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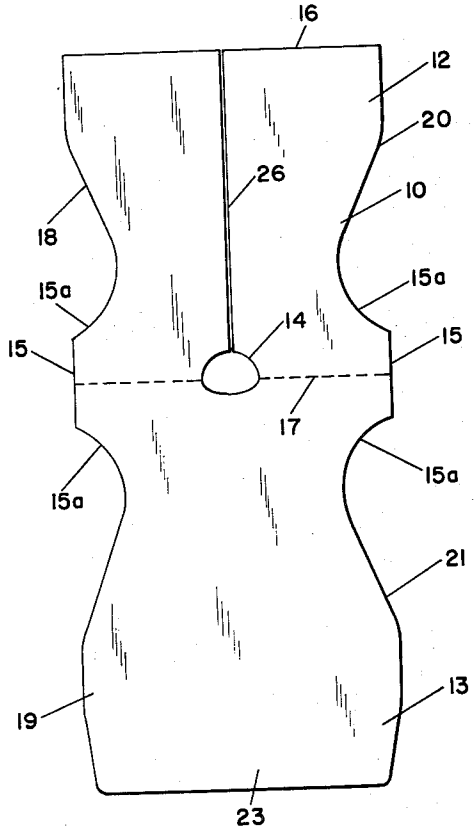


Fig. 1

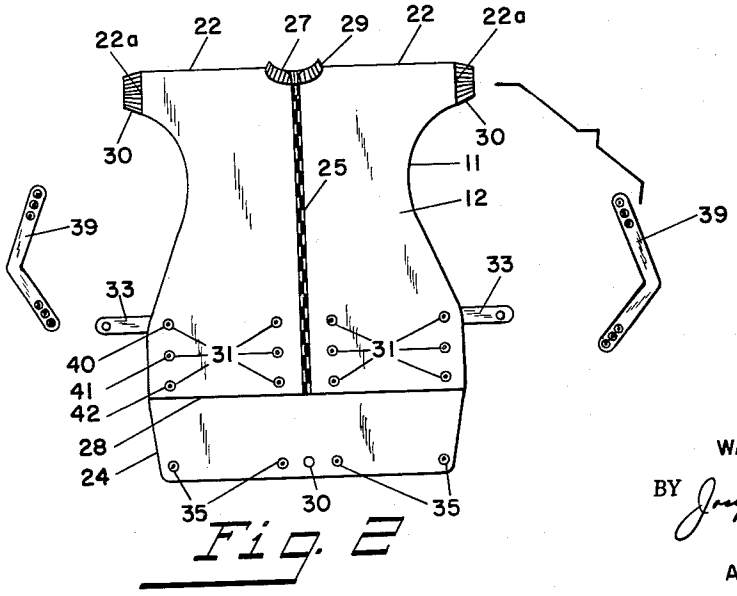


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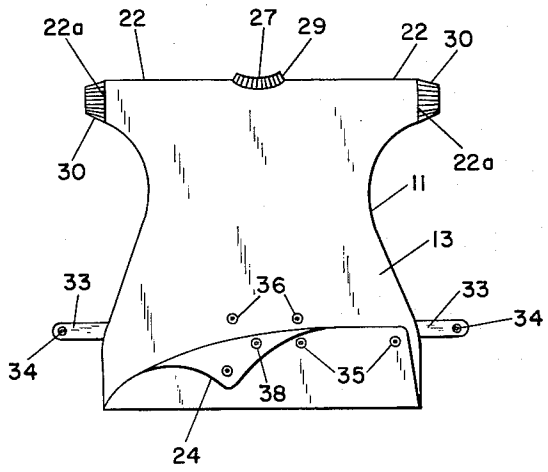


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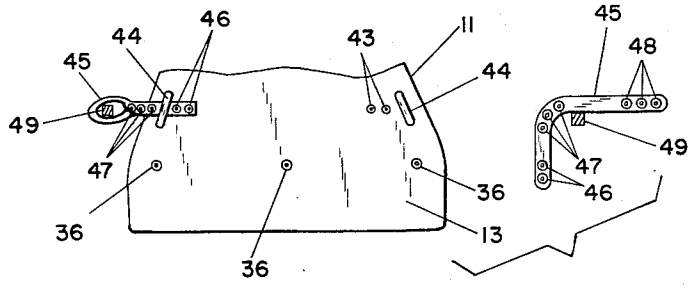


Fig. 4

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My invention relates to an improved garment for a child.

