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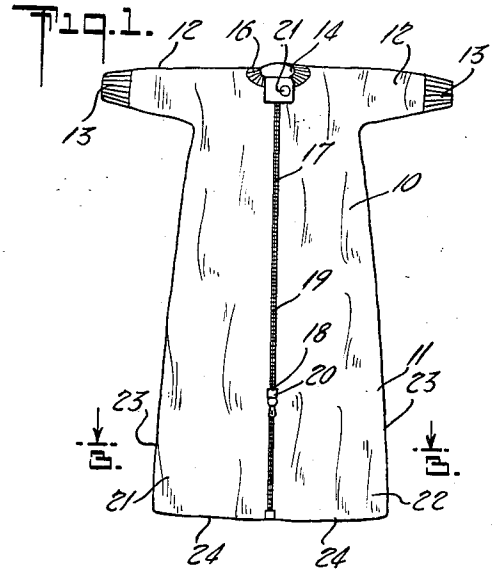


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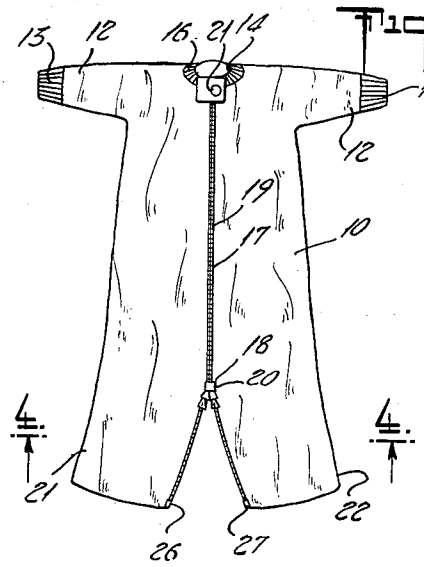


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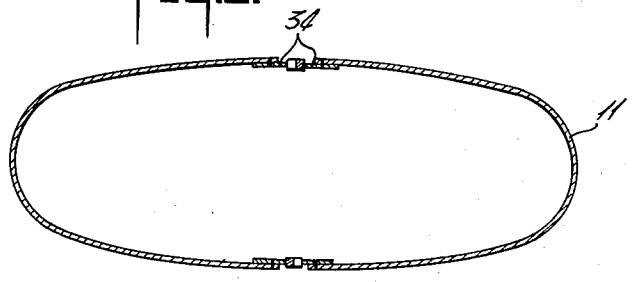
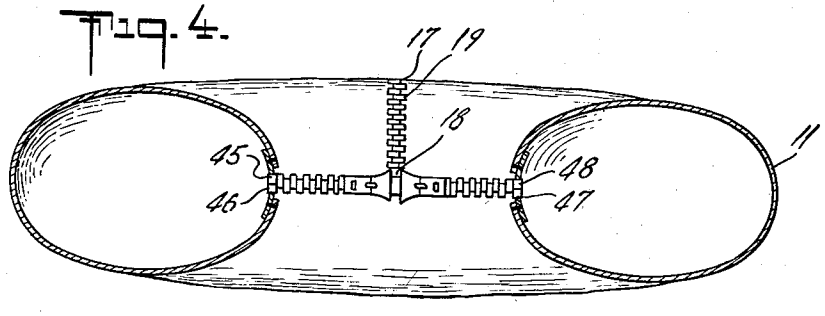


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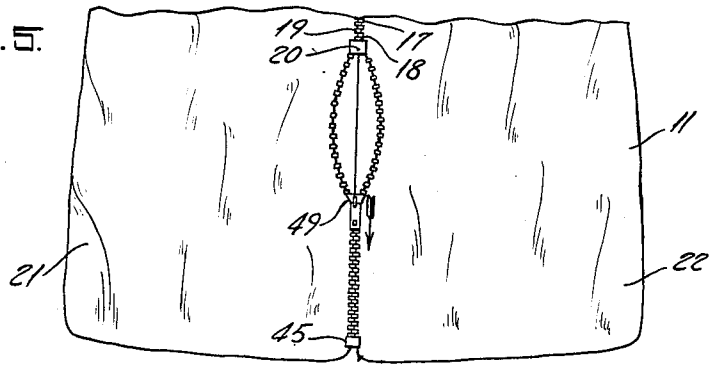


