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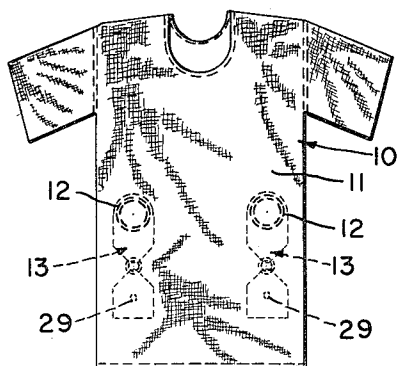


FIG. 1.

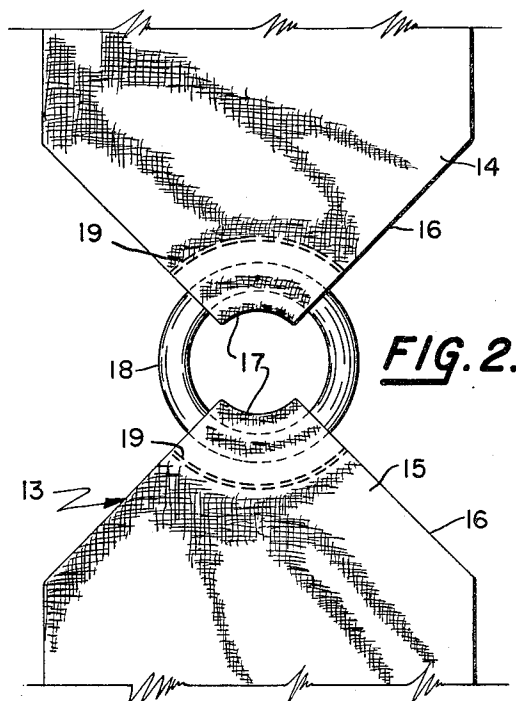


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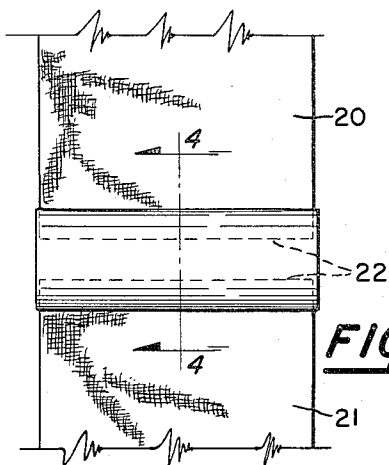


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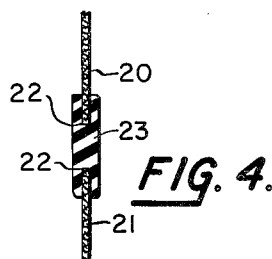


FIG. 4.

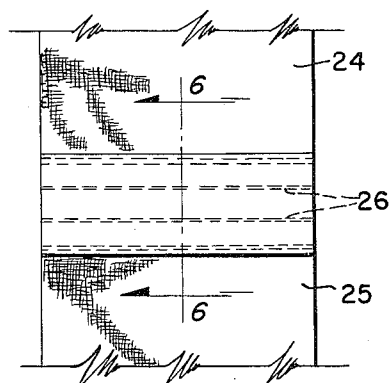


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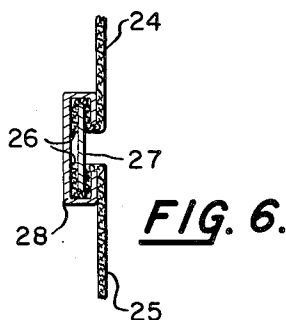


FIG. 6.

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This invention relates to garments for infants and children, and more particularly to a shirt or similar garment provided with means for attaching a diaper thereto.

Heretofore, shirts worn by infants and young children have been provided with two short pieces of fabric or woven tape, each usually 1½ inches wide and about five inches long, secured to the front of the shirt for the purpose of attaching a diaper or pants to the tapes and retaining the upper and lower garments in proper relation to each other on the body of the wearer. These pieces of tape are secured near their upper ends by stitches to the inner surface of the front of the shirt body, adjacent opposite sides of said front, the unsecured portions being free and adapted to have pinned or otherwise fastened thereto the diaper or pants worn by the infant or young child. When the diaper becomes wet, as it frequently does when the infant is sleeping, moisture is transmitted from the diaper through the tapes to the shirt of which they are a part. Such wetting of the garment which covers the upper body of the young child is objectionable and hazardous to its health.

