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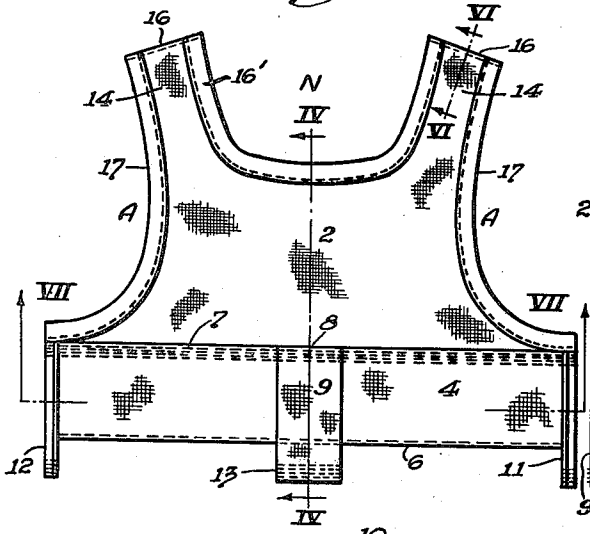


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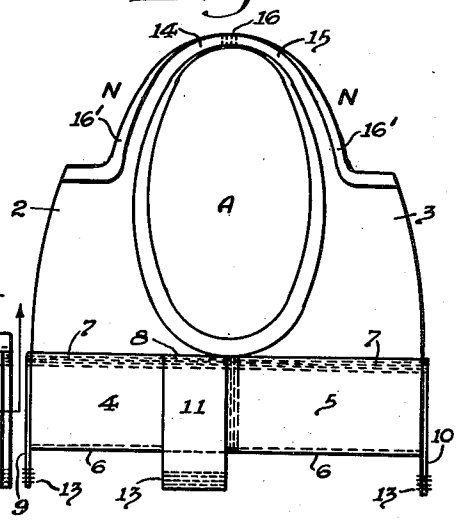


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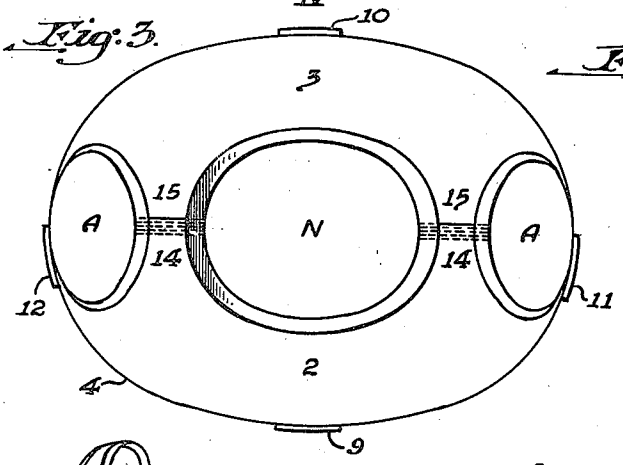


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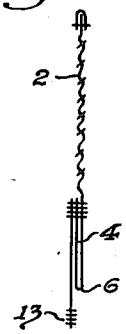


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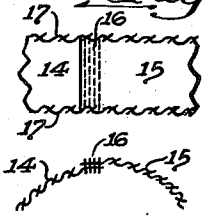
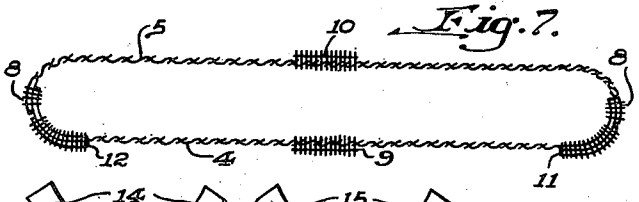


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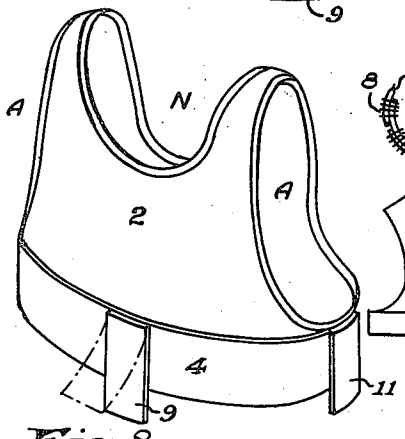


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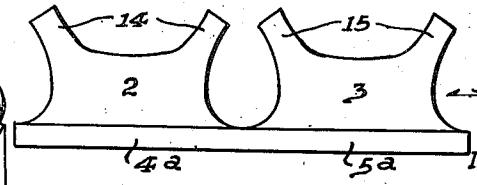


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This invention is an improvement in a child's undergarment, of the general type disclosed in my prior Patent No. 2,314,432.

It has in view to provide a one piece garment of approximately fixed dimensions, in varying sizes, composed of suitable fabric, and freely open for the neck and arms.

It comprises two main sections, for front and back, each with a double thickness reinforced waist band portion, a plurality of attaching tapes depending from the waist band, particularly useful and with appropriate stitching for strength and smoothness, with freely open neck and arm clearance, and other features as hereinafter particularly described.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view of the garment in front elevation.

