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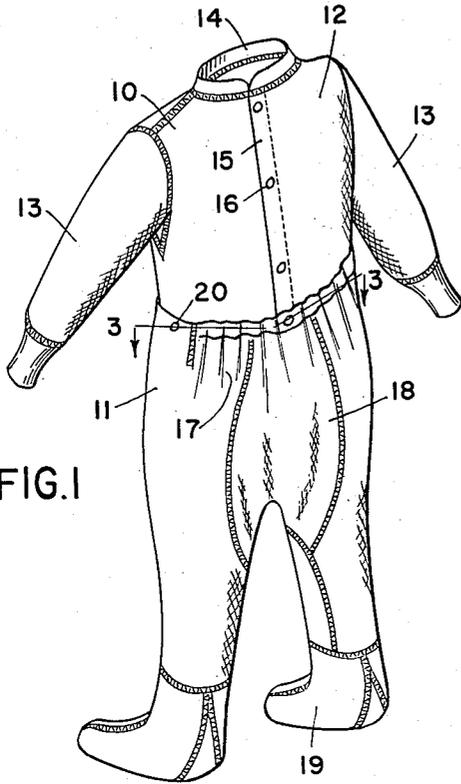


FIG. 1

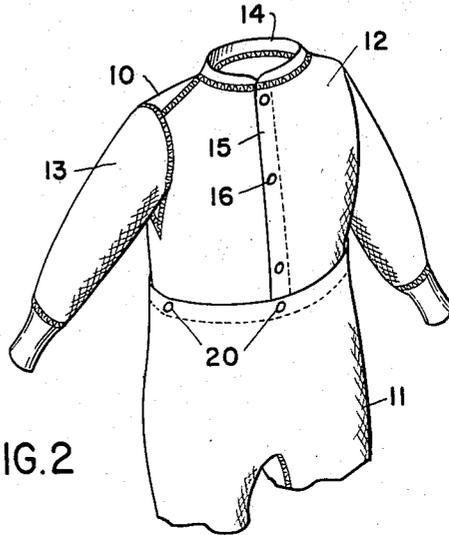


FIG. 2

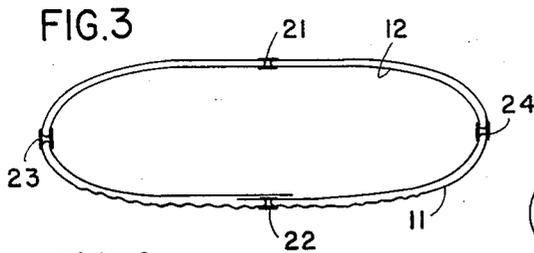


FIG. 3

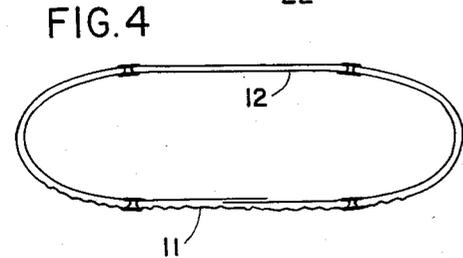


FIG. 4

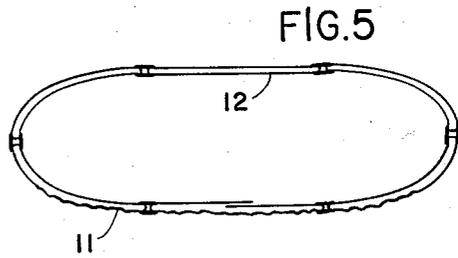


FIG. 5

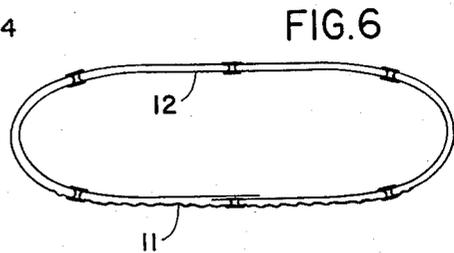


FIG. 6

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This invention relates to children's sleeping garments and more particularly to such garments of the two-piece type having separate shirt and pants portions connected together adjacent the waist line by button or other detachable fastening means, as disclosed in my Patent No. 2,636,287. Such garments are commonly made with a shirt portion constructed to be unfastened and opened along a line extending from neck to waist at the back of the wearer. In some uses, however, as for older children, capable of dressing themselves, it is more desirable to construct the shirt portion with its opening and fastening means accessibly located at the front of the wearer. Some cases involve a preferred location of the shirt opening and its fastening devices in relation to the sleeping position and comfort of the wearer. I have found that the garment may be so constructed as to readily accommodate its use in either arrangement, with the opening of the shirt portion arranged at either the back or front of the wearer, as desired in any case.

One object of the invention, therefore, is to provide a garment of the above character so constructed that the shirt and pants portions may be readily detached, the shirt portion reversed in position to place its opening at either the front or back of the wearer and the portions reconnected for use in the most convenient arrangement.

Another object is to provide a garment having the above advantages in a construction adapted to be readily manufactured and to afford maximum convenience and comfort for the wearer.

To these and other ends the invention resides in certain improvements and combinations of parts, all as will be hereinafter more fully described, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view from the back, showing the present invention with one arrangement of the shirt portion;

Fig. 2 is a similar view partly broken away, but showing the front of the garment with the shirt portion in a reversed relation;

Fig. 3 is a schematic, sectional view on the line 3—3 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3, but showing a different location of the fasteners between the shirt and pants portions of the garment;

Figs. 5 and 6 are views similar to Fig. 3, but showing a different number of fasteners and in different locations.

