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FIG. 1.

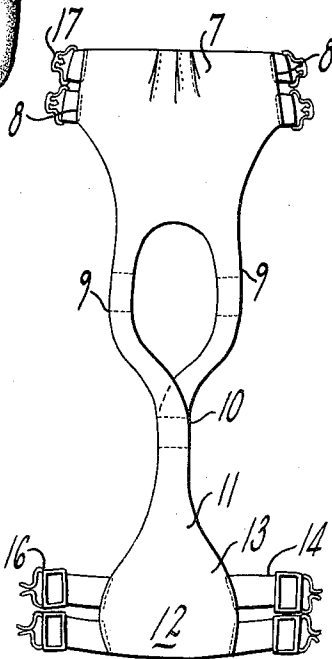


FIG. 3.

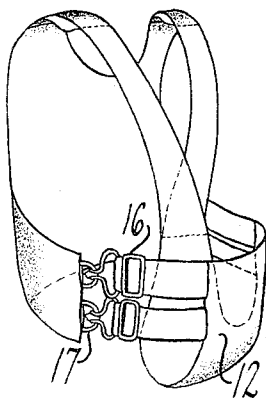


FIG. 2.

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This invention relates to a carrier for a child. Psychologists and those giving special attention to the rearing of children presently agree that the habit of various races of having the mother carry a child with her during the course of a day is quite beneficial to the child. In accordance with the present invention, a carrier is provided which can be worn by a mother to enable her to carry the child with a minimum of physical strain and effort so that the child can be carried and yet provide complete freedom for the mother's arms and hands.

It is in general the broad object of the present invention to provide an improved carrier for a child, enabling the mother to carry a child with her and yet provide complete freedom for the mother's arms and hands, the carrier being so constructed that the weight of the child is distributed largely upon the back and sternum of the mother and the mother's hands and arms left free.

The invention includes other objects and features of advantage, some of which, together with the foregoing, will appear hereinafter wherein the present preferred form of carrier is disclosed.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the carrier in position upon a mother with a child, in a carrying position.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the carrier.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the carrier extended to show the details of construction.

Referring to the drawings, and particularly to Figure 3, a vest-like back portion is provided, this being indicated at 7 in the drawings, the back having two bands 8 on each side thereof to fit about the wearer's waist; shoulder straps 9 extend forwardly from the back 7, converging into a narrow portion 10 and being there joined together. From the junction, the united straps merge into a child carrier portion indicated generally at 12, which portion includes seat 11 and a back 13. The child carrier portion also includes a pair of straps 14 on each side thereof, each strap carrying adjustable hooks 16 to be engaged with cooperatively positioned loops 17 provided upon each band 8 on the vest back. The structure described can be made of any suitable material such as cloth, canvas, leather or other fabric or a combination of these.

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In use, as appears in Figures 1 and 2, the device is worn much like a vest with the shoulder straps extending over each shoulder of the wearer so that a uniform distribution of the load is placed across the back, upon each shoulder and upon the sternum of the wearer. The shoulder straps 9 cross over on the front of the wearer's chest, so that the load is placed upon the wearer's sternum and not upon the breasts. The straps are so related to the child carrier portion 12 that the child rests in the pocket-like extension (Figure 2) on the front of the wearer, while the child's legs extend on each side of the seat portion 11 facing the wearer, as appears in Figure 1. It will be observed that both of the wearer's arms are free while the child faces the wearer.

From the foregoing, I believe it will be apparent that I have provided a relatively novel, simple, inexpensive and yet rugged child carrier which, when worn, distributes the load provided by the child uniformly across the back and against the sternum of the wearer and without any of the shoulder or back distorting forces usual heretofore in similar devices.

I claim:

1. A carrier for a child adapted to be worn by a bearer consisting essentially of a vest-back fitting the back of the bearer and having two straps thereon to be extended over each shoulder of the bearer and downwardly to a common narrow junction below the bearer's breasts, the vest-back having a band extending forwardly from the bottom of the vest and about each side of the bearer's waist; and a child carrier portion integrally joined to said junction and having a unitary back thereon fitting the seat and back of a child resting therein and having its legs extended on each side of said junction, and means for releasably securing each side of the back of the child carrier portion to one of the bands on the vest-back on each side of the bearer's waist to position the back of the child carrier portion in a pocket-like position directly in front of the bearer.

2. A carrier for a child adapted to be worn by a bearer consisting essentially of a vest-back fitting the back of the bearer and having two straps thereon to be extended over each shoulder of the bearer and downwardly to a common

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narrow junction below the bearer's breasts, the vest-back having a band extending forwardly about the bearer's waist; and a child carrier portion joined to said junction and having a back thereon fitting the seat and back of a child resting therein and having its legs extended on each side of said junction, and means for releasably securing the back of the child carrier portion to each of the bands on the vest-back including two bands on each side of said carrier back secured to a band on said vest-back to position the back of the child carrier portion in a pocket-like position directly in front of the bearer.

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