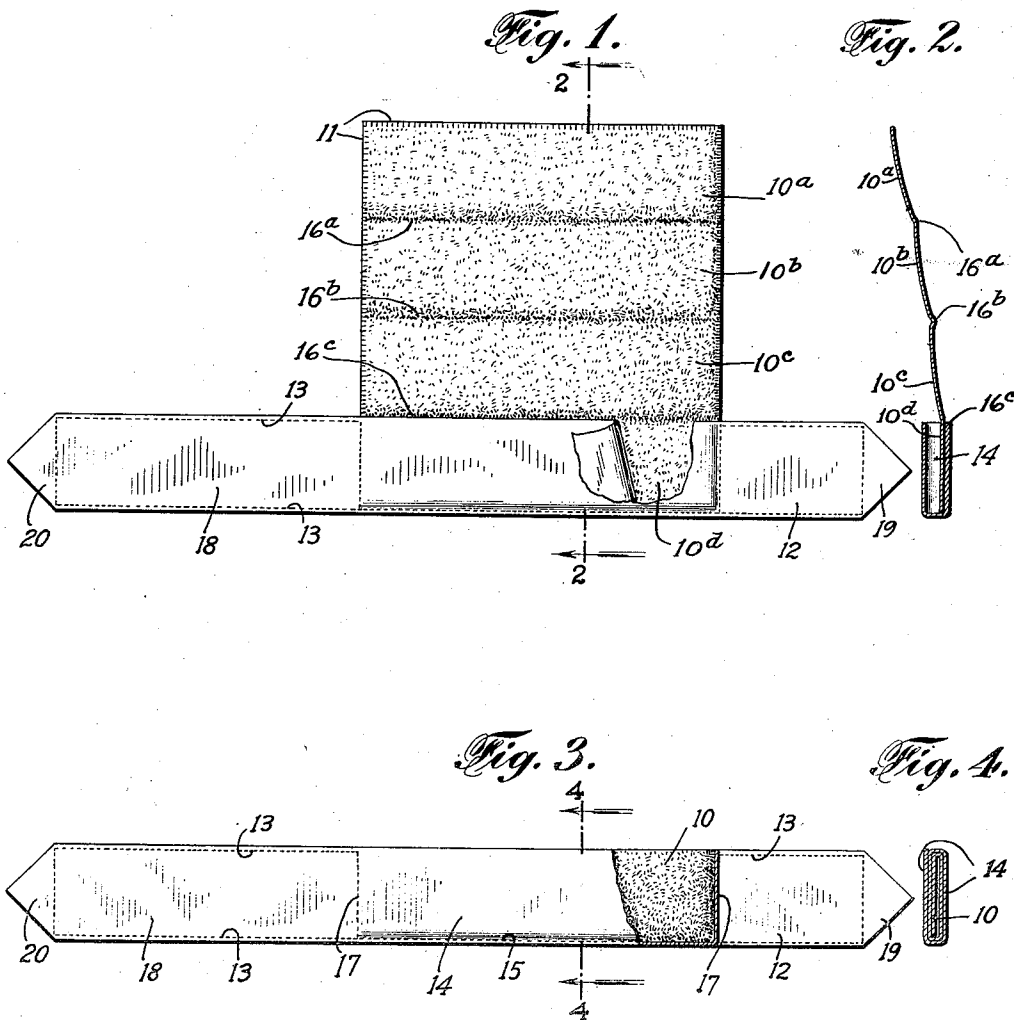


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH WEISSMAN, a citizen of Austria, and resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Washable Sanitary Napkins, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its main object the provision of a sanitary napkin and means combined therewith whereby it can be readily attached, when in an adjusted position to a belt or under garment worn by the user.

A further object is to provide a napkin comprised principally of absorbent textile fabric, soft, comfortable and self-conforming in use, and which is easily amenable to common laundry processes whereby it may be cleansed and rendered antiseptic for further use.

Another object is to provide such articles in relatively inexpensive forms, immediately available for use and which present no bulky or objectionable appearance.

These objects are attained by the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawings, forming a material part of this disclosure, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a napkin made in accordance with the invention, unfolded, extended and partially broken in order to show the interior.

Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a similar plan view but showing the parts in a folded position ready for application, and,

Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings in detail, the numeral 10 generally designates a rectangular sheet of relatively thick, loosely woven or knitted textile foraminous fabric, having high absorbent properties, such for instance as domett flannel, cheese cloth, turkish towel-
eling, etc., adapted to hold fluids in suspension.

A relatively firm integral border or finished edge 11 extends along the four sides of

the napkin, which, as indicated, is unbroken 50 by incisions.

A strap 12 comprised of a folded strip of firmly woven cotton fabric, is sewn along its marginal edges 13 and interposed in its length is a pocket 14 open at one edge and 55 into which the sheet 10 is entered and secured by a row of stitches 15 in such manner that the napkin can be folded along the folding lines 16^a, 16^b, and 16^c forming portions 10^a, 10^b, 10^c and 10^d, adapted to enter 60 and be normally retained within the pocket when in use.

The ends of the pocket are closed by rows of stitches 17 while its location divides the strap into portions of unequal length, 12 65 and 18 representing the rear and front respectively, the ends being fashioned into tabs 19 and 20 reinforced by folding and adapted to be secured by pins, buttons or other fastening means to a belt worn for 70 that purpose or directly to the undergarments as may be preferred.

From the foregoing it will be seen that a neat appearing, cheap and serviceable article has been described, capable of convenient 75 adjustment so as to be worn with comfort, and that the same may be easily washed and sterilized by ordinary domestic processes.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and sought to be secured 80 by Letters Patent, is:—

A sanitary washable napkin, comprising in combination, a strap made of textile fabric in the form of a flat tube having obtuse angular, reinforced ends, a pocket in said 85 strap open at one edge, said pocket being closer to one end of said strap than the other, a square sheet of absorbent fabric secured along one of its marginal edges within and to the bottom of said pocket, said 90 sheet being foldable transversely into equal portions to entirely enter the pocket, and an integral, relatively firm border formed on the marginal edges of said absorbent sheet.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 95 name to this specification.

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