Fig. 2 is a similar view from the side.

Fig. 3 is a plan view corresponding to Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a conventional vertical sectional view on the line IV—IV of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary plan view of the shoulder strap joint.

Fig. 6 is a transverse section through the shoulder strap joint on the line VI—VI of Fig. 1.

Fig. 7 is a transverse sectional view on the line VII—VII of Fig. 1, of the garment, somewhat flattened as when folded.

Fig. 8 is an isometric view of the garment as a whole.

Fig. 9 is a face view of a blank made in one piece of goods, with a double integral band.

It will be understood that Figs. 1, 2, 3 and 8 illustrate the garment in extended position on the body of a child, as when worn.

In its entirety, it utilizes a main front section 2 and a main back section 3, of suitable material as muslin, cotton, linen, or the like. As shown, each of such sections is a counterpart or duplicate of the other, for single or double connection of the waist band. With either form, simplifying and cheapening of cutting and cost of manufacture, is accomplished.

Likewise, each section is made of sufficient length at the bottom to provide ample goods in the pattern, for a double reinforced waist band, generally indicated at front and back respectively, by the numerals 4 and 5.

In such construction, as in the principal figures of the drawing, the lower portion of each main section 2 and 3, is doubled upon itself as at 6, upwardly for a necessary distance to provide

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sufficient double thickness width, for reinforcement of the waist band, as completed.

The upper edge portion of the outer layer of the band, at front and back, is firmly connected with the main section 2 and 3, by reinforcing stitching 7, of multiple flatlock machine sewing.

Likewise, the end portions of the front and back double-thickness waist bands, are also fastened together by similar overlapping flatlock seams, as at 8.

At suitable locations around the waist band are attached connecting tapes 9, 10, 11 and 12. These are secured to the double-thickness band, at the upper edge of its outer layer, at front, back, and opposite sides, by the same plural ply sewing 7—8, which thus continuously connects the double side band also with the tapes, entirely around the garment.

If desired, the tapes may also be attached to the lower edges of the waist band; or, to save material, at such lower edge only, with the tape extending freely below the band, as shown. Each tape is also preferably reinforced along its lower edge by similar flatlock stitching, as at 13.

An especial advantage of the flatlock seam sewing is that because of the plural, as four, lines of sewing, it strongly connects simple overlapping double-thickness joints of fabric.

Thus connected, the inner surfaces of such portions of the garment are very smooth and flat, and without ridges or projecting portions of fabric, as when doubled upon itself for ordinary stitching. Especially in the case of underwear for children or infants, this is of great advantage, in avoiding irritation or soreness, in applying or wearing such underclothing.

The flaps 9, 10, 11 and 12, as thus connected, are in appropriate positions, and freely loose below the lower edges of the band, for attachment connection by safety pins with a diaper, panty, or stockings as desired. The several flaps or tapes may thus be connected with the waist band, as preferred, with their lower portions free for such attachment.

At each side of a middle deep and wide neck opening N, are the shoulder straps 14 front, and 15 back. These are comparatively narrow, with edges rounded inwardly for the neck, and outwardly and downwardly towards the opposite side connection with the band 4—5.

As shown in Fig. 9, the blank for the garment may be in one continuous piece, with the doubled band sections 4a, 4b, when folded upwardly as shown, requiring but one side overlapping con-

nection, as by the flatlock attachment sewing above described.

The construction thus provides the opposite specially large and roomy arm openings A, A, and neck opening N, as shown.

The pairs of shoulder strap members 14—15 simply overlap flatly, in single thickness, and are likewise connected by similar flatlock seams 16, and with smooth continuous inner non-irritating surfaces, as before explained.

The edge portions of the front 2 and back 3, around the openings A and N, are finished by ordinary binding hem edging 16', 17, with rounded easy fitting surfaces.

While the design of the garment as to the neck opening is convenient and suitably attractive as shown, it may be varied of course in style, as by making it semi-circular, square, or V shape, or otherwise as desired, without departing from the invention as shown, described, and claimed.

What I claim is:

1. A child's undergarment comprising a front section and back section both connected at the transverse waist portion and with pairs of upwardly extending shoulder strap sections, said waist portion being doubled upon itself to provide an upper edge, means connecting the waist portion at one side, means connecting the shoulder strap sections, and a plurality of freely depending attaching tapes connected with the upper edge of the outer layer of the waist portion.

2. In a child's undergarment, the combination of a one piece continuous connected fabric including a duplicate front and back portion having a lowermost upwardly doubled thickness waist band portion providing a lower rounded edge and uppermost pairs of shoulder strap portions defining a middle neck opening and outer arm openings, means connecting end portions of the waist band, means connecting ends of the shoulder strap portions, and freely depending attaching tapes connected at their upper edges with the upper outer edge of the doubled waist band.

3. In a child's undergarment, the combination of a one piece continuous connected fabric including a duplicate front and back portion each having a lowermost integral doubled thickness waist band portion and uppermost pairs of shoulder strap portions defining a middle neck opening and outer arm openings, flatlock seams connecting overlapping ends of the waist band portions and of the shoulder strap portions, and freely depending attaching tapes connected with the upper edge portion of the waist band, and depending freely beyond its lower edge.

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