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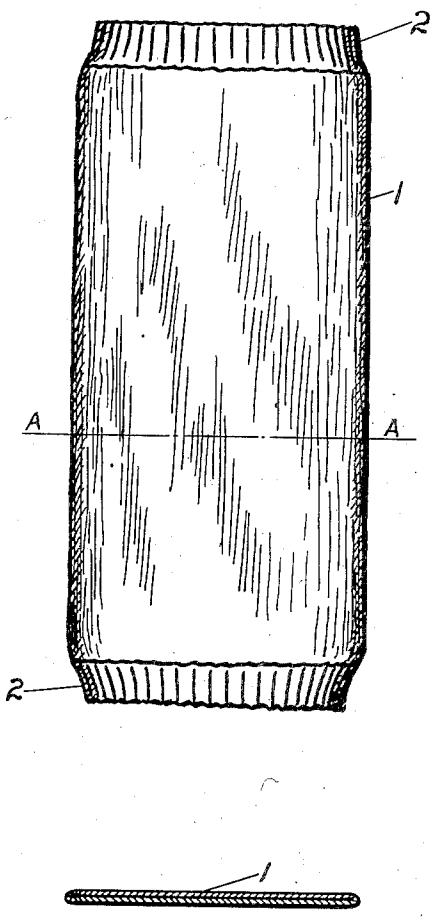
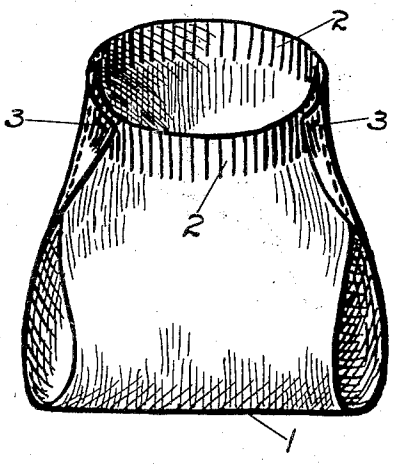






FIG. 3.

FIG. 2.



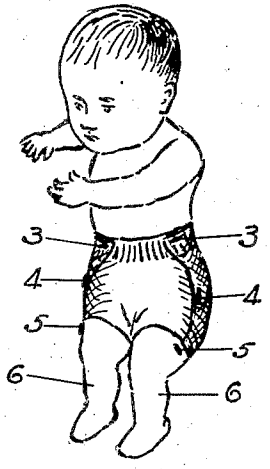




FIG. 4.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUISE R. McNAIR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Arcade, in the county of Wyoming and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Diapers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to elastically knit diapers, and is narrowed at both ends, for infants' wear, which will fit the body snugly at the waist without binding.

The ordinary diaper does not fit the waist snugly and besides is very bulky between the legs of the child, while my invention provides a diaper of double thickness of knit material without seams, buttons or button holes or raw edges, as the same is knit in tubular form and narrowed or purled at each end, which eliminates folding. Furthermore, this diaper is knit of soft material, sufficiently thick to absorb moisture, and yet so elastic that very little bulk is required between the infant's legs, and adjusts itself to every movement.

My diaper being composed of elastic knit goods allows plenty of freedom of movement and makes an excellent attachment for the infant's stockings, keeping them snug to the legs, and without tearing the stockings, as when pinned to the ordinary inelastic diaper.

My invention has for its object to provide a diaper low in cost, simple in construction, without seams or raw edges to come in contact with the skin and thus prevents chafing, as well as to provide a diaper which can be applied in the manner recommended by physicians and nurses today.

A further object of my invention is to provide a soft, pliable and elastic diaper, which is not bulky between the limbs of the infant, thus preventing bow legs, while at the same time, the purled ends of the diaper furnish an excellent support for the child's abdomen.

A further object of my invention is to provide a diaper which can be easily laundried, and which will dry rapidly as, on account of its construction, both ends can be held open for the circulation of air.

Additional objects of my invention will appear in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved diaper.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation in perspective, illustrating the method of application.

Fig. 3 is a section on line A—A of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the diaper in position on a child with stockings attached.

In the drawing 1 is the tubular body of the diaper composed of knit material, and, having a general rectangular shape, narrowed at the ends 2, 2, which are purled to form the waist band. 3, 3, are safety pins pinned through purled ends 2, 2, to hold the diaper in place. 5, 5, are safety pins attaching the stockings 6, 6 to the sides of the body 1 of the diaper.

The edges of body 1 of the diaper may also be pinned together below the waist and on the sides of the legs, if desired, by pins 4, 4.

The diaper is laid flat, thus forming two thicknesses of material, and is applied as follows: The middle portion of the body 1 is placed between the legs of the infant, and the purled ends 2, 2 are then drawn upward to the waist line, where they are brought together and overlapped and pinned with safety pins 3, 3.

In attaching stockings to the diaper the edges of the body 1 are brought together around the legs of the infant, as far down as desirable, and then pinned to the tops of the stockings, as shown in Fig. 4.

As the diaper is elastic it will be snugly held to the body and legs of the infant when pinned and still allow freedom of movement without binding.

I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A diaper made of soft, pliable material

and formed into a continuous piece of tubular form, with contracted ends, and which is of a substantially rectangular form of two thicknesses when laid flat, and which is adapted to form an infant's diaper when placed between its legs and the narrowed ends pinned at its waist.

2. A diaper made of a single piece of tubular knitted material, purled at the ends and forming a substantially rectangular shape, and of double thickness when laid flat.

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