SLEEPING BAG AND JACKET

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This invention relates to a sleeping bag and jacket for infants, and the primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this kind that will give maximum comfort and freedom of action to the infant and will afford the required protection.

A further important object of the invention is to provide a sleeping bag and jacket of such character that the infant may roll over on either side with freedom and without possibility of strangulation or becoming uncovered.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sleeping bag and jacket that may be anchored in place in a crib, and that may be readily opened for insertion or removal of the infant without disturbing the means whereby the bag and jacket are anchored to the crib.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a sleeping bag and jacket which will permit the child to sit up in the crib while securely fastened in and maintained covered by the bag and jacket, but which will, at the same time, prevent the child from falling out of the crib or attaining a standing position.

The present invention consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawings, wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views:

Figure 1 is a front view, partly broken away and in section, of a sleeping bag and jacket embodying the present invention.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary front view showing the upper portion of the sleeping bag in open condition with the jacket partially withdrawn from the bag to the position it assumes when the device is in use.

Figure 3 is a view somewhat similar to Figure 2 with one side of the jacket turned back to reveal the connections between the jacket and the bag.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary inside elevational view of one of the closure flaps of the bag.

Figure 5 is a fragmentary transverse section taken on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary transverse section through the back wall of the jacket and the back wall of the bag to more clearly show the connections between the jacket and the bag.

Figure 7 is a front view of the jacket.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the present invention includes a bag 5 composed of a front wall 6 and a rear wall 7 of rectangular form and similar area, said front and rear walls being connected throughout their side and foot end edges, as well as along their head end edges except for the intermediate point where a body opening 8 is provided. For connecting the edges of the walls 6 and 7, they are preferably stitched respectively to opposite longitudinal edges of a strip of material 9 which is of substantial width, as shown in Figure 5, and which forms side walls, a foot end wall, and partial head end walls of the bag. The partial end walls at the head end of the bag are those at opposite sides of the body opening 8, where the wall is omitted at this end. Suitable tying tapes or strings 10 are provided at intervals along the side and foot end edges of the bag for anchoring the device in a crib.

The bag is provided with a front upper closure intermediate the sides thereof by splitting the same downwardly from the body opening 8 intermediate the sides of the latter to a point nearly midway between the ends of the bag. This provides flaps at opposite sides of the slit which may be opened, as shown in Figure 2, the flaps being indicated at 11 and 12, and the flap 11 being provided with an extension to overlap the flap 12 when the flaps are closed. This extension, which is indicated at 13, has a series of horizontal loops secured to the outer face thereof, as at 14, at suitable intervals from the top to the bottom of the flap, and these alternate with similar loops 15 attached at intervals to the outer face of the flap 12 inwardly of the vertical edge of the latter. A fastening tape 16 is attached at one end to wall 6 directly below the flaps 11 and 12, and this tape is adapted to be threaded upwardly through the loops 14 and 15, as well as through a further vertical loop 17 provided at the top of flap 12 for being ultimately tied to a fastening string or tape 18 attached to the upper end of the extension 13 of flap 11. This is shown in Figure 1, and a secure means is thus provided for fastening the closure of the bag in closed condition. A further tape 19 is attached to the upper edge of the flap 11 inwardly of the extension 13, and this tape 19 is adapted to cooperate with a further tape 20 attached to the upper corner of the flap 12 for additionally fastening the closure in closed condition when the flap extension 13 is overlapped on the flap 12. The bow formed by tying the tapes 19 and 20 together is indicated at 21 in Figure 1, while the bow formed by tying the tapes 16 and 18 is indicated at 22 in the same figure. If desired, additional tapes may be provided on the flaps 11 and 12 to be tied together in a bow, as shown by dotted lines at 23 in Figure 1, for additional
sealing of the overlapped portions of the flaps 11 and 12 below the top of the bag.