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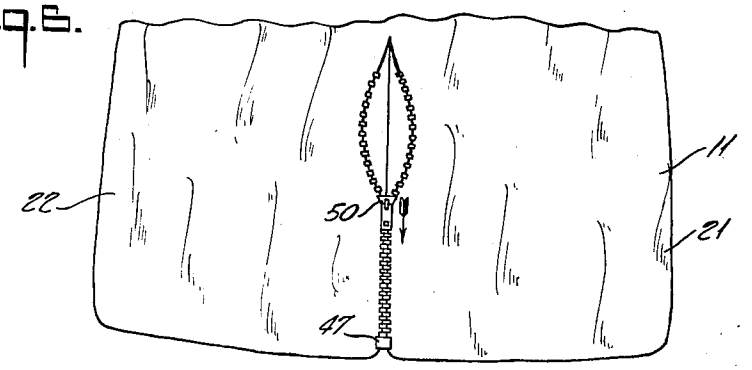


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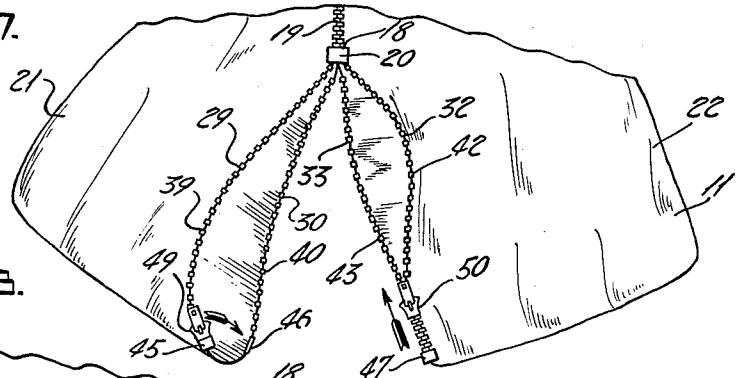
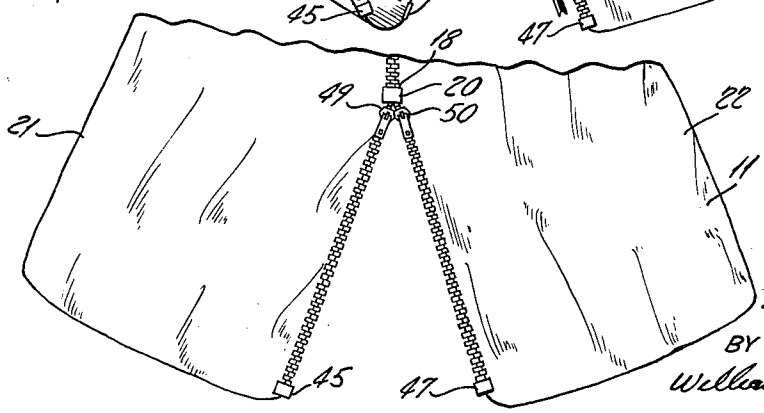


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The present invention relates generally to an article of apparel, and in particular it relates to an article of outer apparel. While the present invention is not to be so limited, the article of apparel described and claimed hereinafter is well adapted for use as a child's sleeping garment.

It is often desirable or necessary to change an infant's or child's garment from one of the sack or bunting type to one of legged type which would permit full and free movement of the wearer's legs while covering and protecting the legs. For example, while the infant is sleeping, a covering garment of the sack or bunting type is preferable. When the infant or child is to be permitted movement, as walking or toddling, however, the sack garment is obviously undesirable, and a change becomes necessary.

