To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Ida M. Brown, a

air citizen of the United States, residing at

omas, have invented an Improvement

hildren's Harness, of which the

 following description, in connection with

he accompanying drawing, is a specification,

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enting like parts.

This invention relates to children's harnesses, such as are used for preventing a child from rolling off a bed, and the object of the invention is to provide a novel device of this class which can be used for holding a child on a couch, davenport, sofa, chair, or any article of furniture which is upholstered in such a way that pins can be inserted into the upholstery and also which is so constructed that the child in the harness has perfect freedom of movement.

I will first describe a simple embodiment of my invention and then point out the novel features thereof in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a harness made in accordance with my invention; Fig. 2 is a detail of one end of the belt; Fig. 3 is a section on the line x-x, Fig. 5; Fig. 4 is a section on the line y-y, Fig. 2; Fig. 5 is a section on substantially the line x-x, Fig. 1. Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view showing the manner in which the belt is fastened to the anchor member.

My improved harness comprises an anchor member that is adapted to be pinned or otherwise secured to the bed, couch, chair or other support, and a belt that is adapted to be fastened around the child's waist and that has a special sliding connection with the anchor member so that the child can have freedom of movement.

The anchor member is shown generally at 1 and in the preferred embodiment of my invention it is a four-armed or cross-shaped affair. One simple way of making the anchor member is to take two strips of cloth, such as 2 and 3, and arrange them at right angles to each other in the form of a cross, and then to sew the two members together by the lines of stitching 4 which extend longitudinally of the member 3 near the edges thereof and transversely of the member 2. This construction firmly secures the two strips 2 and 3 together in such a way that the portion 5 of the strip 2 between the lines of stitches 4 is separated from the portion 6 of the strip 2 which it overlaps thereby to form a loop to which the belt hereinafter described can be secured.

Means are provided for fastening each end of each of the arms of the anchor member to the article on which the child is to be placed, whether said article be a bed, sofa, couch, chair, or any other piece of furniture. The fastening means herein shown are in the nature of safety pins 7 which pass through eyelets 8 formed in the arms of the anchor member and are adapted to be pinned into the covering 9 of the bed, chair, couch or other article of furniture.

The belt is formed with a body portion 10 which is adapted to be fastened around the child's waist. An adjustable fastening device is desirable for fastening the ends of the belt together so that the size of the belt may be adjusted to fit the child. A buckle or other similar metal fastening device is undesirable, however, because of the fact that a child might injure itself on the buckle.

I have, therefore, provided an adjustable fastening device in the nature of a button which is free from the objections of a buckle, but which is constructed so that the length of the belt can be readily adjusted.

My fastening device comprises one or more buttons 11 which are adapted to enter buttonholes in one end of the belt and are adjustably secured to the other end of the belt so that the position of the buttons on the belt can be varied. This adjustable connection between the button and the belt is provided for by connecting the buttons to tapes 13 which can be adjusted as to their length. As herein shown, the belt is provided with a plurality of eyelets 14, 15 and 16 and the tape is passed through the eyelet 14, thence through the eyelet 15 and thence through the eyelet 16 and back through the eyelet 15 again, as clearly seen in Fig. 4. Where two buttons are used there are three eyelets for each button and the two ends of the tape are tied together, as shown at 17. By adjusting the knot 17 the length of the tapes 13 can be adjusted thereby adjusting the position of the buttons on the belt according to the size of the child.

The belt has secured thereto a holding member 18 in the form of a strip which en-circles the belt and is secured thereto at its ends near the front of the belt, as shown at 19. This holding member is entirely discon-
nected from the belt except at its ends and it passes through the loop 5 formed by the way in which the two members 2 and 3 are stitched together. This holding member 18 ties the belt to the anchor member, but because of its construction it allows the belt to slide and turn on the anchor member. With this construction the child can freely turn onto either side and otherwise has comparative freedom of movement, but at the same time the child is firmly connected to the anchor member.

I have herein shown shoulder straps 20 which are connected to the belt and which are designed to pass over the shoulders of the child in a manner similar to an ordinary pair of suspenders. The purpose of these shoulder straps is to prevent the child from wriggling out of the belt.

In using the device the anchor member is first pinned to the covering 9 of the support on which the child is to be placed and then the child is laid on the belt and the belt and shoulder straps fastened about the child.

When the child is thus secured in the harness it can turn on either side, owing to the slip connection between the belt and the anchor member, but it at all times will be securely fastened to the anchor member.

This device is especially useful when a person is traveling with a child, as the anchor member can be readily fastened to the seat of an ordinary passenger coach and the child will thus be securely held on the seat.

I have shown a protecting covering 21 for covering the pin 7 which is at the upper end of the strip 2 so that when the child is lying down its head will not be injured by the pin.

While I have described herein the preferred embodiment of my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the constructional details shown.

My invention is also very useful for preventing a small child from wriggling out from under the covers of a bed or crib, for when a child is placed in the harness and the harness is pinned to the sheet of the bed or crib and the usual covers are placed over the child, said child will be held securely under the covers.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. In a child's harness, the combination with a cross-shaped anchor member pro-vided with a loop, of a belt, and a holding member encircling the belt and fastened thereto at each side thereof near the front, said holding member extending through the loop to provide a slip connection between the belt and anchor member.

2. In a child's harness, the combination with an anchor member comprising two strips of fabric arranged in crossed relation and sewed together at their crossing point by two rows of stitches which extend parallel to the edges of one member and transverse to the other whereby a loop is formed, of a belt, and a holding member encircling the belt secured thereto at its ends and passing through the loop.

3. In a child's harness, the combination with a fourarmed anchor member, of safety pins at the ends of the arms for fastening them to the cover of a bed, couch or other support, said anchor member having a loop, a belt provided at one end with buttonholes and at the other end with eyelets, a tape adjustably secured in said eyelets, a button secured to the end of the tape, and a holding member encircling the belt secured thereto at its ends near the front of the belt and passing through said loop.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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