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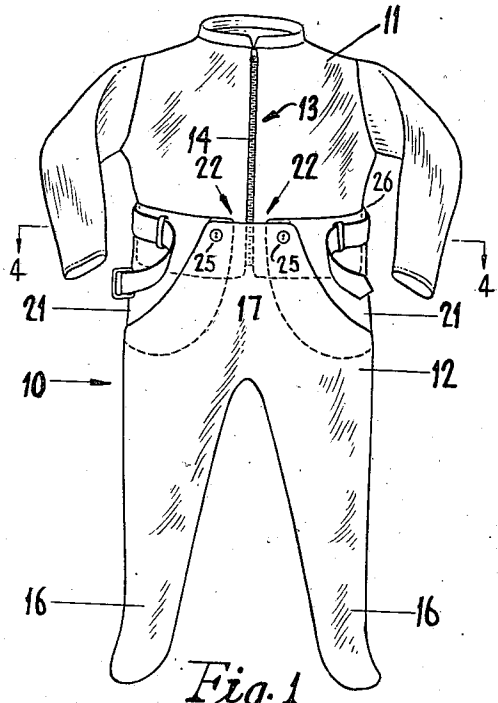


Fig. 1

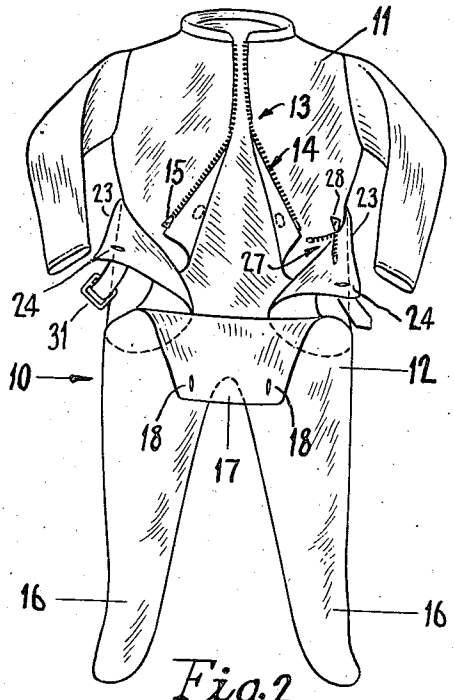


Fig. 2

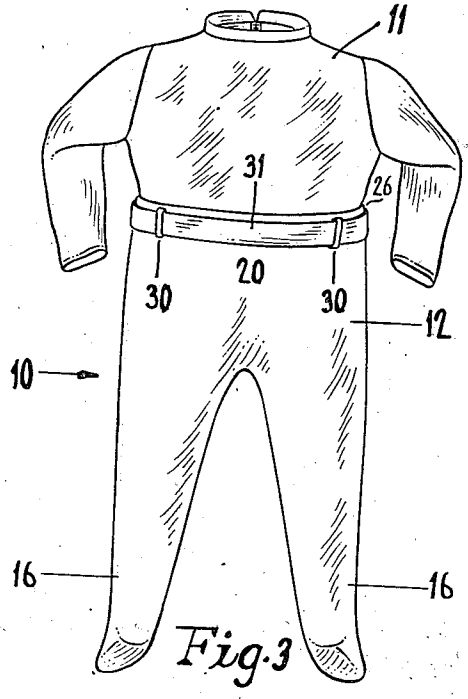


Fig. 3

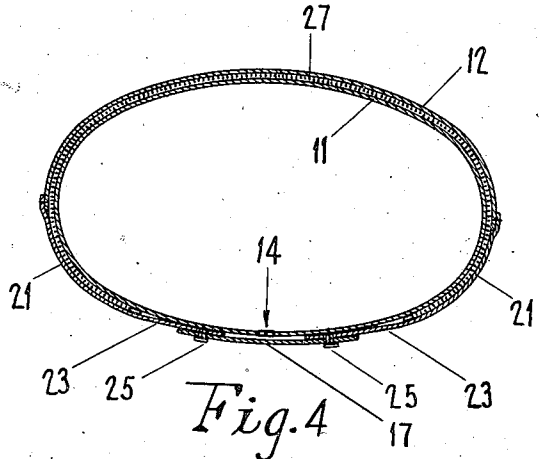


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to garments especially intended for infants that are young enough to have to wear diapers, and the main object of this invention is to provide a body member and coacting trousers member that will provide protection against drafts during the changing of the diaper and at the same time afford free access to the diaper so that it may be quickly changed without disturbing the child.

Another object of this invention is to provide a two-member child's garment and concealed slide fastener means for detachably connecting the said members together all the way around the front of the waist portion and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear of the garment.

Another object of this invention is to provide a trousers member, the front fabric thereof having integral sideways continuations extending to the rear of the garment and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear in sideways foldable inner flaps which are superimposed by an outer drop flap.

Another object of this invention is to provide a garment having a body member and a trousers member circularly interconnected by a slide fastener around the major portion of the waistline and by only two buttons at the remainder portion of the waistline so that the body member and the trousers member are detachable to permit different body members and different trousers members to be interchangeably interconnected to provide a garment of a desired style or appearance, and to permit the removal and washing of one member of the garment and its replacement in the interim by another garment member.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention will be hereinafter more particularly described, and the combination and arrangement of parts will be shown in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the claims which form part of this specification.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a rear view of the garment.

Figure 2 is a rear view showing the flaps of the trousers unbuttoned from the body member.

Figure 3 is a front view of the garment.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view, the section being taken as on line 4—4 in Figure 1.

