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Fig. 1.

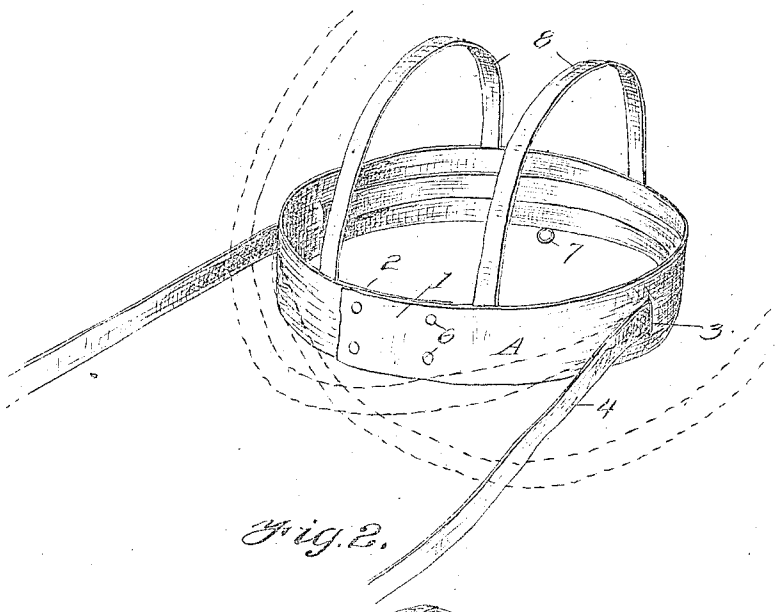
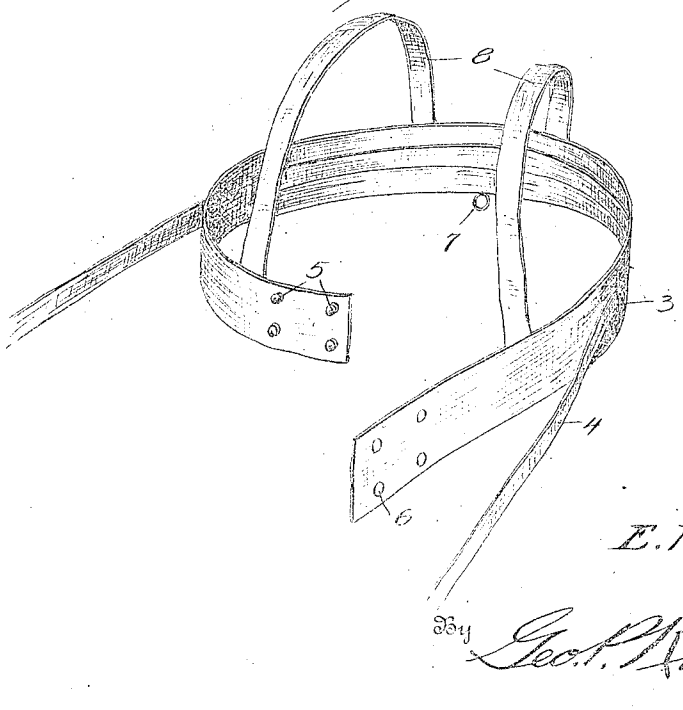


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELEANOR DANA PARSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pinehurst, in the county of Moore and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Baby-Harness, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to improvements in harness for use with children, and is particularly designed to provide means whereby a child may be attached in a chair or bed or to prevent it from accidentally falling therefrom, and whereby it may be supported when learning to walk.

It has been found that restless children are very apt to fall from chairs and beds in which they are placed, and also that they often injure themselves when they are learning to walk. The present invention is designed to securely attach a child within a chair or bed or other article of furniture without any discomfort to the child, and it is also designed to allow a child a certain amount of freedom in learning to walk, but at all times providing means for controlling and supporting the child as it endeavors to maintain itself in an upright position and moves from place to place.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a harness for use with children which may be very easily manufactured of some soft cloth, such as cretonne, linen or the like, and which when manufactured will be available upon the open market at a very small retail cost. The peculiar construction of the harness also lends itself readily to washing, and can thus be kept in a clean condition at all times, which is particularly advantageous in view of the fact that soiled clothing or the like has a tendency to subject the child to infection and germs, which might impair its health.

