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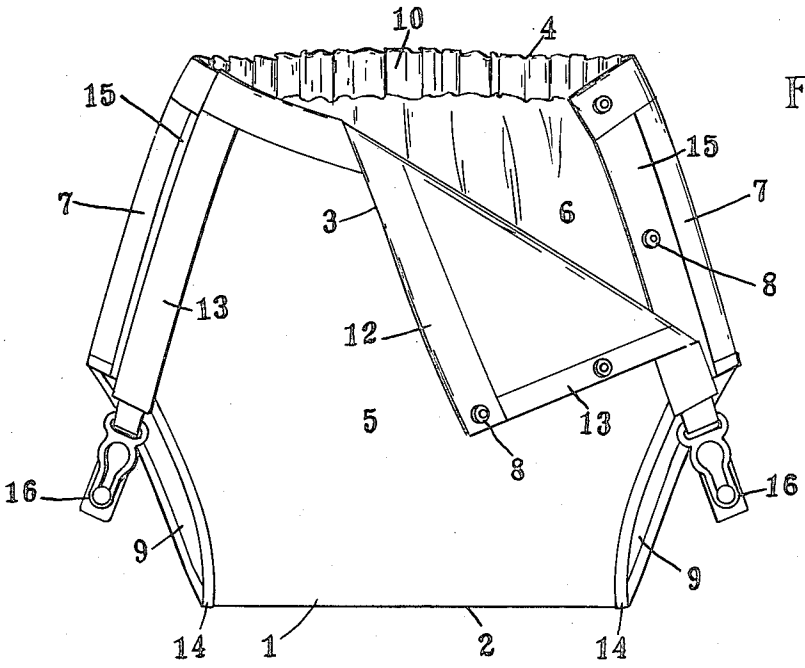


Fig. 1.

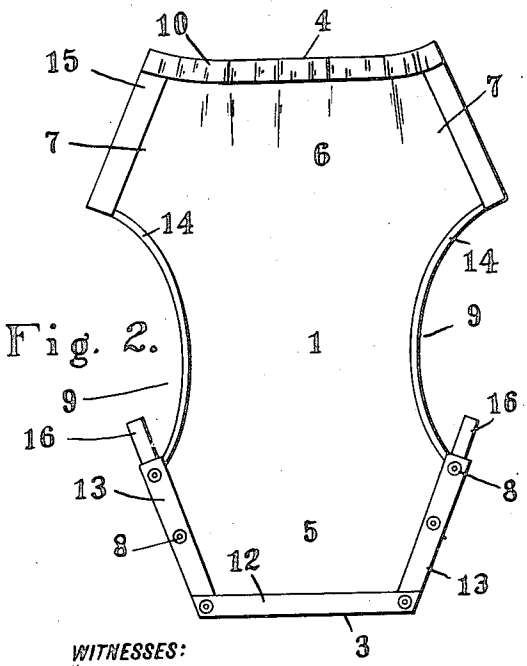


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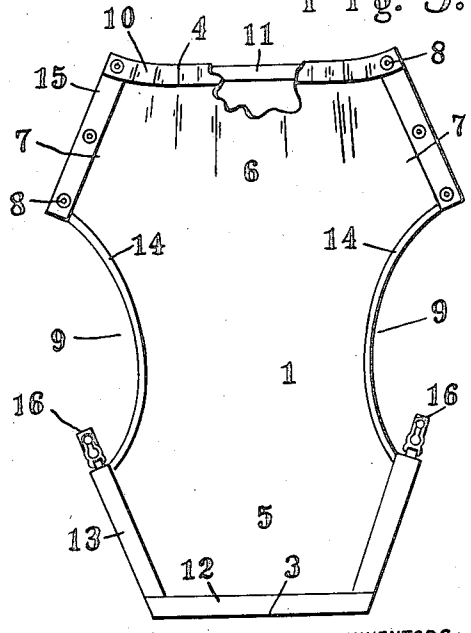


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NATHAN C. LEAVITT and ISADORE MINK, citizens of the United States, and residents of Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, and Brooklyn, in the borough of Queens and State of New York, respectively, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to that class of garments usually referred to as diapers, the present garment being designed more particularly to be worn over the ordinary diaper for protective purposes, but obviously it may be worn in place of such diaper instead of in conjunction therewith if desired.