To effect such a change is generally inconvenient, and cannot usually be accomplished in close quarters without difficulty. Thus, while the child is in a carriage outdoors, such a change must generally be dispensed with to the discomfort of the child. Where more space is available, the child may be changed from one garment to the other, but this change is attended by the usual difficulties encountered in undressing and dressing children, besides requiring a plurality of garments.

It is, therefore, a principal object of the present invention to provide an improved article of apparel.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved outer garment well adapted for infants or children.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide an improved infant's or child's outer garment which may be converted simply from one of the sack or bunting variety to one provided with leg portions.

A further object of the present invention is the provision of an outer garment for infants or children which garment may be converted easily and quickly from one of the sleeping bag type to one provided with leg portions, without requiring the removing of the garment from the body of the wearer.

Still a further object of the present invention is the provision of an improved outer garment for infants or children, which garment may be easily converted from a sleeping bag to a legged garment, and reconverted from a legged garment to a sleeping bag, and is of simple and durable construction and operation.

Other and further objects of the present invention will become apparent from a reading of the following description, together with the accompanying drawings.

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Figure 1 is a front elevational view of one form of garment constructed according to and embodying the present invention arranged in sack or bunting form;

Figure 2 is a front elevational view thereof, converted to a legged garment;

Figure 3 is a sectional view along line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a sectional view along line 4—4 of Figure 2;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary front detailed view of the lower portion of the garment in the form illustrated in Figure 1 and in partially open condition;

Figure 6 is a similar rear view thereof;

Figure 7 is a fragmentary front detailed view of the improved garment in the form illustrated in Figure 2 and in partially open condition; and

Figure 8 is a similar rear view thereof.

The present invention broadly contemplates the provision of a garment having a body encircling portion and a pair of depending members provided with separable fasteners along their inner edges whereby the opposite edges of each of the members may be separably joined or fastened to form leg portions and a common crotch portion, or whereby the corresponding edges of both of these members may be separably fastened to each other to convert the garment to one of the sack or bunting type.

Reference is now made to the drawings wherein 10 designates the upper or body encircling portion of the improved garment, and 11 the lower or leg portion thereof. The upper portion 10 is provided with a pair of sleeves 12 constructed in any well known manner, and which sleeves include cuffs 13 formed at their outer ends. The upper central part of the body encircling portion 10 is also provided with a neck opening 14 surrounded by a suitable collar as 16.

The front of the improved garment, as seen in Figure 1, is provided with a slit 17 extending vertically from the neck opening 14 to the crotch point 18 of the garment. The opposite edges of the slit 17 are provided with suitable engageably separable fasteners such as slide fasteners 19 which are joined at their lower end or at the crotch point 18 by anchor clip 20. The collar 16 has extending from one side thereof a flap 21 provided with suitable means for fastening its free end to the opposite side of the collar, and in the position shown hides a slide member (not

shown) which cooperates with the slide fasteners 19 for opening or closing the slit 17.

The lower or leg covering portion 11 of the improved garment comprises a pair of leg members 21 and 22 depending from the lower part of the body portion 10, each having their outer edges joined or integrally formed and lower edges 24 either directly joined or connected by a suitable panel or gore sewn therebetween. Furthermore, a slit is formed along the inner portions of the leg members which extends continuously from a point 26 on the lower inner edge of leg member 21 upwardly to a point in proximity to crotch point 18, and thence downwardly to a point 27 at the lower inner edge of leg member 22, the upper limit of said slit being closely adjacent and below the terminus of the slit 17 and the anchor clip 20 at the front of the garment. The leg member 21 is thus provided with a front inner edge 29 and a rear inner edge 30, and the leg member 22 is provided with corresponding front inner edge 32 and rear inner edge 33.

