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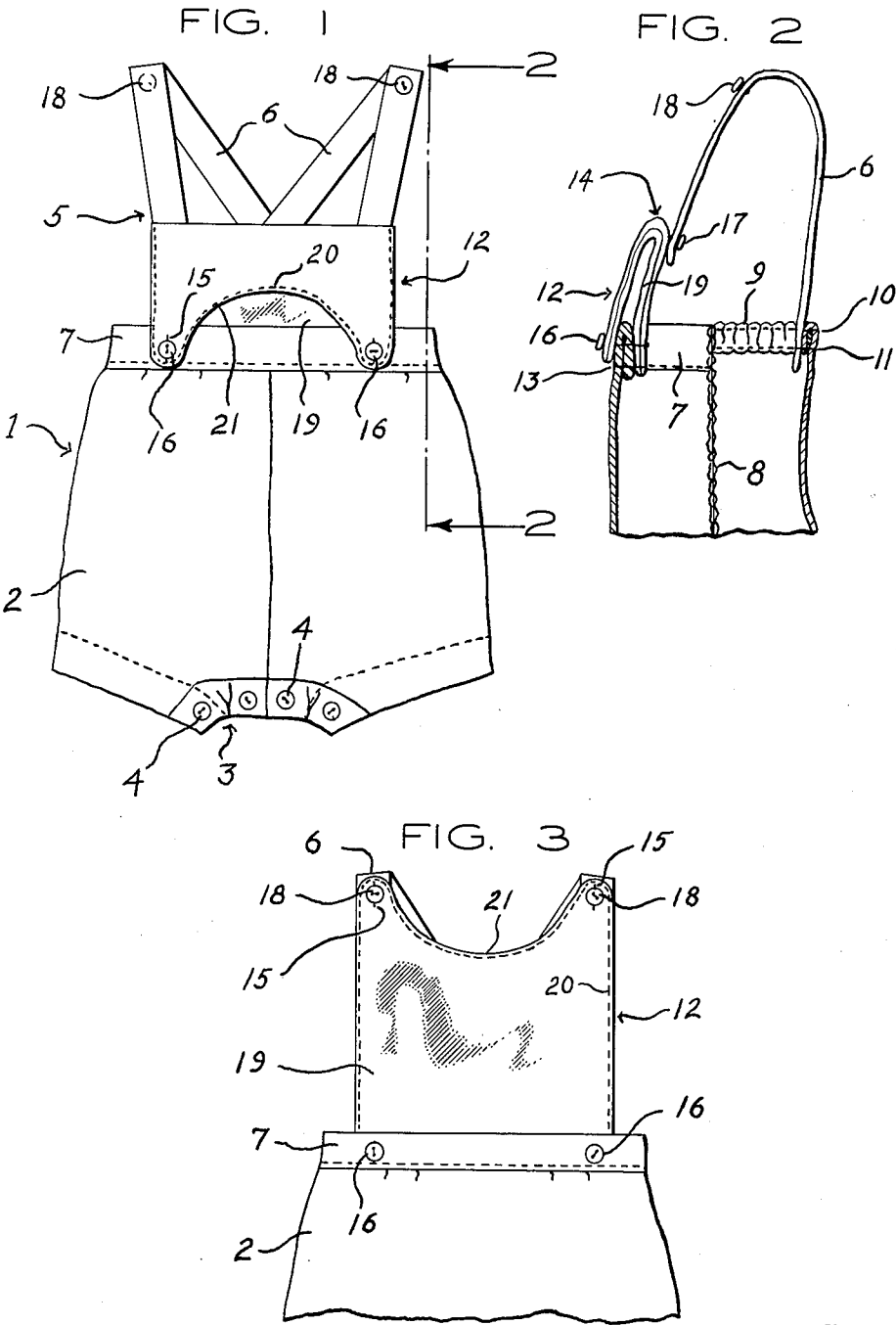
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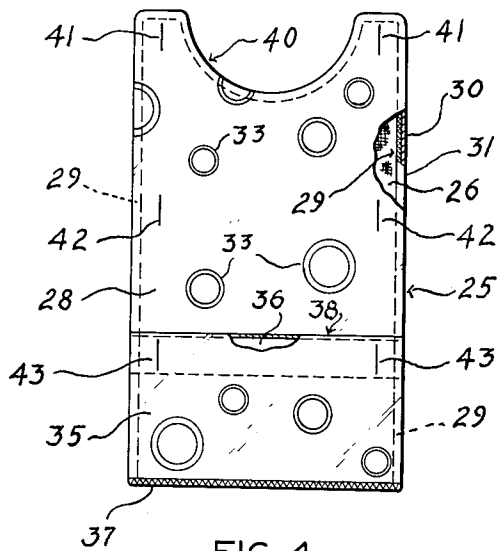