The objects of the invention are to provide a garment of this class which will fit snugly around the child's body and at the same time will expand and allow free movement; to fasten the parts together at the front so the garment may be readily applied or removed; to provide stocking supporting means; to suspend said supporting means from a reinforced portion of the garment; to secure simplicity of construction and efficiency and comfort in use, and to obtain other advantages and results as may be brought out in the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several views, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the garment partially buttoned; Fig. 2 is a plan of the inside of the garment spread out, and Fig. 3 is a similar view of the outside of the garment.

In the specific embodiment of the invention illustrated in said drawings, the reference numeral 1 indicates the body portion in general, adapted to be folded transversely at its middle, as at 2, so as to bring the opposite ends 3, 4 together into substantially superposed position as shown in Fig. 1. It will be understood that when so doubled, one portion 5 forms the front and the other portion 6 forms the back adapted to be positioned at the front and back respectively of the child with the connecting portion passing between the legs and the ends 3, 4 forming the waist or belt line.

Preferably the back portion 6 is wider than the front portion 5, and thereby provides flaps 7, 7 adapted to turn inwardly between the front and back portions and be secured to the front portion by a plurality of buttons 8. By this construction the garment will pass entirely around the child's hips and waist as well as between his legs. It may be here noted that the side edges of the body portion are recessed or cut away intermediate of the ends 3, 4 sufficiently to form openings 9, 9 through which the child's legs may protrude and the cut away portions are proportioned so as to fit snugly around the child's legs in use without interfering with the proper circulation or freedom of movement.

In order to cause the garment to fit snugly around the waist and at the same time allow it to expand as necessary to afford freedom of movement of the child, a portion of the waist or belt line is made resilient. As shown in the drawings, the back portion 6 is provided at its free end 4 with a hem 10 having therein an elastic strip 11 secured at its ends to the back portion and shorter in its normal position than the width of the garment where said strip 11 is located. This will cause the back portion 6 to pucker somewhat at the waist line, but obviously the elastic will stretch and the goods will straighten out as may be necessary. The free end 3 of the front portion 5 is also provided with a hem 12, and extending along the side edges are other hems 13, 13 from the end hem 12 to the cut-away parts or openings 9, 9. Suitable binding or other edging 14 may be employed around the edge of said cut-away parts or openings, and a hem 15 finishes the side edges of the back portion. The garment is in this manner reinforced for its entire periphery.

Secured to opposite side hems, as for instance the side hems 13 of the front portion, are garters or stocking fasteners 16, 16 of any desired or well-known construction. As shown in the drawings, it is preferable to attach the garters at the end of the hems to extend beyond the same in the same general direction, so that strain applied to the garter is carried directly by the reinforcing hems and longitudinally thereof. By preference, the side hems diverge from the end of the garment toward its center so that the garters will normally incline outwardly away from the garment, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

Obviously other detail modifications may be made in manufacturing our improved child's garment without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and we do not wish to be understood as limiting ourselves except as required by the following claim when construed in the light of the prior art.

Having thus described the invention what we claim is.

The hereindescribed child's garment, comprising a body portion adapted to be folded transversely of its middle and having reinforcing hems at the end portions of its side edges, the middle portions of said side edges being adapted to form leg holes and the hem at one end portion of each side edge adapted to superpose flatwise upon the opposite end portion of the same edge, means on said hems for fastening the end portions of each side edge flatwise together when so superposed, and garters secured to the ends next the leg holes of two of said hems at the opposite side edges and projecting therefrom in substantial alinement with said hems, whereby when the garment is worn with the pairs of hems fastened together as described the said garters hang downward from the lower end of said pairs of superposed hems thus fastened together in substantial alinement therewith and are supported thereby.

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