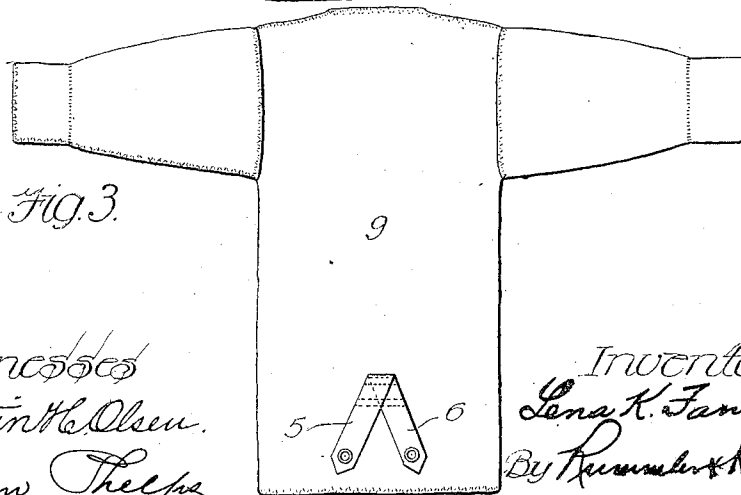
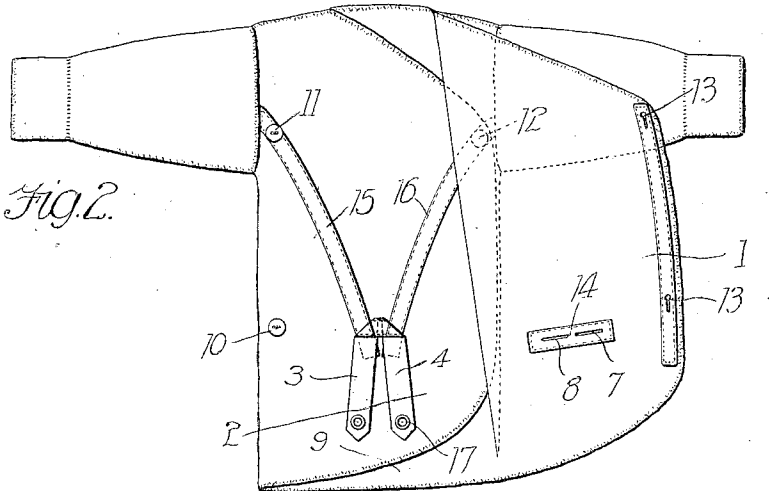
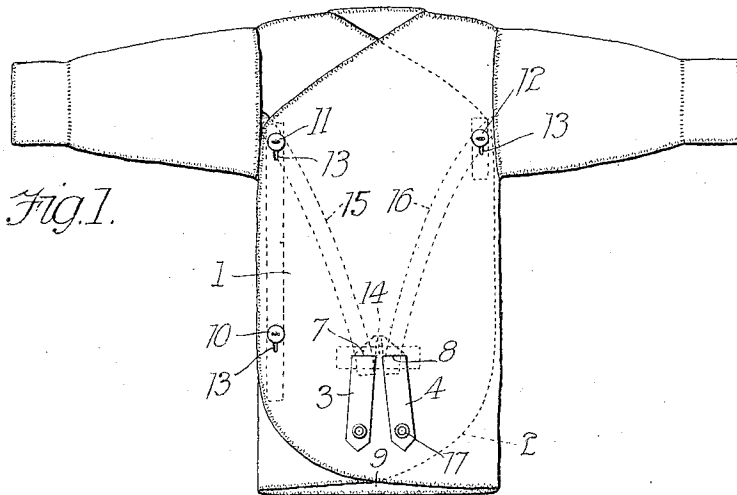


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LENA K. FANTA, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Infants' Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

The main objects of this invention are to provide an improved arrangement of the diaper tabs of infants' undergarments and to provide improved construction of such undergarments so as to distribute the strain and prevent the distortion and unequal stretching of the garment by the pull of the diaper.

An illustrative embodiment of this invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of an infant's double-breasted undergarment constructed according to this invention, Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the outer breast flap thrown back to more clearly illustrate the construction of the underflap, Fig. 3 is a rear view.

In the form shown in the drawings, the undergarment has wide breast flaps 1 and 2, adapted to overlap each other across the entire front of the garment so as to form a breast portion of double thickness throughout substantially its entire area.

