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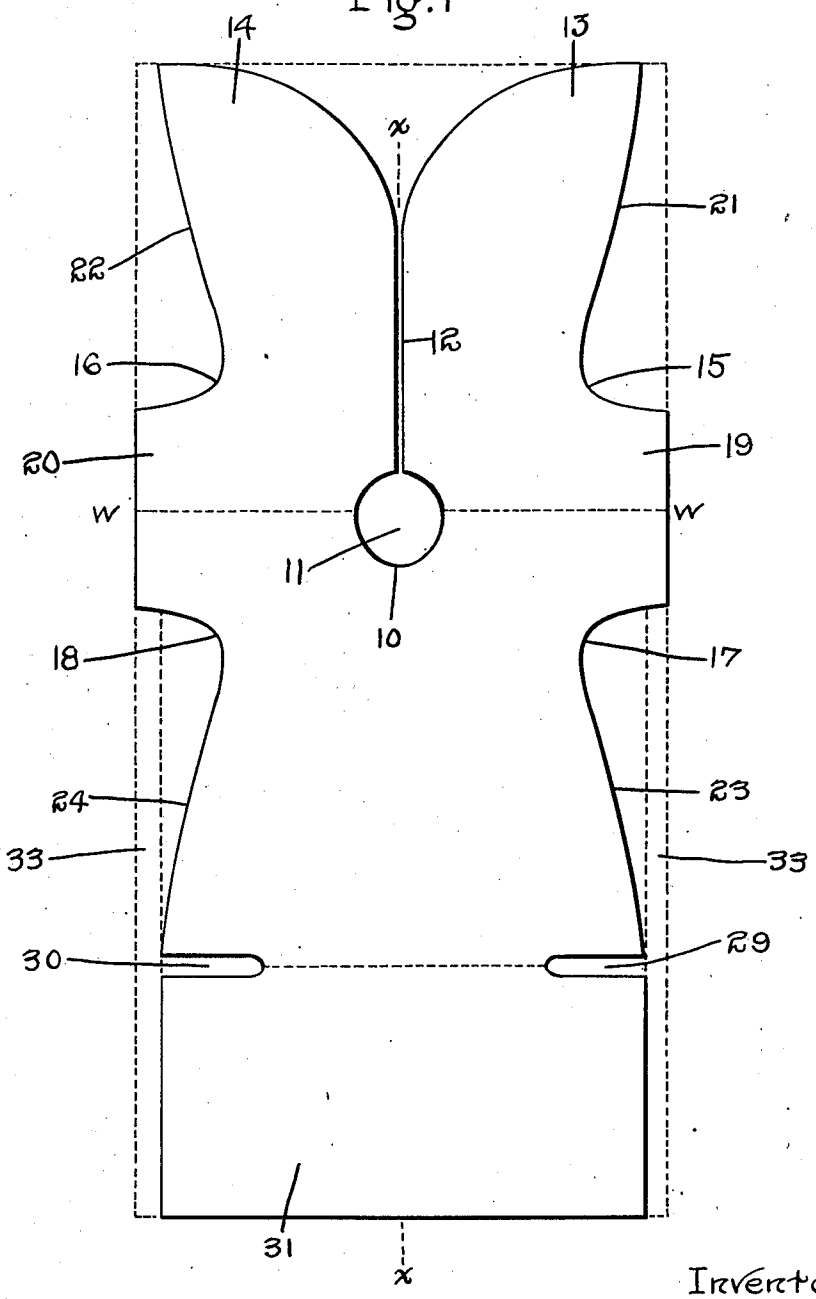
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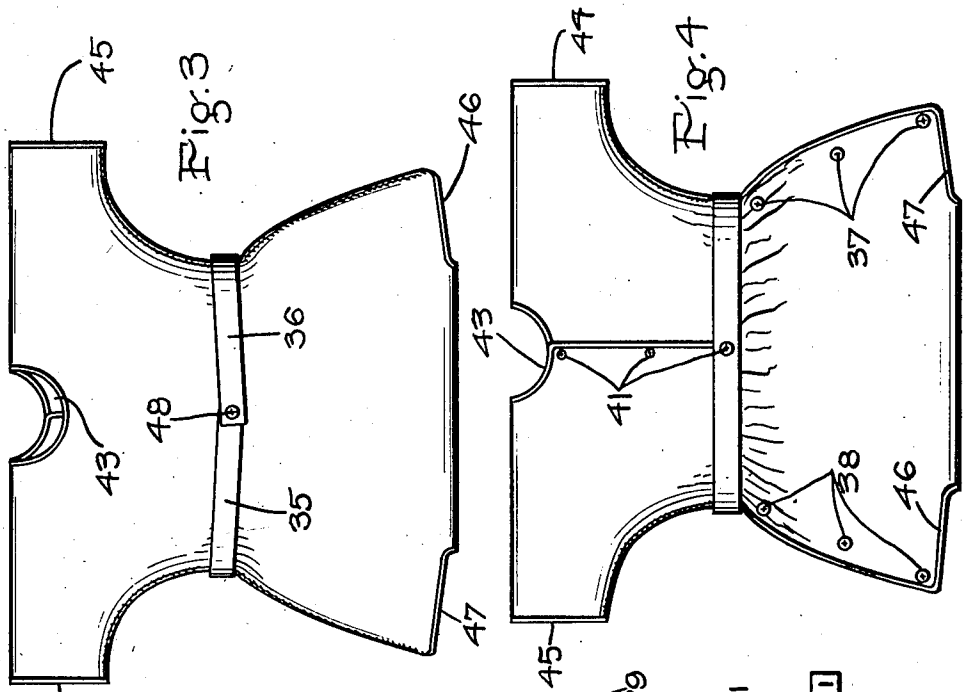
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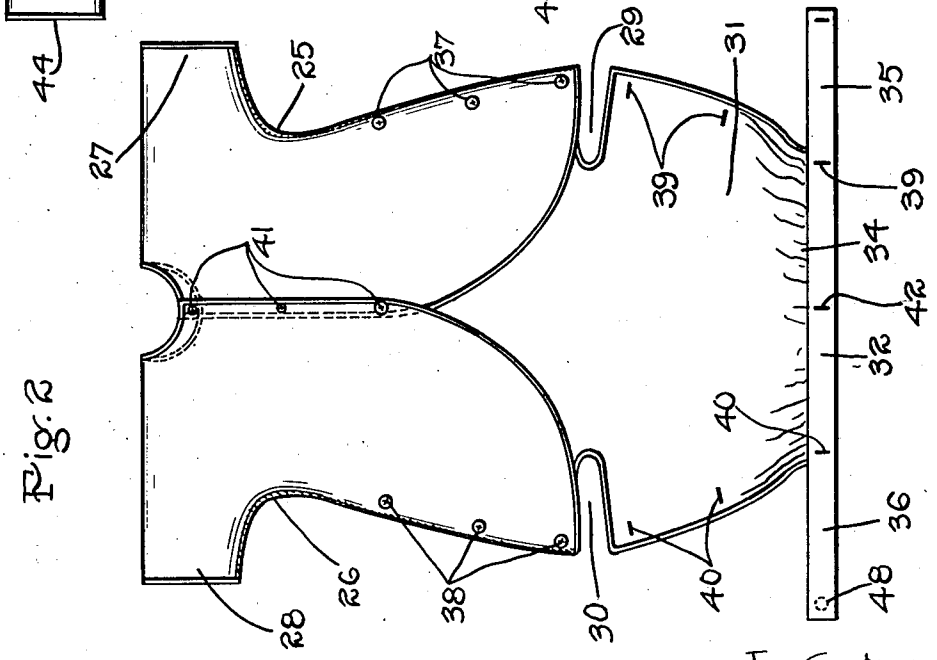
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LILLIE M. CARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in One-Piece Garments for Children, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to one-piece garments for children and has for its object to provide a romper of a single-piece of material which may readily be applied to children, especially infants wearing diapers, and which will protect the underclothes and at the same time are capable of being easily opened for the purpose of making changes in the underclothing.