The object of my invention is to produce a garment such as a shirt or the like for covering the upper portion of the body, to which a diaper or pants may be attached, provided with means for preventing passage of moisture from the diaper to the garment through the means by which the diaper is attached to the said shirt.

Another object of the invention is to provide moisture insulation means in a garment of the character described, which will not interfere with the attachment of a diaper to the garment, nor with the laundering of the garment.

Another object is to provide moisture insulation means in a garment of the character described, which may contact the skin of the wearer without producing any discomfort or undesirable effects.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a garment embodying one form of my invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view, on an enlarged scale, of a portion of the garment of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view, on an enlarged scale, of a portion of a garment embodying a modification of the invention.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view taken in the plane of the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is an elevational view similar to Fig. 3, showing another modification of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional view taken in the plane of the line 6—6 of Fig. 5.

In that embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, a garment such as a shirt or the like for covering the upper part of the body of an infant or young child is indicated as a whole at 10. The front 11 of said garment has stitched thereto by stitches 12 a pair of diaper-attaching strips 13. Said strips 13 are spaced apart, and located adjacent opposite sides of the front 11, the attached end of each strip being located approximately at the waistline of the garment 10 and the unattached portion extending

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downwardly adjacent the inner surface of the garment front.

Each strip 13 consists of a piece of fabric or tape 14 and a similar piece 15. The upper piece 14 is attached by stitches 12 to the garment 10 as shown in Fig. 1. The proximate edges 16 of the pieces 14, 15, converge as shown to provide end portions 17 of reduced width which are passed through a ring 18 and secured to the strip of which they are a part by stitches 19. The ring 18 may be of plastic material, hard rubber, or any other suitable material which will not transmit moisture from one of said pieces 14 or 15 to the other.

The lower piece 15 of the strip 13 is intended for attachment to the diaper on the body of the wearer of the garment 10. In the event the diaper becomes wet and wets the piece 15 of the strip 13, moisture is prevented by the insulating ring 18 from passing to the piece 14 and thence to the garment 10 of which the attaching strip 13 is a part.

Referring to Figs. 3 and 4, in this modification the diaper-attaching strip consists of two rectangular pieces 20 and 21, the piece 20 being stitched to the garment 10 near its upper end as described in connection with the strip 13 of Fig. 1. The pieces 20 and 21 have parallel proximate edges 22 which are connected in spaced apart relation to opposite edges of a band 23 of rubber which is fused to the material of the pieces 20 and 21 of the attaching strip.

The free lower piece 21 may be pinned or otherwise attached to the diaper of the wearer of the garment. In the event said piece becomes wet, it cannot transmit moisture through the band 23 to the piece 20 or garment 10 to which it is attached.

This modification of the invention lends itself to dispensing with the fabric piece 20 and fusing the insulation band 23 directly to the garment.

The modification shown in Figs. 5 and 6 comprises a strip similar to that shown in Figs. 3 and 4, excepting that a formed metal band insulates the two fabric pieces 24 and 25 of the attaching strip from each other. For clarity, the thickness of the metal band has been exaggerated in the drawing. The upper piece 24 is attached to the garment 10 as previously explained, the lower piece 25 being free for attachment to a diaper. The proximate parallel edges 26 of the two pieces are connected in spaced relationship by a formed band consisting of two parts, 27 and 28. The fabric of the pieces 24 and 25 is folded over opposite edges of the metal piece 27 and clamped between the folds of the part 28 as shown in Fig. 6. Metal or other moisture insulating material which may be formed into the parts 27 and 28 may be used for this purpose.

In Fig. 1, the numeral 29 designates an eyelet in the lower member of the attaching strip 13 to facilitate pinning or otherwise attaching the diaper to the strip. Similar eyelets may be provided in the pieces 21 and 25 of the modifications of the invention.

Changes may be made in details of construction and in the form of the parts, as well as in the insulating materials employed, without departing from the scope of my invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A shirt-like garment for infants and young children provided with means for attaching a diaper thereto, comprising two strips of fabric the first of which is fastened at its upper end to the front inner surface of the garment at approximately the waistline thereof, the rest of the strip being unattached, and moisture insulation means connected to the lower free end of the first strip and to the upper end of the second of said strips, whereby said fabric strips are connected in longitudinally aligned spaced apart relationship and underlie the inner surface of the garment

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between said waistline and the lower edge of the garment, said second strip being entirely free of the garment for attachment of a diaper thereto in moisture insulated relationship to the garment.

2. The garment defined by claim 1, in which the moisture insulation means consists of rubber fused to and covering the surfaces adjacent the proximate ends of the fabric strips and spacing said ends from each other.

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