as I well do, the great benefit derived from the use of the lace, I presented it to the Medical Convention which met at this place to choose delegates to the National Medical Convention, to be held in Boston next spring. I have engaged to supply several physicians with your lace; also, several of my own patients are now waiting for them. \* \* \* I could mention several cases of recent date, but will defer doing so, unless you wish me to—presuming you have enough testimony already—for people here that have worn them could not be persuaded to give them up; one lady assured me she would not part with her's for a dollar a day. I recommend them in all cases of *Frolapsus Uteri*, *Dyspepsia*, *Bleeding of the Lungs*, and all nervous affections.

Yours,

H. H. SEXTON, M. D.

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*Extract from a Letter of a Lady, to her Brother, a Physician.*

DEAR BROTHER:— \* \* \* \* \* After trying various other supporters to no avail, I was induced by a friend to try one "Dr. Banning's Patent Body Braces;" I have worn it some time, and can testify that language is inadequate to express the relief I have received from it. That constant dull pain in the right side is wholly removed by the use of the Brace; likewise the pressing bearing down of the abdomen; the Piles and Constipation of the Bowels are all relieved. You well know how difficult it has been for me, for years, to walk any distance, but since I have

worn the Brace I have walked miles daily with slight inconvenience. I could not believe anything could have been devised that would so perfectly support the body. And now, my dear brother, I want you to recommend this most useful instrument to all your patients afflicted as I have been. \* \* \*

M. K. EVERET, New York.

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*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. David Caldwell, Rector of  
St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, Va.*

\* \* \* I am truly rejoiced to hear you are coming South. I hope you will find the trip one of profit to yourself, for I am sure it will be one of benevolence to others. If you wish, I would write you out an accurate description of *how great service your brace has been to me, especially as a stay and support in speaking.* If I could not procure another, I would not part with it for *ten times its weight in gold.* I hope you will by all means visit Norfolk. I know many who need your brace, and if they only knew its excellence, would furnish themselves with it. I am determined to keep a second brace always on hand, provided against any accident to the first. I have been repeatedly urged to write to you for several of your braces—and though wholly averse to engaging in secular matters, yet I regard your “Patent Body Brace,” *such a blessing to invalids,* that if you will send me one dozen by Mr. Lamb, or by the weekly packets between this port and New York, I will be responsible for them.

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#### LETTER FROM COMMODORE JONES.

*Near Prospect Hill, Va. Dec. 8, 1846.*

DR. E. P. BANNING, &c. &c.

Dear Sir—Ever since the year 1814, when I received a severe gun shot wound by a musket ball, which still remains in the body, I have suffered much from what is commonly termed a weak back, and pain in the back, etc. etc. so much so, as at times to destroy all comfort, unless supported by an arm chair or the like—consequently, riding on horseback, or remaining long on the feet, was productive of much pain. I had tried various Belts, Russian and others—all of which I found to be worse than the disease. Finally I determined to make one more effort in search of relief, and, as you recollect, called at your office, Broadway, N. York, in the early days of October of the present year, and had one of your

Braces adjusted to my body, *on trial*, for a few days. Suffice it to say, that at the end of three days I called and paid for the Brace, which I have worn ever since, *except an interval of two days*, after my return home, when I laid it aside with a view to ascertain how far the relief I experienced was real or imaginary.

Since I have been wearing your Brace, I have been exposed to some severe and long exposure, without rest. On one occasion I left my breakfast table at half-past 8 o'clock, rode 7 or 8 miles—alighted and *remained on my feet*, walking but little until dark—rode back to Washington just in time to meet an evening's engagement, where I remained till 11 o'clock, *without sitting down at all*, except when riding, from half-past 8, A. M. till half-past 11, P. M. and this without the slightest inconvenience at the time or subsequently. Without the Body Brace I could not have endured half the fatigue without great inconvenience and pain at the time, and feeling the effects for several days afterwards.

