

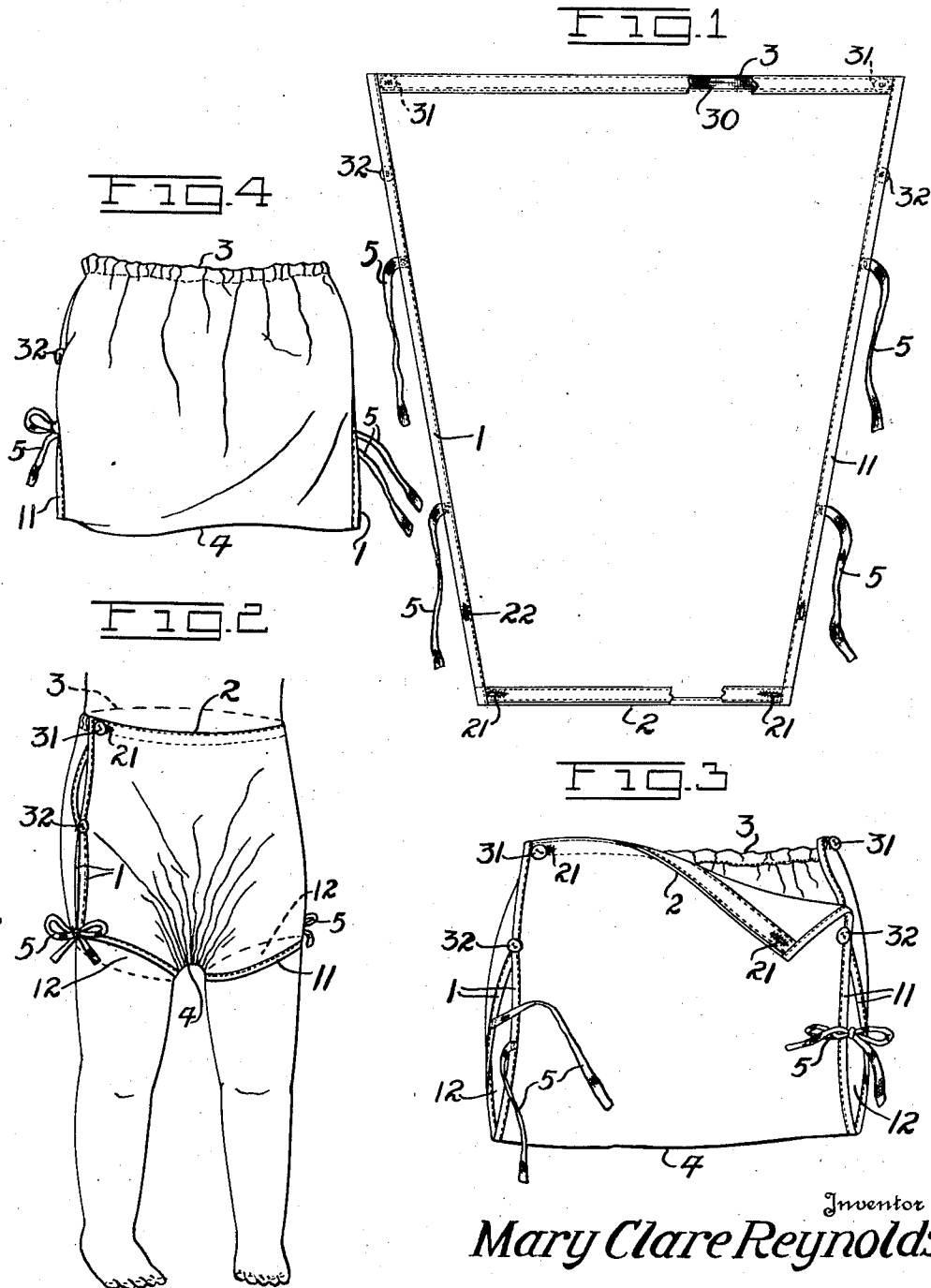
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My invention relates to that class of infant's wear generally known as rubber or rubberized pants, being a protective garment of moisture-repellent material worn over
5 diapers. It will become apparent that the same principles may be incorporated in the diapers themselves, in which case the material would be moisture absorbent, and soft.

Among the objects of my invention are the
10 production of an article of this type which may be most simply cut out, with the greatest economy of material; which is form fitting, both over the hips and in the crotch, to avoid the bagginess so often found in such garments; which is automatically adjustable in
15 the waist and about the legs; to large or small infants; which provides adequate ventilation without danger of contact of outer clothing with wet diapers; which is of utmost convenience in changing the child; and which is
20 easy to launder or clean.