One object of my invention is to provide a garment for a child which may be esaily lengthened to grow in size as the child grows.

Another object of my invention is to provide such a garment which may be opened at the bottom to change the child's diaper, leaving the top of the garment closed to protect the child's chest and upper body.

Another object of my invention is to provide such a garment which has two positions, one in which it warmly encloses the child's legs, and one in which it exposes the child's feet, allowing him to walk.

A further object of my invention is to provide such a garment which may be secured to the child's bed or crib to prevent the child from rolling over.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from the following detailed description and the accompanying drawings, in which a preferred embodiment of the principles of the invention has been selected for exemplification.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a top view of a pattern for my novel garment.

FIG. 2 is a front view of the garment of my invention.

FIG. 3 is a rear view of the garment of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a partial rear view of a modification of my garment.

A preferred pattern **10** for my inventive garment **11** has a front panel **12** and rear panel **13**, as shown in FIG. 1. The panels may have any convenient shape, but are generally contoured to the outline of a child's body, as shown. The rear panel **13** is longer than the front panel **12**. A hole **14**, which will be the opening for the child's head and neck, is located approximately in the center of the pattern **10**. Projecting from opposite sides of the hole **14** are tabs **15** which will form the shoulders and sleeves of the garment **11**. The front panel **12** is slit from its bottom edge **16** to the hole **14**.

The first step in a preferred method of assembling the garment **11** from the pattern **10** is folding the pattern about the center line **17** to match the corresponding parts of the front panel **12** and the rear panel **13**. The side edge **18** of the front panel **12** is sewn or similarly secured to the corresponding edge **19** of the rear panel **13**, and the side edge **20** of the front panel **12** is sewn or similarly secured to the corresponding edge **21** of the rear panel **13**. The lower portoin **23** of the longer rear panel **13** is not sewn to the front panel **12**. It hangs free to form the flap **24**, as shown in FIGS. 2 and 3. The corresponding lower edges **15***a* of each folded tab **15** are appropriately sewn or similarly secured to form the sleeve **22** of the garment **11**. A zipper **25** or other suitable fastening means is attached in the front panel **12** at its slit **26**.

When the zipper **25** is closed, as it is in FIGS. 2 and 3, and the flap **24** hangs free, the garment **11** has four openings, a top opening **27** for the child's head and neck, the openings **22***a* in the two sleeves **22**, and a bottom opening **28**. If desired, a knitted collar **29** may be attached at the top opening **27**, and knitted cuffs **30** may be attached at the ends of the sleeves **22**, as shown.

A prime advantage of my garment **11** is its adaptability to two distinct uses. It may be used as a sleeping garment which snugly encloses a child's body and legs; and it may also be used as a robe or play suit in which the child's feet are exposed, enabling the child to walk and run. The flap **24** makes possible the two uses.

In one position, the flap **24** is folded over the bottom opening **28** and secured against the outside of the front panel **12**. In that position the flap **24** closes the bottom opening **28** to adapt the garment **11** for use as a sleeping garment. To adapt the garment **11** for use as a robe, the flap **24** is folded to a second position in which it is secured to the outside of the rear panel **13**. That position of the flap **24** leaves the bottom opening **28** uncovered.

Any conventional fastening means may be used to secure the flap **24** in its positions against the front panel **12** and against the rear panel **13**. Snaps and snap fasteners are illustrated in the drawings as one example of such means. The front panel **12** carries a plurality of rows **40**, **41** and **42** of snap fasteners **31**. The bottom of the front surface **32** of the flap **24** carries a row of snaps **35** which may be inserted in the desired row of snap fasteners **31**.