Previously to wearing the Body Brace, I was in the habitual use of the Friction Brush, which I thought of great service to me, and for some years supposed I could not live without it. Now I laid it aside, having had no recurrence of the symptoms which induced its use, since I wore the Brace; and I feel warranted in saying that not only has my ability to endure fatigue been greatly renovated by Dr. Banning's Brace, but that my general health has also improved under its use.

Wishing you a successful tour in your *pilgrimage* for the relief of suffering humanity, I am yours gratefully, &c.

THOMAS AP. C. JONES,  
U. S. Navy.

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*Copy of a Letter from Rev. Dr. Strong.*

COLCHESTER, March 4, 1847.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your inquiry respecting the effect of Dr. Banning's Body Brace on my daughter, I can speak with confidence that it has been *great and good*. The brace has been *emphatically* a brace, not merely in giving tone to the part principally affected, but in giving strength to the whole spine, and to the muscles attached. I am prepared to recommend the brace to all persons afflicted with spinal affections, believing that if they are not in every instance entirely cured, their suffering will be greatly diminished. I am disposed here to add, that in

my opinion, persons of either sex enduring much bodily infirmity, will in most cases be greatly benefitted by wearing Banning's Lace or Body Brace.

Yours respectfully,

LYMAN STRONG.

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*Letter from Chas. F. Pope, Esq.*

WASHINGTON, DEC, 11, 1846.

DEAR SIR:—With great pleasure I bear testimony to the efficacy of your invaluable Lace. I commenced using one in June last, at which time I was in very feeble health, in consequence of a severe hemorrhage of the lungs, with severe hemorrhoids from the slightest irregularity of the bowels, oftentimes continuing for a week, and leaving me very feeble. Weakness in the back and a most unpleasant sensation in the stomach, shortness of breath, and difficulty of retaining my food after eating. I was obliged to be very cautious and not expose myself to the weather when it was the least unpleasant—the slightest change affecting me very seriously. The very day I first put it on, I was greatly relieved from the sinking unpleasant sensation in the stomach; I could walk or sit without experiencing the slightest pain in the back, and my chest felt as if it was relieved from a heavy weight. I could breathe freely with perfect ease, in a short time my food ceased to oppress me, the hemorrhoids were relieved, and that which had caused me the greatest solicitude, viz: bleeding at the lungs, entirely ceased. I have not lost one drop of blood from the lungs since I commenced wearing the Lace. I was also afflicted with a severe cough; so greatly have I improved that my friends who have been absent from the city during the past summer hardly recognized me on their return. I have gained in flesh, have a good appetite, and am able to eat food of any description that a well and hearty man can digest. Indeed, I feel almost like one risen from the dead. It was believed by all that my lungs were diseased, and that I must die of consumption; such was the belief of one of my physicians, if not of others; and I most firmly believe that many who die of pulmonary affection, might be restored to comparative health by the use of your Lace. I now attend regularly to my business, not losing a day, no matter how inclement the weather may be. I owe you a debt of gratitude that I feel will never be in my power to repay.

That you may long live to enjoy the blessing of this life, will be the constant prayer of your friend. CHAS. F. POPE.

Doct. Banning, of New York City.

*Letter from Capt. Thomas T. T. Tabb.*

DOVER MILLS, VA., April 16, 1847.

GENTLEMEN:—It affords me much pleasure to say to you, that the brace you kindly sent me on trial some two months since, has been of incalculable benefit to Mrs. Tabb, having done for her more than the best medical aid could effect in the three previous years. For nearly four years Mrs. Tabb has suffered with Prolapsus, and has been compelled to keep her bed for months at a time, and was unable to walk or ride. Since the use of the brace, Dr. Banning's, she has almost recovered, and exercises freely, walking faster than many in perfect health, and occasionally rides in a buggy twenty miles without the *slightest* inconvenience. It would be a difficult matter to induce her to part with it, believing as she does, that it is a wonderful invention, and *most invaluable*. Several persons who have observed this case, have been induced to try the brace themselves, and they likewise are doing well, and greatly pleased with it. I have an aversion to appearing in public prints, but believing, as I do, that the brace properly applied will benefit all suffering, as in the case referred to, and being myself truly grateful for the benefits my wife has received, I do not feel at liberty to say you must not publish, if in your judgment you ought. (Signed.)