The garment is designed to be used for supporting a diaper, or other nether garment, and for that purpose is provided with two pairs of depending tabs 3 and 4, and 5 and 6, respectively secured to the front and back of the garment at an elevation considerably above the lower edge thereof. These tabs are preferably formed of nonelastic tape.

The front tabs 3 and 4 are secured at their upper ends to the under flap 2. The outer flap 1 is provided with slits 7 and 8 through which the tabs 3 and 4 may be passed when the breast flaps 1 and 2 are superimposed. Each pair of tabs is preferably formed from a single strip of material folded upon itself on a miter and secured at the fold to the garment.

The fastening means by which the breast flaps 1 and 2 are secured together comprise buttons 11 and 12, respectively, secured to the under flap 2, adjacent to the free marginal edge and the fold of the flap. Additional fastening means are provided in the

button 10, secured to the under flap 2 adjacent to its fold, below and in vertical alignment with the button 11. The flap 1 is provided with buttonholes 13, suitably positioned to receive the buttons 10, 11 and 12. The material of the garment between the buttonholes 13, which receive the buttons 10 and 11, is reinforced by a strip of tape.

It has been proposed to provide a garment of this kind with single pinning tabs located at the front and back, the width of such tabs, however, being substantially equal to the effective combined width of the pairs of tabs herein shown. In said prior construction, the outer flap is provided with a single wide slit through which the tab on the under flap is passed. This construction has the disadvantage of permitting the tab, together with the adjacent part of the garment, to be drawn through the slit so as to distort and wrinkle the garment. In my hereindescribed construction I overcome this disadvantage by providing two slits 7 and 8, which are comparatively short and spaced apart so as to provide between them a bridge portion, or yoke, which is straddled by the tabs 3 and 4 and thus prevents them from being drawn through the slits farther than the part thereof which is free from the flap 2.

In order to reinforce the garment so as to distribute the strain over the entire area of the front thereof, reinforcing strips, or tapes, 15 and 16, of nonelastic material, are secured to the outer face of the under flap 2 and extend from the tabs 3 and 4 upwardly therefrom to the buttons near the shoulders. The tabs are provided with eyelets 17 through which the safety pin, or other fastening means, is passed for securing the diaper to the tabs.

In operation, the garment is slipped upon the child in the same manner as a coat, and, after passing the button 12 through its buttonhole, the tabs 3 and 4 are passed through the respective slits 7 and 8 and the marginal edge of the flap 1 is secured to the under flap by means of the buttons 10 and 11. After the diaper is in position, it is secured to the tabs by safety pins, or other fastening means, the shank of each pin passing through both eyelets 17 of the respective pair of tabs.

It will be seen from the drawings that when the diaper is so connected to the undergarment, the strain at the front is di-

rected from the tabs 3 and 4 to both breast flaps of the garment at the bridge portion 14, and also by means of the tapes 15 and 16, to the buttons 11 and 12, where it is again transmitted to both breast flaps. The bridge portion 14 prevents the tabs from being drawn through the slits, and thereby avoids unsightliness and unequal distribution of the strain to the underflap 2.

10 Although but one specific embodiment of this invention is herein shown and described, it will be understood that numerous details of the construction shown may be altered or omitted without departing from the spirit
15 of this invention, as defined by the following claims.

I claim:

1. In a child's undergarment having overlapping breast flaps, the combination of a
20 plurality of depending tabs adjacent to each other and secured to one of said flaps and arranged and adapted for supporting a nether garment, the other of said flaps having slits spaced apart from each other to
25 provide a bridge between them, said slits being adapted to permit said tabs to be passed through them, said tabs being provided with means adapted to engage and co-act with said bridge and thereby distribute
30 the strain on said tabs over both of said

breast flaps and prevent any of the main portion of said garment from being pulled through said slits when stress is applied to said tabs.

2. In a child's undergarment having over- 35 lapping breast flaps, the combination of a pair of depending tabs secured at their upper ends to one of said breast flaps, and spaced apart, the other said breast flap having slits therein adapted to permit said tabs 40 to be passed therethrough, said slits being spaced apart to provide a bridge portion between said tabs for the purpose specified, reinforcing strips on one of said breast flaps extending from said tabs toward the shoul- 45 der of the garment, fastening means connecting said breast flaps together adjacent to said strips near the upper ends of said strips, additional fastening means connecting said breast flaps below said first fasten- 50 ing means, and an additional reinforcing strip running from said additional fastening means to the first said fastening means.

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