For the purpose of illustrating this invention, there is shown in the accompanying drawing one form thereof, which is at present preferred, since the same has been found in practice to give satisfactory and reliable results, although it is to be understood that the various instrumentalities of which the invention consists can be variously arranged and organized and that the invention is not limited to the precise arrangement and organization of these instrumentalities as herein shown and described.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention with its parts arranged in a position maintained by them when the device is applied to a child, and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the harness with the respective parts thereof, and particularly the belt portion unattached to clearly show the method of applying the same to a child.

Like characters of reference indicate like or similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings, in which:—

A designates a belt of relatively great width and which is formed of some soft material, such as cretonne, linen or the like, and has formed adjacent the ends 1 and 2 thereof slots 3. Attention is called to the fact that the slots are so positioned with respect to the belt that they will be arranged over the hip of the child when the belt is placed in position about the child's chest. Passed through the slots and extending within and lying against the inner surface of the front portion of the belt is an elongated strap 4 formed of the same material as the belt and having its ends extending outwardly therefrom as shown and adapted to be attached to a chair or bed as the case may be or to be used in the manner of reins in the event that the child is learning to walk. On the end 2 of the belt are provided suitable snap fasteners 5 which engage within recesses 6 provided therefor on the end 1 of the belt in order to secure the belt about the body of a child. If desirable eyelets and lacing may be used in place of the snap fasteners as shown. Upon the portion of the belt opposite the ends 1 and 2 thereof is an eyelet 7 to which may be attached rattles or small toys.

It is to be understood that the belt is normally positioned with the eyelet 7 in front and the ends are secured in the back of the child. Extending from the front to the rear of the belt and on either side of the attached ends and the front portion are shoulder straps 8 which extend over the shoulders of the child to hold the belt in position.

In use the belt is applied around the child with the eyelet 7 resting over the front of the body of the child and the ends are secured by the snap fasteners in back of the child so as to hold the same securely thereupon. The shoulder straps are placed

in position over the shoulders and the straps 4 will then serve in the capacity of reins to permit the child to walk about, but which will prevent it from falling or injuring itself by bumping against various objects.

When it is desired to secure the child in bed the belt is snapped in place, the child laid on its back, and each end of strap 4 tied to a bar of the bed at both sides.

It is advisable to reverse the position of strap 4 when used to attach a child in its high chair. Strap 4 is placed at the rear of, and within the belt which is snapped in position, the ends of strap 4 are crossed in front of the child's body and brought to the side rails, or the rear of chair, and securely tied. This clamps the child's body with greater security, prevents its falling therefrom, or slipping out of harness.

The peculiar construction of the harness, as well as the material from which it is constructed causes no unpleasant feeling when it is applied, and serious injuries of a child due to falling or the like will be positively prevented by the use of the present harness.

As many changes could be made in the above construction and many apparently widely different embodiments of this invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matters contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the language used in the following claims is intended to cover all of the generic and specific features of the invention herein described and all statements of the scope of the invention, which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

I claim:

1. A harness for children comprising a body encircling belt having an elongated strap threaded therethrough to slide longitudinally intermediate its extremities in said belt for supporting or attaching a child to a chair or the like, the intermediate portion of the strap lying on the inner face of the intermediate portion of the belt with its ends outside the belt, said strap being of a length materially greater than the length of the belt to adapt the ends thereof to be crossed over the closed ends of the belt and secured to a suitable support, and shoulder straps attached to said belt.

2. A harness of the class described comprising a body encircling belt provided with longitudinally spaced transversely extending slots, means for fastening the ends of the belt together, a strap of a length materially greater than the length of the belt threaded through and slidable in the slots in the belt, a portion of the strap being on the inner face of the belt between the slots therein and a portion on the outer face, the ends of said strap being adapted to be crossed in front of the wearer's body over the closed ends of the belt and attached to a support, and shoulder straps attached to said belt.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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