In the illustrated embodiment of the invention, the numeral 10 indicated a child's garment comprising a body member 11 and a trousers member 12. The body member has a rear opening at 13 extending from the neck down, the edges of this opening being closed or opened by a divisible end type slide fastener 14 of the "Zipper" type having a slider connection 15 at its lower end.

The trousers member 12 has legs 16 and a drop flap 17 at its rear. The drop flap has button holes 18 adjacent the top edge thereof, the said edge terminating in horizontal alinement with the upper edge of the trousers member.

The front 20 of the trousers fabric has integral sideways continuations 21 extending to the rear of the garment and terminating at points 22 in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear in sideways foldable inner flaps 23. The upper edge portions of the sideways extensions 21 and the horizontal free edge portion of the flap 17 jointly form a continuous waist line at the rear of the trousers member 12. The inner flaps 23 have button holes 24 adjacent their upper edges. The waist portion of the body member has buttons 25 sewed thereto and being positioned in alinement with the button holes 18 and 24. The buttons are adapted to cooperate in the button holes for detachably fastening the flaps 17 and 23 to the body member 12.

In assembled relation, best shown in Figure 1, the waist portion 26 of the trousers member 12 is in superposed relation with the waist portion of the body member 11 a considerable distance to afford concealment therebetween for a slide fastener 27 of the "Zipper" type for circularly interconnecting the said members. The concealed slide fastener 27, best shown in Figure 2, is of the divisible end type having a slider connection 28. The concealed slide fastener 27 extends all the way around the front of the waist portion and terminates short of the buttons 25. The buttons 25 form a unitary fastening means for the flaps.

Belt loops 30 secured to the trousers member 12 support a belt 31 which serves to conceal the upper edge portions of the flaps and the buttons 25.

When it is desired to change the diaper, the child is laid on its stomach and the inner flaps 23 are unbuttoned, and also the drop flap 17. The slider connection 15 is then moved upwardly to open the slide fastener 14 from the bottom part way to the top to permit the sections of the body member 11 to be swung sideways, to the position shown in Figure 2. After changing the diaper the parts are rebuttoned, the slide fastener 14 is closed, and the changing is accom-

plished. It will be noted that no exposed buttons appear on the front or rear of the garment since this would be objectionable due to the fact that an imprint of the buttons may be left upon the body of the child. Also, there are no buttons at the sides of the garment since this might leave an imprint upon the body in the event that the child slept on its side.

In the event that the trousers 12 should become wet or soiled, the same may be readily removed without disturbing the body member 11 which is not likely to become soiled. To remove the trousers 12 it is only necessary to unbutton the two buttons 25 to release the flaps, and to move the slider connection 28 around the waist so as to release the waist edge portions from each other. A clean trousers may be substituted therefor by inserting the legs of the child into the leg portions 16, then closing the waist portions by manipulating the concealed slide-fastener 27 and closing the side flaps 23 and the drop flap 17. The nurse may change a diaper or a trousers while the child is sleeping and the child need not be disturbed to any extent while removing or changing a garment member.

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view showing how the slide fastener 27 which is not co-extensive with the length of the waist is supplemented by the buttons 25 to form a continuous closure around the waist.

In accordance with the patent statutes I have described and illustrated the preferred embodiments of my invention, but it will be understood that various changes and modifications can be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. In a child's garment comprising in combination a body member and a trousers member, said two members being detachably connected together by concealed slide fastener means extending all the way around the front of the waist portion and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear of said garment, the rear of said trousers fabric having integral sideways continuations extending to the front of said garment and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of said rear and forming sideways foldable inner flaps, the rear of said trousers fabric having an outer and downwardly foldable flap superposable over said sideways foldable flaps, and buttons connecting together the marginal portions of said sideways flaps and said superposable outer flap for closing the trousers member and securing the rear of said trousers to said body member, both of said sideways foldable flaps being disconnectable from said body at their free ends and forming side shields adapted to cover the sides of said child.

2. In a child's garment comprising in combination a body member and a trousers member, said two members being detachably connected together by concealed slide fastener means extending all the way around the front of the waist portion and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear of said garment, the rear of said trousers fabric having integral sideways continuations extending to the front of said garment and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of said rear and forming sideways foldable inner flaps, the rear of said trousers fabric having an outer and downwardly foldable flap superposable over said sideways foldable flaps, and unitary means connecting together the marginal portions of said sideways foldable flaps and said superposable outer flap for securing the rear portion of said trousers to said body member and jointly forming a continuous waist line at the rear of said garment, both of said sideways flaps being disconnectable at their free ends and being foldable sideways to form side shields adapted to cover the sides of said child.

3. In a child's garment comprising in combination a body member and a trousers member, the waist portion of said trousers member being in superposed relation with the waist portion of said body member, said members being detachably connected together by slide fastener means positioned between said superposed waist portions, said fastener means extending all the way around the front of the waist portion and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of the rear of said garment, the rear of said trousers fabric having integral sideways continuations extending to and overlying the front of said garment and terminating in spaced relation from the mid portion of said rear and forming sideways foldable inner flaps, the rear of said trousers fabric having an outer and downwardy foldable flap superposable over said sideways foldable flaps, and unitary means connecting together the marginal portions of said sideways foldable flaps and said superposable outer flap for securing the rear portion of said trousers to said body member and jointly forming a continuous waistline at the rear of said garment, both of said sideways flaps being disconnectable at their free ends and being foldable sideways to form side shields adapted to cover the sides of said child.

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