The flap **24** may be secured against the outside of the rear panel **13** by means of a tab **33** carrying a snap fastener **34** and projecting from each side of the garment **11**. Each fastener **34** is adapted to engage one of the two outer snaps in the row of snaps **35**. To further secure the flap **24** against the rear panel **13**, the rear panel **13** may carry one or more snap fasteners **36**, and the bottom of the rear surface **37** of the flap **24** may carry one or more corresponding snaps **38**. The flap **24** may also be secured to the outside of the rear panel by the snap fasteners **36** and the snaps **38** alone, dispensing with the tabs **33**.

The tabs **33** may be used for another purpose. In addition to holding the flap **24**, they may also be used to help secure the garment **11** to the rails or bars of the crib or bed in which the child wearing the garment **11** sleeps. For the second purpose, a strap **39**, shown in FIG. 2, is fastened to one side of each tab **33**, looped around an adjacent crib bar, and then fastened to the other side of the tab **33**, if the straps **39** are so fastened, the child in the garment **11** is gently prevented from rolling over. In many situations this may be desirable for reasons of safety or health.

An alternate structure for securing the garment to the crib is shown in FIG. 4. The garment **11** has one or more snap fasteners **43** located on the rear panel **13** near each side of the garment **11**. The snap fasteners **43** may be engaged by one or more snaps **46** carried by straps **45** as shown. The straps **45** also have a plurality of snaps **47** and snap fasteners **48** which may be engaged to retain the straps **45** around the bars **49** of a crib. Preferably, loops **44** are attached to the sides of the garment **11** adjacent to the snap fasteners **43**. The straps **45** extend between the garment **11** and the loops **44**, which substantially prevent the straps **45** from being accidentally pulled away from the garment in such a manner that the snaps **46** are unfastened from the snap fasteners **43**.

An additional advantage of my garment **11** is that it may be easily lengthened to grow in size as the child grows. The plurality of rows of snap fasteners **31** make possible the easy lengthening. The garment **11** is shortest when the snaps **35** are fastened to the top row **40** of snap fasteners **31**. To lengthen the garment **11**, the snaps **35** are fastened to one of the lower rows **41** or **42** of snap fasteners **31**. The garment **11** is longest when the snaps **35** are fastened to the bottom row **42** of snap fasteners **31**. The longer life promoted by this lengthening makes my garment **11** an economical buy for almost every family.

Another advantage of my garment **11** becomes apparent when the child's diaper must be changed. Diapers may be changed through the bottom opening **28**, which is exposed by unfastening the flap **24** from the front panel **12**.

The garment **11** need not be opened at the zipper **25**. The child's sensitive chest and upper body thus remain warmly enclosed by the garment **11** even while the diapers are being changed.

It is understood that my invention is not confined to the particular construction and arrangement of parts herein illustrated and described, but embraces all such modified forms thereof as come within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A garment for a child, said garment having a top opening for the child's neck, a bottom opening and sleeves, fastening means extending from said top opening substantially to said bottom opening whereby said garment may be opened and closed to facilitate the putting on and the taking off of said garment; a flap extending from the bottom of said garment, said flap being foldable over said bottom opening and against a surface of said garment to close said bottom opening; means to fasten said flap at a plurality of different positions against said surface of said garment whereby the length of said garment may be varied; a pair of tabs secured to said garment so that one of said tabs extends from each side of said garment, each of said tabs having means thereon for holding said flap in a second position which leaves said bottom opening uncovered by said flap, and a pair of straps adapted to be looped around a portion of a crib and secured to said pair of tabs to prevent the child wearing said garment from rolling over.

2. A garment for a child, said garment having a top opening for the child's neck, a bottom opening and sleeves, fastening means extending from said top opening substantially to said bottom opening whereby said garment may be opened and closed to put said garment on and to

remove said garment from the child, a flap extending from the bottom of said garment, said flap being foldable over said bottom opening and against a surface of said garment to close said bottom opening, means to fasten said flap at a plurality of different positions against said surface of said garment whereby the length of said garment may be varied, and means to fasten said flap in a second position which leaves said bottom opening uncovered by said flap, a pair of straps adapted to be looped around a portion of a crib, snaps and snap fasteners for securing said straps to the side of said garment to prevent the child wearing said garment from rolling over, and loop means attached to said garment adjacent said snaps and snap fasteners to hold said straps in close relation to said garment for preventing said snaps and snap fasteners from being accidentally disengaged by the child wearing the garment.

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