The invention also includes a vest-like jacket 24 having a neck opening at 25 and provided with arm openings 26, the vest having overlapping front portions 27 and 28 adapted to be secured in closed overlapped relation by means of a fastening tape 29 attached at one end to the upper portion of the underneath portion 27 and threaded through loops 30 and 31 alternately attached to the portions 28 and 21 from a point just below the neck opening 25 to the bottom of the jacket. Tape 21 is also passed through a vertical loop 32 attached to the lower portion of the front section 28, after which it is tied to a further tape 33 attached to the lower edge of the front portion 28 to form a bow 34. Thus, a simple and readily releasable front closure is provided for the jacket.

Means is provided for attaching the jacket to the back wall 1 of the bag immediately below the body opening 8 of the latter, so that the jacket may be partially withdrawn through the body opening when the same is required for use. This permits storing of the jacket completely within the bag, as indicated by dotted lines in Figure 1, when the device is not in use, and, as will presently become apparent, it is also of a character to permit the infant to sit up or roll over on either side. As shown, this connecting means includes a plurality of straps or tapes 35 attached at corresponding ends to the back wall 1, as at 36, at points adjacent the right side of the jacket 24, the other ends of tapes 35 being attached to the left side of the jacket 24 adjacent the back wall 1, and their other ends attached, as at 38, to the back of the jacket 24 near the right side of the latter. As shown clearly in Figure 3, the tapes 35 are spaced, as are also the tapes 37, and the tapes 35 alternate with the tapes 37. The crossing of the tapes 35 and 37 is clearly illustrated in Figure 6, and the attachment of tapes 35 to the back of vest 24 is indicated at 39, while the attachment of tapes 37 to the back wall 1 is indicated at 40. It will thus be seen that a flexible and highly suitable connection is provided between the jacket and the bag, whereby the jacket may be partially withdrawn through the body opening 8 when required for use, as shown in Figure 2, and whereby the infant may sit up or roll over on either side. The latter possibility is clearly indicated by the manner in which the right side of the jacket is turned back in Figure 3, and the same action can be had to turn the jacket back at the left side. Figure 2 shows that sitting up is permitted.

In use, the flaps 11 and 12 of the bag are united and opened, and the jacket is unfastened and opened. After placing the infant in the jacket and the jacket and the upper portion of the bag and closing the flaps 11 and 12 will be closed and secured together. The upper edges of the flaps 11 and 12 will pass around the front of the infant's body just under the arm pits, and the infant's arms will be located entirely out of the bag for complete freedom of movement. Thus, the infant may not move down into the bag so as to have its head covered and possibly result in strangulation. At the same time, the portion of the infant's body outwardly of the head end of the bag will be well covered except for the arms and head. When the infant is removed from the device and the latter is not in use, the jacket may be moved downwardly entirely within the bag, as shown in Figure 1.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a novel and desirable device of the kind described embodying advantageous features and well adapted for carrying out the stated objects of the invention.

What I claim is:

1. A sleeping bag and jacket comprising a substantially rectangular bag having a closed foot end and closed sides, said bag having a central relatively wide body opening at a closed end thereof and being closed at the head end except for said body opening, the bag being slitt in its front wall downwardly from the body opening to provide closure flaps, one of said closure flaps having an edge extension arranged to overlap the other closure flap, means to secure the edge extension in overlapped relation to the other closure flap, a jacket disposed in the upper portion of the bag, and flexible connections between the back of the jacket and the back wall of the bag permitting movement of the jacket partially out of the bag through the body opening and freedom of movement of the jacket at either side away from the back wall whereby the infant in its jacket and said jacket at other ends of the bag.

2. A sleeping bag and jacket comprising a substantially rectangular bag having a closed foot end and closed sides, said bag having a central relatively wide body opening at the head end thereof and being closed at the head end except for said body opening, the bag being slitt in its front wall downwardly from the body opening to provide closure flaps, one of said closure flaps having an edge extension arranged to overlap the other closure flap, means to secure the edge extension in overlapped relation to the other closure flap, a jacket disposed in the upper portion of the bag, and flexible connections between the back of the jacket and the back wall of the bag permitting movement of the jacket partially out of the bag through the body opening and freedom of movement of the jacket at either side away from the back wall whereby the infant in its jacket and said jacket at other ends of the bag.

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