

W. B. TYRRELL.
 INFANT'S GARMENT.
 APPLICATION FILED APR. 3, 1909.

949,164.

Patented Feb. 15, 1910.

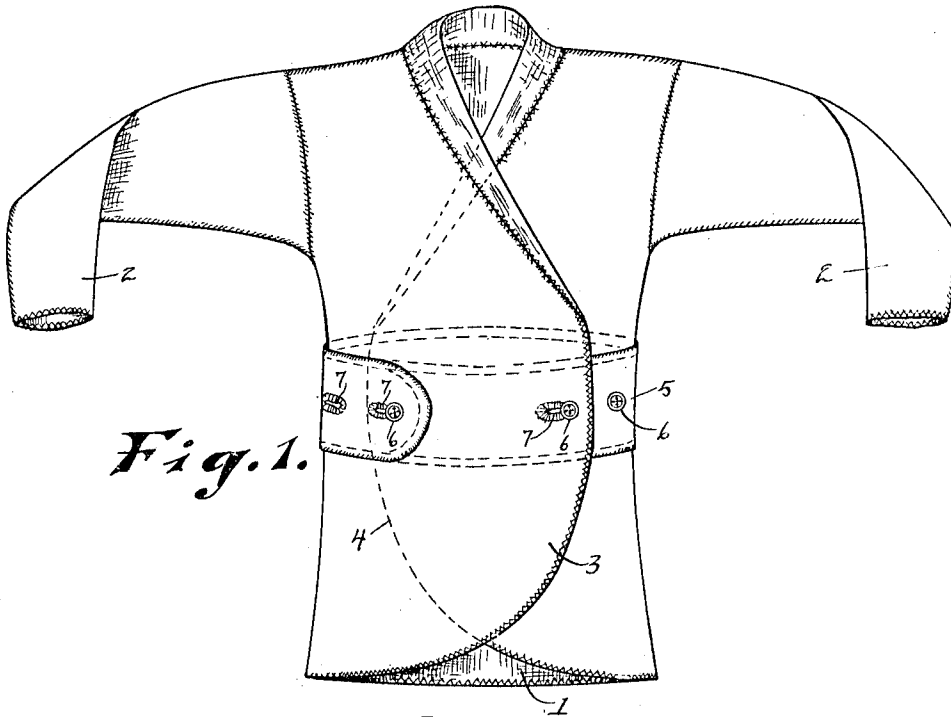


Fig. 1.

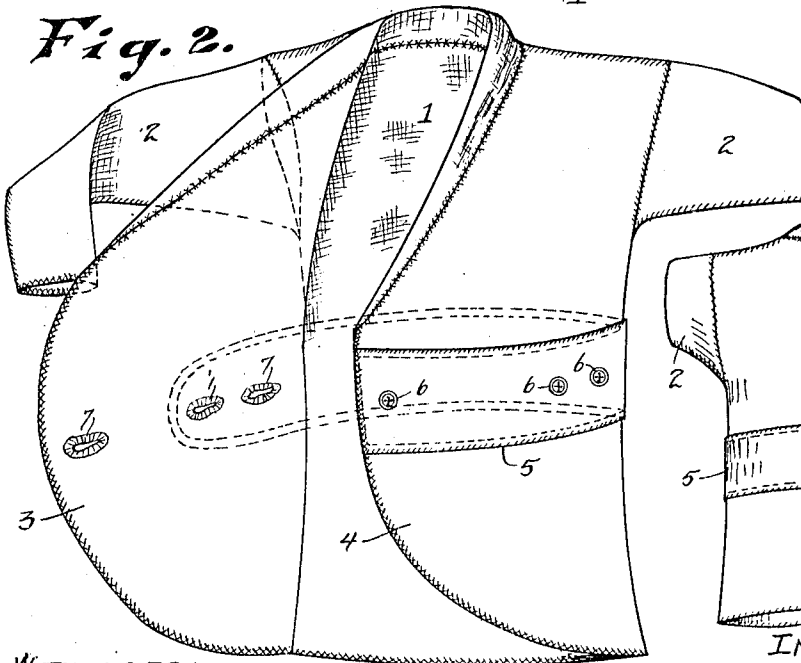


Fig. 2.