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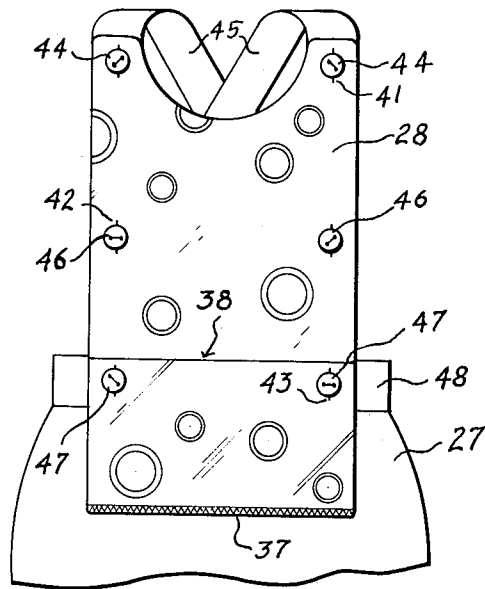


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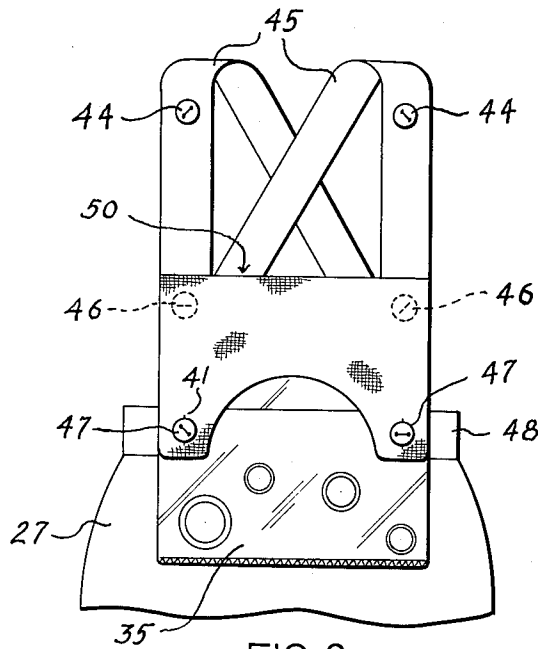


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This invention relates to an improvement in garments for infants and small children and more particularly to a construction providing a wider range of utility in such garments.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of an arrangement adaptable to various forms of garments which, while permitting normal use of the garment for play and other purposes, provides protection during feeding.

Other and further objects residing in the details of construction will be made apparent in the disclosure of the accompanying drawing and in the following specification and claim.

In the accompanying drawing,

Fig. 1 is a front view of a garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a section substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary front view, similar to Fig. 1 but showing the parts in a different position;

Fig. 4 is a detail view showing an alternative panel structure which is detachable from the body of the garment;

Fig. 5 is a view showing the panel of Fig. 4 attached to the garment and in extended position; and

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 5 but showing the panel folded.

Referring to the drawings the garment is shown as comprising a lower body portion, generally indicated at 1, in the form of rompers or pants 2 having a conventional crotch opening as at 3 closed by buttons or snap fasteners 4.

The upper body portion generally indicated at 5 is shown as comprising shoulder straps 6 secured at their ends to the front and rear upper edges of the lower body portion, the whole forming a sun or play garment. The garment may be worn with a waist, not shown, which tucks into the pants if desired.

One end of each shoulder strap is releasably secured to the lower body garment to permit application and removal of the garment. As shown the pants are provided with a waist band, comprising a wide front hem 7 extending to the side seam 8 and a narrower rear hem 9 which is gathered over an elastic insert 10.

The rear ends of shoulder straps 6 are stitched or otherwise permanently secured to the rear hem as at 11. A front panel member generally indicated at 12 is stitched or otherwise secured to the front hem, as by the line of stitching 13 which secures the hem, and extends upwardly therefrom. The panel member 12 is folded outwardly and downwardly on itself along a transverse line of fold as indicated at 14 in Fig. 2 and its free edge is provided with button holes 15 adapted to be engaged over buttons 16, secured to the hem 7, to hold the panel in folded condition as shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

The rear face of panel 12 is provided, adjacent fold line 14 with buttons 17 to which the free ends of shoulder straps 6 are releasably connected by button holes, not shown.

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The shoulder straps 6 are each provided with a button 18 so positioned that when the free edge of panel 12 is detached from buttons 16 and the panel 12 extended upwardly as shown in Fig. 3 the button holes 15 may be engaged over the buttons 18 to hold the panel in upwardly extended position as shown in Fig. 3. The panel 12 is faced with a sheet of waterproof plastic material 19 secured to the panel as by blind stitching 20. The facing 19 may be decorated if desired or made of transparent material to permit the color or any figures on the fabric of the panel to show through.