THOS. T. T. TABB.

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*A Remarkable Case of Hemorrhage from the Lungs, entirely Cured by the use of the Brace alone.*

MISS SARAH A. FERRIS, pupil of the N. Y. Institute for the Blind, for several months declined in health, and for two months bled almost continually from the lungs; had a cough and pain in her left side and breast; her strength and appetite failed; and was pronounced by the eminent of the profession in New York, to be a hopeless case of consumption. Indeed, I was informed on my introduction to her, (as she lay bleeding on a handkerchief in a steamboat) that it was not expected that she would reach home alive. Urged by the most humane motives, I introduced the philosophy of the Body Brace, and next day it was applied, and strange as it may appear, she never bled *one* drop from that hour to the present time. Her general health immediately improved, and in a few days took stage passage to Western New York, and in *six* weeks returned again to the Institution to the utter astonishment of all, especially her medical attendants.

The effects of this case was *confounding* and *electric*. The physicians had said of her case "it was hopeless," and "rest" was all that could be prescribed, farther than had been already—and yet, in a *moment*, she was better, *permanently* so, and in so strange a manner, and by so strange means too, that they oft repeated the question "What did he do?" and the matter was turned every way, to ascribe the relief to former treatment, but without success; and I am sorry to say that other emotions than those of joy and gratitude filled the bosoms of some who had previously attended her.

E. P. BANNING,  
INVENTOR OF "PATENT BODY BRACE."

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*Case of Extensive Lung Affection.*

SPRINGFIELD, VT., Nov. 1844.

This may certify, that for one year I gradually declined, laboring under weakness, pain and soreness of my breast, with cough, shortness of breath, and spitting of blood. I felt *sensibly* that I was *dropping* into the grave, when it pleased God to send Dr. Banning to our village, and immediately on wearing his Lace, and attending to some minor matters, a progressive improvement commenced, and continues, and I am now comparatively *well*. I also am acquainted with similar other cases with similar results. I pray that thousands may try it; it will be a great comfort should it not effectually cure.

GRATIA BURKE.  
Sister to Hon. Edmund Burke,  
Commissioner of Patents at Washington, D. C.

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*Case of Costiveness, Piles and Sick-headache.*

For twenty-five years I was sorely afflicted with obstinate costiveness, piles, terrible sick-headache, and melancholy, to such an extent, that about one-third of my time I was unfit for corporeal or mental labor, and that I was soon *perfectly* relieved of them *all*, by the use of Dr. Banning's Lace. Two years have now elapsed, and no return of my former troubles. I have also seen hundreds of similar cases equally relieved by the same means. I believe it will be *invaluable* at least to all who are similarly afflicted.

WARREN, PA.

ARCHIBALD TANNER.

## TO PARENTS.

MR. EDITOR.—It is well known that childhood is the period when the foundation is laid for feebleness and distortion in youth—also, that a successful antidote or remedy has not become generally known. My daughter, now twelve years of age, has ever been feeble, intellectually inclined, and both unable and indisposed to recreation or labor—was easily prostrated on the slightest exercise—her body leaned or drooped on sitting or standing. At length, a progressive deformity of a shoulder and hip insidiously commenced, which has mocked the best appliances, from the most eminent counsel. Having heard much of Dr. Banning in such cases—also of his BRACE—I applied to him, and by the aid of his easy and gentle Body Brace or Lace, the most happy results have ensued. My child is now improved in form and attitude; her strength and powers of endurance have very much increased, so that she plays freely, and can walk like other children. The change is *evident*, and I give expression to my heartfelt gratitude to Providence for this act of *philanthropy*. I believe that thousands of distorted and enfeebled beings might be remedied and relieved by a timely resort to Dr. Banning and his directions. The great advantage of his appliance over others, is, that it acts by *lifting* and *supporting*, and not by compressing the body—by not compressing any muscle, or impeding any motion. It is applied at the *base*, and not the *top*, of the pile.

A MOTHER—405 Hudson Street.

NEW YORK, May 1st, 1845.

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