My invention comprises the novel article of manufacture shown in the accompanying drawings in a preferred form, and as described in this specification and defined by
25 the claims terminating the same.

Figure 1 is a view of the completed garment, laid flat.

Figure 2 is a side front view of the garment, displayed upon an infant.

Figure 3 is a front view, and Figure 4 a back view, of the garment alone.

It greatly conduces to ease in cutting, and I have discovered that it renders the garment
35 more form-fitting in the crotch and around the hips, to form it from a blank having two converging substantially straight edges 1 and 11, which constitute the side edges of the garment. The top edge of the front, at
40 2, and the top edge of the back, at 3, may be parallel in the blank, so that the blank is simply cut from the piece (the edges of which usually coincide with the edges 2 and 3) by
45 two straight, slightly diagonal cuts across. Naturally, the several edges 1, 11, 2, and 3, will be seamed, bound, or otherwise reinforced as may be necessary or desirable.

Thus cut out, the back edge 3 is longer than
50 the front edge 2, the latter being about of a

length to reach from the middle of one side, above the hip, to a corresponding point at the other side of the wearer. To avoid overlapping of the back, when the garment is folded upon itself in position of use, and to provide
55 fullness over the hips in the rear, the back edge 3 is gathered, and I prefer that an elastic be used, whereby the garment will automatically adjust itself to the wearer. Such an elastic is shown at 30, incorporated in the
60 seam at the edge 3, and preferably extending entirely across this back top edge. I prefer that the front be substantially non-elastic.

Cooperating fastening means, typified by
65 the rubber buttons 31 and buttonholes 21, are provided at the ends of the respective top edges 3 and 2, whereby the garment may be folded through the infant's crotch and held about his waist, leaving a straight fold at 4
70 and side openings through which the infant's legs project. The leg openings 12 are most directly defined by securing means, such as the ribbons 5, secured to the front and back portions of the side edges 1 and 11 somewhat
75 above the fold 4. This permits of adjustment to fit the garment to infants whose legs may be more or less chubby, and closes the side openings above the leg openings 12 to protect the clothing. These side openings
80 may be further closed, if desired, by such means as the rubber buttons 32 and buttonholes 22, located between the ribbons 5 and the buttons 31 and buttonholes 21, yet because
85 the front and rear portions of the side edges are merely brought together, and because of the infant's natural movements, there will always be ample gaps for ventilation, as may be seen in Figure 2.

The folded portion at 4, instead of bagging
90 down in the manner customarily associated with baby pants, will gather and extend up into the crotch, thus making the child more comfortable, and his appearance more sightly. This is due to a variety of reasons. The
95 projection of the legs through side openings will, when the legs are close together, provide a certain fullness in the crotch, but because the side edges 1 and 11 are held together about the child's legs by the buttons 32, this
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fullness will be drawn back, and will be taken up across the buttocks. Similarly, fullness will be provided over the top of the buttocks by the gathering of the top rear edge 3.

- 5 Fullness is avoided in the front by the lesser length of the taped edge 2, and by the absence of gathering there. This leaves the front smooth, and throws the fullness to the back, where it is needed, and further assists in
10 drawing the fullness of the fold 4 up into position in the crotch, as shown in Figure 2.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. Baby pants comprising a sheet having two parallel edges and two substantially
15 straight converging edges, and means for securing together opposite ends of each of said converging edges to define leg openings, the longer of the parallel edges being gathered to provide fullness over the back of the
20 hips, the shorter of the parallel edges being folded up in front to the waist and means for securing together the converging side edges, above the fold and below the top edge, to define leg openings and to draw the fullness
25 through the crotch and across the buttocks.

2. Baby pants comprising a sheet having two parallel edges and two substantially straight converging edges, and means for securing together opposite ends of each of
30 said converging edges to define leg openings, the shorter of the parallel edges being non-elastic and of a length to extend from about the middle of the wearer's side, at the waist, to a corresponding point at the opposite side,
35 and the longer of the parallel edges having an elastic band gathering it to substantially the same length, and means for fastening together the tops of both side edges, when folded.

- 40 3. Baby pants comprising a sheet having two parallel edges and two substantially straight converging edges, and means for securing together opposite ends of each of said converging edges to define leg openings,
45 the front top edge being of a length to extend substantially from the middle of one side of the wearer's waist to the middle of the other side, and the rear top edge, when extended, extending beyond the front top edge
50 at each side, and having a gathering elastic incorporated in it to reduce it to substantially the same length as the front top edge, and co-operating fastening means at the ends of each top edge.

- 55 Signed at Seattle, Washington this 25th day of October, 1929.

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