When the panel is extended upwardly and secured to buttons 18, as in Fig. 3, the panel forms a bib which affords protection to the child and its underlying garments when the child is eating. The free edge of panel 12 is preferably cut away as indicated at 21 to partially embrace the neck of the wearer, when the panel is in extended position.

When the panel is in folded position the neck opening 21 exposes the plastic facing beneath to give effect to any decoration carried by the plastic facing or visible through it.

When the child is at play or otherwise occupied the panel 12 is secured in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2. While the child is eating or being fed the panel can be quickly extended and secured in the position of Fig. 3, after which it can with equal facility be returned to the position of Figs. 1 and 2.

The construction thus broadens the utility of the garment to which it is applied and avoids the use and manipulation of separate bibs or napkins during feeding. It has a particular utility when the child, in the course of play or travel is given a cookie, ice cream cone or the like.

In Figs. 4, 5 and 6 is shown an alternative construction in which the panel member is made separable from the main body of the garment and is extended below the waist line thereof and provided with a pocket at its lower end.

In this alternative form the panel member is generally indicated at 25. Referring to Fig. 4 panel 25 is shown formed of a rear ply or member 26 which is formed of material, matching or harmonizing in texture and color with, the material of which the body of the garment 27 (Figs. 5 and 6) is made. A front ply or member 28, substantially coextensive with the rear ply is secured to the latter along its edges as by a blind seam 29 connecting inturned respective edge portions 30 and 31 of the plies. The outer ply 28 is preferably formed of plastic sheeting or other waterproof material and preferably carries a printed decorative design as generally indicated at 32. The material of ply 28 may be transparent or translucent, if desired, so that the color of back panel 26 may be apparent therethrough to form a background for the ornamentation 33.

A short piece of material 35, of the same character as ply 28, has its upper edge portion turned over to form a hem 36 and is secured to the panel by having its side edges turned inwardly between the plies and included in the blind seam 29. As will be apparent, the blind seam 29 may be formed by stitching the pieces together in face to face relation except at the lower edges, and turning the assembly inside out after which the bottom edge of piece 35 and the bottom edges of plies 26 and 28 are all secured together by overcast seam 37. The piece 35 thus forms an upwardly opening pocket on the outer surface of the panel.

The panel 25 is formed at its upper end with an arcuate neck opening 40 and is provided along each vertical side with spaced button holes 41, 42 and 43. The button holes 41 are adapted to engage buttons 44 secured to the garment supporting straps 45 in the same relative position as buttons 18 in the form first described. The button

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holes 42 are adapted to engage over buttons 46 and button holes 43 are engageable over buttons 47 secured to the waist band 48 of the main garment in the same relative position as buttons 16 of the first form.

The button holes 43 and buttons 47 attach the panel to the garment at the waist line while button holes 42 and buttons 46 attach the panel to the straps 45 substantially midway between buttons 47 and 44 so that when the button holes 41 at the upper end of the panel are freed from the latter buttons the panel can be folded downwardly along a line of fold 50 and engaged over buttons 47 as shown in Fig. 6, all to the same purposes and effects above described with reference to the form shown in Figs. 1 to 3 inclusive. The form shown in Figs. 4 to 6 inclusive has the additional advantage that the panel can be completely removed from the garment for cleaning, substitution, or other purposes. Furthermore, the same panel can be applied to one of several garments by supplying the latter with properly placed buttons 44, 46 and 47. This, in addition to the increased convenience to the user, makes it possible to supply a large number of color and decorative combinations from a minimum stock.

A further advantage of the last described form is the greater flexibility as regards the shape and design of the panel, such as the provision of the pocket 38 at the bottom of the panel for food catching and other purposes.

It will be understood that other forms of fasteners than buttons and button holes may be used if desired and that the invention is not limited to the particular type of garment shown.

What is claimed is:

In a child's garment having a lower body covering por-

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tion including a waist band having front and rear portions; an elongated, generally rectangular panel member secured along one end to the front portion of the waist band and extending upwardly therefrom to position the opposite end of the panel member adjacent the neck of the wearer, shoulder straps each secured at one end to the rear portion of the waist band, the opposite ends of the shoulder straps being connected to the inner surface of the panel member at points on a line substantially mid-way between the said secured and said opposite ends of the panel member and substantially parallel to said waist band, the portion of the panel member between said line and the said opposite end of the panel member being foldable outwardly and downwardly over the portion of the panel member between said line and said secured end of the panel, and means carried respectively by the said opposite end of the panel member, said shoulder straps and said waist band for releasably and selectively securing said first-mentioned portion of the panel member in upwardly extended or in downwardly folded position.

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