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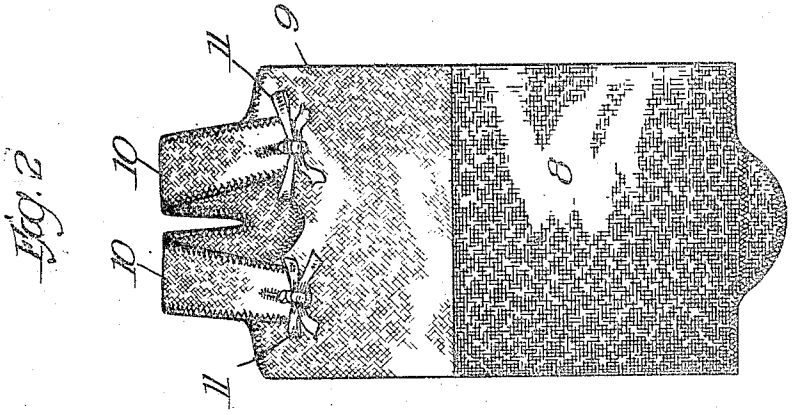


Fig. 2

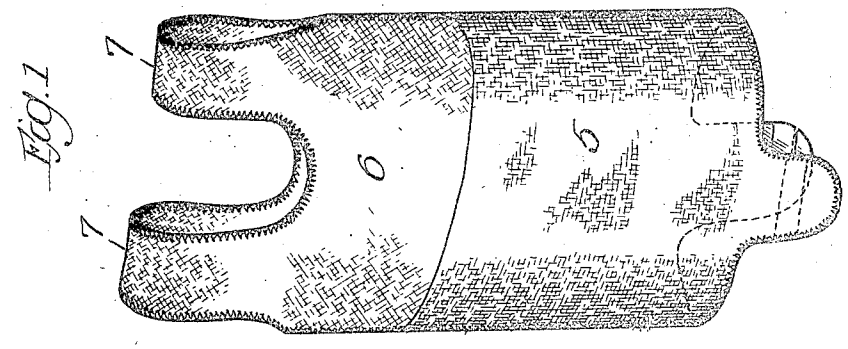


Fig. 1

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE F. EARNSHAW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Infants' Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates in general to undergarments for infants and more particularly to the form of band adapted to be worn by an infant for the purpose of protecting and affording warmth to the infant's abdomen. Infants' bands of this general character heretofore used have been made entirely of the same material throughout their entirety; that is, they have been made of wool or a combination of silk and wool, of sufficient weight to afford the desired warmth to the abdomen. It is well known that protection in the form of covering of this kind is essential to the infant's abdomen, even during very warm weather, and it is therefore necessary that a band of this sort be worn even in the summer time. The chest, shoulders and neck of an infant, however, do not require so much protection against drafts and cold and a thickness of wool or silk and wool for the chest, neck and shoulders is not only unnecessary in warm weather, but is uncomfortable as it keeps these parts of the body unnecessarily warm.

The primary object of my present invention is the provision of a band of this general character which will afford the necessary warmth and protection to the wearer's abdomen but will not be uncomfortable around the chest, shoulders and neck, and will not keep these parts unnecessarily warm. With this end in view I have devised a band, the lower part of which is made of wool to cover the abdomen and the upper part of which is made of cotton, the entire garment being knit in one piece so as to obviate any seams which would be uncomfortable to the wearer.

For the purpose of facilitating an understanding of my invention I have illustrated the same on the accompanying drawing which should be considered in connection with the following description.

Referring to the drawing Figure 1 illustrates one form of band embodying my invention, and Fig. 2 illustrates another form thereof.

On the drawings and referring more particularly to Fig. 1 reference character 5 indicates the lower portion of the band which is adapted to surround the abdomen of an infant, and 6 indicates the upper part which surrounds the chest and is formed to provide shoulder straps 7, by which the garment is supported. The upper portion 6 and the shoulder straps 7 are knitted from a soft cotton yarn which affords but little warmth and will be light, cool and comfortable to the wearer in warm weather. The lower part 5 is knitted from wool or a combination of wool and silk which retains the heat of the body and affords sufficient protection to the wearer's abdomen against cold drafts of air. In knitting the garment the upper and lower parts are firmly united together without a seam by changing from cotton to a wool yarn on the knitting machine, with the result that an integral seamless garment is provided, the lower part of which is made of wool, where warmth is required, and the upper part of which is made of cotton which will be cool and comfortable over those parts of the body where it is unnecessary to maintain so much warmth.

In the form of the invention shown in Fig. 2 the lower part 8 is knitted of wool while the upper part 9 is knitted of cotton, the shoulder straps 10 in this instance being integral with the back of the garment and adapted to be disposed over the shoulders and tied in place in front by tapes 11. The particular manner of attaching the shoulder straps is, however, relatively immaterial in the present invention, the generic idea residing in the fact that the lower portion of the garment is made of material which affords the desired warmth to the wearer's abdomen while the upper portion is made of material which does not possess the warmth retaining qualities of the lower portion and is therefore more comfortable during warm weather.

I claim:

As a new article of manufacture, an abdominal band for infants, comprising a wide, integral, seamless cylindrical portion of warmth-retaining material such as wool adapted to surround the back and abdomen of the infant, and means for supporting said

band including an integral, seamless, correspondingly cylindrical portion of lesser warmth-retaining material such as cotton, constituting an even continuation of the band portion, said supporting portion having shoulder straps, and the abdominal and supporting portions being interwoven to render the same smooth and devoid of projecting parts at the line of juncture therebetween.

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