It is also an object of my invention to provide a garment of the above character which is particularly simple in construction and may be made economically with very little waste of material.

The full objects and advantages of my invention will appear in connection with the detailed description thereof and are particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the drawings, illustrating the application of my invention in one form,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the piece of goods cut from a single breadth indicated in dotted lines in the drawing, thus showing how little material is wasted. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the completed garment showing the manner in which the parts thereof are secured together and with a band attached. Fig. 3 is a front view of the garment in closed position and Fig. 4 is a rear view of the same.

As the garment is bisymmetrical the goods in cutting are folded along the line X—X and the pattern corresponds to the portion on either side of said line which is applied to the goods with the line X—X along the folded edge of the goods. The garment is cut beginning at 10, the half circle of the pattern effecting the circular neck-opening 11. The fold is then cut free as indicated at 12 to form a slip and the flap portions 13 and 14 are cut out so as to have recesses 15 and 16 corresponding with similar recesses 17 and 18 on the respective sides of extension portions 19 and 20. The garment is folded along the line W—W extending through the center of portions 19 and 20, and edges 21 and 22 of the flaps 13 and 14 are sewed to edges 23 and 24 at the other side of portions 19 and 20 in seams indicated at 25 and 26, thus forming short armlets 27 and 28. Circular-ended slashes or slits 29 and 30 are cut on a line across the garment below the points where the seams 25 and 26 terminate, leaving a square lower flap 31. To this flap a belt 32 is applied, the belt being formed from the strips 33 indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 1. The flap 31 is fulled as indicated at 34, where it is sewed to the strap 32 so as to leave protruding ends 35 and 36 of said strap. Buttons or other fastener members 37 and 38 are applied to the lower portions of the seams 25 and 26, coöperating with corresponding buttonholes 39 and 40 on flap 31 and band 34. Rear buttons or fasteners 41 close the back of the garment, the lower of said fasteners coöperating with a buttonhole or other member 42 on the band 35.

From the above description it will be seen that the garment is fabricated of a single piece of material, which when closed as shown in Figs. 3 or 4 completely incases the wearer and any clothes beneath the case excepting for the neck-opening 43, arm-openings 44 and 45 and leg-openings 46 and 47. The protruding ends 35 and 36 of the belt meet in the front and are secured by a button or other fastener 48. It will be noted that the flap 31 while securely held in closing position, as is evidenced by Figs. 3 and 4, nevertheless can be readily unfastened so as to turn down, a matter of great utility where the garment is worn by children in diapers.

I claim:

A garment comprising a single piece of material having a neck opening from which a slit extends outwardly lengthwise of the material, an upper flap portion on each side of said slit adapted to be folded down upon and secured at its outer edge to the body portion so as to form an arm opening at each side of the garment, means for securing said flaps in closed position at their

inner edges, a depending integral flap formed by horizontal slits in the edges of the material at the lower end of the body portion, said depending flap being adapted to be folded from front to rear so that said horizontal slits form leg opening, means for securing the edges of said depending flap to the outer edges of the upper flaps, and a belt on the lower portion of the depending flap.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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