There is attached by stitches or the like, and by way of suitable stringers 34, slide fasteners 39, 40, 42 and 43 to the respective inner edges 29, 30, 32 and 33 of the leg members 21 and 22. The slide fasteners 39 and 42 extend from points slightly spaced from the lower edges 24 of the corresponding leg member upwardly and in close proximity to the clip 20, and the slide fasteners 42 and 43 extend from points likewise spaced slightly from the lower edges 24 to a point on the rear of the garment to a point on a level with the clip 20, and are there terminated. Furthermore, the lower termini of the slide fasteners 39 and 43 are provided with female coupling members 45 and 47, and the lower termini of the slide fasteners 40 and 42 are provided with the male coupling members 46 and 48. Moreover, a slide 49 is slidably mounted on the slidable fastener 39, and a slide 50 is slidably mounted on the slidable fastener 43.

The application and employment of the improvement garment is apparent from the above description and the drawings. Thus, when it is desired to use the garment in sack or bunting form, the garment is assembled as illustrated in Figures 1, 3, 5 and 6 of the drawings. More particularly, the slides 49 and 50 are brought to their lowermost position and the coupling members 45 and 48 are joined as are the coupling members 46 and 47. Thereafter, the slides 49 and 50 are brought to their uppermost position, thereby joining the fasteners 29 to the fasteners 32 and the fasteners 30 to the fasteners 33, thus converting the garment into one of the sack or bunting type.

When it is desired to convert the sack or bunting to a legged garment, as illustrated in Figures 2, 4, 7 and 8 of the drawings, the slide fasteners 49 and 50 are brought to the lowermost position and the coupling members 45, 46, 47 and 48 separated. Thereafter, the members 45 and 46 are coupled together as are the members 47 and 48. The slides are then brought to their upper position to join the slidable fasteners 39 and 40 and to join the slidable fasteners 42 and 43. These operations change the garment into one of the legged variety.

It is apparent that the present invention provides an improved garment of simple construction, one which can be simply converted from a bunting or sack to a legged garment, or vice versa, from a legged garment to a sack or bunting. The garment may be made of any suitable material, such as a woven or knitted fabric, from wool, cotton, rayon, or any synthetic or natural yarns or blends thereof. Furthermore, the garment may assume any desired shape and may be formed of a plurality of panels as is well known in the art and may be suitably decorated.

While there has been described and illustrated a preferred embodiment of the present invention, it is obvious that numerous alterations and omissions may be made without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having described the invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An infant's enclosing garment of the character described, comprising a front body-and-legs covering member, a rear body-and-legs covering member connected thereto along the top, sides and bottom of the garment, a neck opening at the top of the garment, sleeves at the upper side edges of the garment, a centrally disposed elongated slit in the front member extending lengthwise thereof from the neck opening to the bottom of the garment, a centrally disposed shorter slit in the rear member extending lengthwise from the bottom upwardly to a crotch point below the middle thereof, separable fasteners positioned along the edges defined by both slits, a first slide permanently and slidably engaged to the separable fasteners on the upper portion of the front member, stop means to limit movement of said first slide from between the neck opening and a crotch point on the front member opposite the upper limit of the slit in the rear member, a second slide permanently and slidably engaged to the separable fasteners on the front member on one side of the slit below the lower limit of movement of the first slide, and a third slide permanently and slidably engaged to the separable fasteners on the rear member on the other side of the slit therethrough, whereby the garment may be arranged optionally in sack form or in legged form.

2. A garment as in claim 1, wherein the stop means permanently lock together the slit sides of the front member at the crotch point.

3. A garment as in claim 2, wherein the separable fasteners with which the second slide is engaged are provided with a female coupler component at the bottom thereof, and the separable fasteners with which the third slide is engaged is also provided with a female coupler component at the bottom thereof, and the separable fasteners on the other sides of the slits are provided with male coupler components on the bottoms thereof.

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