The embodiment of the invention herein disclosed by way of illustration is a child's two-piece sleeping garment comprising a shirt portion 10 (Fig. 1) and a pants portion 11, separably connected together at the waist, as hereafter described. The shirt portion comprises a body 12, sleeves 13 and a neck portion 14, the body being constructed, as at 15, to open at one side of the wearer's body from neck to waist, as shown, with buttons, snap fasteners, or the like 16, to secure the parts in closed relation. The waist portion is provided with fasteners,

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hereafter described, for securing it to the top of the pants portion 11. The pants portion is provided at the back of the waist line with a gathered portion 17 and an associated elastic band (not shown) to afford a yielding but close-fitting waist line. The pants portion is formed at the back (Fig. 1) with an insert 18 of extra material to provide the desired fullness and the legs carry foot coverings 19.

The bottom of the shirt portion and the top of the pants portion are detachably connected by separable fasteners 20, preferably of the snap fastener type. The number of such fasteners may be varied in multiples of two, four and six being shown in Figs. 1 to 6, inclusive. Referring more particularly to snap fasteners, the cooperating parts are located in pairs in a symmetrical arrangement in opposite halves of the waist sections of the shirt and pants portions. That is, the fastener parts 21 and the fastener parts 22 (Fig. 3) are located in the same relative positions in the front and back of the garment portions, respectively, being shown in Fig. 3 as located on a center line from front to back of the body, although it is to be understood that they may both be offset symmetrically from such line. The pairs of fasteners 23 and 24 are shown in Fig. 3 located centrally at the opposite sides of the body, although, as indicated, such central location is not necessary, the essential consideration being that the fastener parts match up when the shirt portion is turned either back to front, or front to back, relative to the pants portion, or, in other words, reversed in position through 180°. Thus the shirt opening 15 is arranged at the back of the wearer in Fig. 1, while shown reversed in position at the front of the wearer in Fig. 2.

Such garments have heretofore been made with a shirt portion constructed to be unfastened and opened at the back of the wearer, as shown in Fig. 1, but it has been found that in some uses, as for children old enough to dress themselves, it is desirable to arrange the shirt portion with its opening accessibly located at the front of the wearer, as shown in Fig. 2. Some cases involve a preferred location of the shirt opening and its fastening devices in relation to the sleeping habits of the wearer, either at the front or back of the garment to avoid the discomfort of sleeping with the body resting upon the overlapped opening edges and their fastening means. I have found that the garment may be so constructed that its shirt and pants portions may be readily arranged in either desired relation, with the shirt opening located at either the front or back of the garment and this is accomplished by the arrangement of the fastening means as described above, so that the shirt and pants portions may be disconnected, the shirt portion reversed and reconnected by the pairs of fastening means the parts of which are arranged to match up in either position of the shirt portion relative to the pants portion.

In Fig. 4 the fasteners are shown in a different arrangement in which they are all symmetrically located in the front and back halves of the garment so as to match up in pairs, with the opening of the shirt portion at either the front or back of the wearer.

While I have shown four pairs of fasteners in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, it is to be understood that a lesser or greater number may be employed. Thus, two pairs of fasteners only may be used, located, for example, as shown by the fasteners 21 and 22 in Fig. 3, at least where the waist band of the pants portion includes gathered and elastic sections described above. Similarly, the portions may be made with six fasteners, if so desired, symmetrically arranged, as shown in either Figs. 5 or 6, for example, so that the shirt portion may be reversed in position as described above.

The invention provides an improved construction which

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is conveniently adaptable to suit the age, sleeping habits and other preferences of the wearer, while capable of manufacture by known methods and with known parts and established cost of production.

It will thus be seen that the invention accomplishes its objects and while it has been herein disclosed by reference to the details of preferred embodiments, it is to be understood that such disclosure is intended in an illustrative, rather than a limiting sense, as it is contemplated that various modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts will readily occur to those skilled in the art, within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A two-piece sleeping garment comprising shirt and pants portion separably connected with each other adjacent the waist parts thereof, said shirt portion being reversibly constructed with its longitudinal opening adapted to be worn by reversal at either the front or the back of the wearer's body, the said pants portion being constructed with irreversible front and back parts, and a plurality of separable fasteners for detachably connecting said shirt and pants portions, said fasteners being symmetrically located in the same relative arrangement in opposite halves of the circumferential waist parts of said garment portions, whereby said portions may be separated and reconnected in reversed relation with said shirt opening selectively positioned at either the front or back of the wearer, to conform the same to the preferred sleeping position of the wearer.

2. A two-piece sleeping garment comprising shirt and pants portions separably connected with each other adjacent the waist parts thereof, said shirt portion being reversibly constructed with its longitudinal opening adapted to be worn by reversal at either the front or the back of the wearer's body, the said pants being con-

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structed with irreversible front and back parts, and a plurality of pairs of snap fasteners for separably connecting said shirt and pants portions, the parts of said fasteners being symmetrically located in the same relative arrangement in opposite halves of the circumferential waist parts of said garment portions, whereby said portions may be separated and reconnected in reversed relation with said opening selectively positioned in either the front or back of said garment to conform the same to the preferred sleeping position of the wearer.

3. A two-piece sleeping garment comprising shirt and pants portions separably connected with each other adjacent the waist parts thereof, said shirt portion being reversibly constructed with its longitudinal median opening adapted to be worn by reversal at either the front or back of the wearer's body, the said pants portion being constructed with irreversible front and back parts, and four pairs of snap fasteners for separably connecting said shirt and pants portions, the parts of said fasteners being symmetrically located in the same relative arrangement in opposite halves of the circumferential waist parts of said garment portions whereby said portions may be separated and reconnected in reversed relation with said shirt portion selectively positioned to open at either the front or back of the wearer's body to conform the same to the preferred sleeping position of the wearer.

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