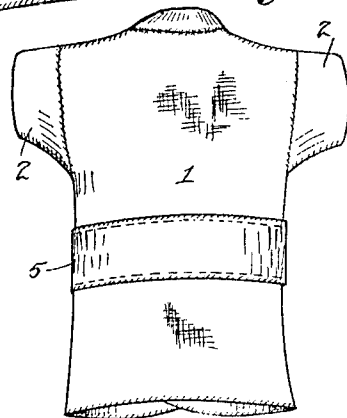


Fig. 3.

WITNESSES:

O. R. Erwin
 J. D. Bremer.

INVENTOR

Wallace B. Tyrrell
 By Erwin & Wheeler
 ATTORNEYS.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WALLACE B. TYRRELL, OF DELAVAN, WISCONSIN.

INFANT'S GARMENT.

949,164.

Specification of Letters Patent.

Patented Feb. 15, 1910.

Application filed April 3, 1909. Serial No. 487,659.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALLACE B. TYRRELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Delavan, county of Walworth, and State of Wisconsin, have invented new and useful Improvements in Infants' Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in underwear for infants.

10 It is a well known fact that during a certain period of an infant's life, it is of vital importance that the abdomen of the child be not only well protected with a soft, warm covering which will exclude the cold, but
15 also that all that part of the body over and around the navel and umbilicus be supported and securely held in place until the muscles become set and firm. Heretofore to meet such requirements, it has been common to use one or more separate pieces of fabric and also to use numerous bandages in addition to the under garment, which
20 separate pieces and bandages were liable to get out of place, whereby the child is made
25 uncomfortable and its health and life endangered.

By my improved garment not only the required thickness of covering and warmth are attained, but the garment also includes
30 as an integral part, an abdomen support or band, which is stitched to and retained in place by the undergarment, while it facilitates securing the front overlapping parts of the garments together.

35 The construction of my garment is explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a top view thereof in its closed position. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the front open preparatory to being
40 placed around the child; and Fig. 3 represents the back of the garment as it appears when closed.

Like parts are identified by the same reference figures throughout the several views.

The garment proper is preferably made of a knit fabric, the back 1 and sleeves 2 of which are substantially of ordinary construction. To facilitate placing the garment
50 upon and removing it from a child, it is preferably made with a vertical opening in front and in this respect is similar to a coat with this exception that the sides 3 and 4 are so formed as to overlap each other

almost or quite entirely across the front part 55 of the body, whereby the required thickness and warmth is attained, as stated, without additional covering, while the central or waist portion of the garment is provided with a broad belt or band 5 formed of strong 60 flexible material, which is permanently secured at its respective edges to the exterior surface of the garment in such a manner that when the garment is closed in front, the ends of the belt overlap each other and the 65 front portion of the band or belt cooperate with the overlapping portions of the garment to support the abdomen of the child in its normal position, whereby the necessity of using additional bandages as heretofore 70 for such purpose is avoided, while the belt or band serves the additional purpose of reinforcing the garment proper and the liability of the fabric of which it is composed becoming unduly stretched or torn as it is secured together around the child is overcome. 75 A still further object attained by the belt or band is found in the fact that it furnishes a substantial fabric to which the buttons 6 are attached and in which the button holes 80 7 are formed, while the ordinary knit fabric of which the body of the garment is composed is too fragile and delicate for such purpose.

I preferably secure a plurality of buttons 85 to the inner fold of the garment some of which are located near its marginal edge and others back from the edge upon the opposite side of the vertical center of the garment, while I provide the other overlapping member of the garment with button 90 holes so located as to register with such buttons when the garment is closed around the child, whereby the overlapping members may be secured together, both at their respective edges and at a distance back from 95 their edges, and the liability of such overlapping members becoming wrinkled or out of place is entirely overcome.

While I have shown and described the 100 overlapping members of the garment as secured together by buttons and button holes, it will be understood that hooks and eyes, or other equivalent fastenings may, if desired, be substituted therefor. 105

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

A knit garment of the described class,
open in front, and having overlapping front
members, a reinforcing band or belt sur-
rounding and permanently secured at its
5 marginal edges by stitches to the waist of
the garment, and means for securing the
overlapping members of the garment in-
cluding such band or belt together both at

the marginal edges of the garment and at
a distance back from such marginal edges. 10
In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in the presence of two witnesses.

WALLACE B. TYRRELL.

Witnesses:

W. E. LITTLE,

H. W. STURTEVANT.