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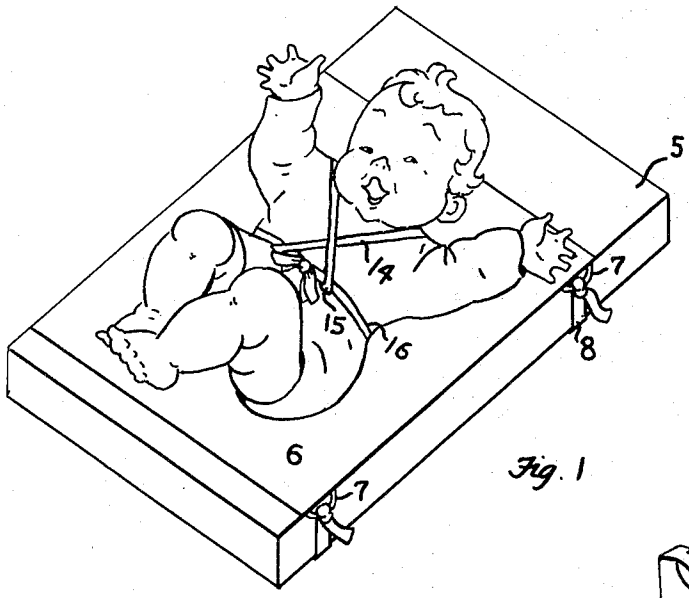



Fig. 1

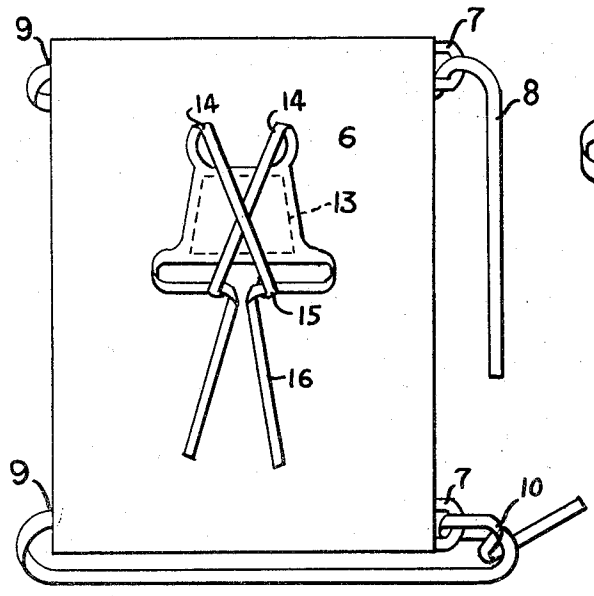



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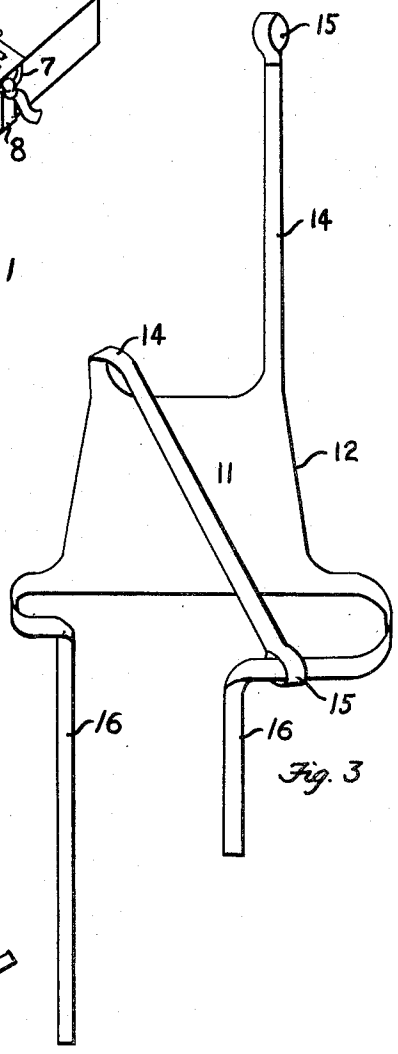



Fig. 3

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My invention relates to a combined safety pad and harness and it is particularly adapted for the purpose of supporting an infant in a reclining position on a day-bed, couch or the like, and it is so constructed that the infant will be held safely against accidentally falling therefrom, and also will retain the infant in such a manner that any injury to the infant will be avoided.

A further object of my invention is to provide a safety pad which is provided with tie strings or retaining strings whereby the pad proper may be secured to a support, such as a couch, day-bed or the like, and secured to this pad is a retaining harness and the harness being equipped with a means wherein the infant can be safely secured against displacement when placed upon the couch, day-bed or the like, and held thereon against accidentally falling therefrom, thus protecting the infant from receiving an injury incident to such falling action.

An important object of my invention is the simplicity of the device, one that is economical to manufacture and can be produced and sold at a comparatively small cost, and it is so constructed that it is a safety device, not only against the infant falling but also preventing any injury to the infant due to the method of retaining the infant therein.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, pointed out in the accompanying drawing, and claimed.

In the drawing,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my combined safety pad and harness, as made in accordance with this invention;

Figure 2 is a top plan view, illustrating the invention and a partial matter in which the retaining tabs are associated with one another; and

Figure 3 is a plan view of the safety harness removed from the pad.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 5 indicates a support, such as a couch, day-bed or the like. It is to be understood that the inventor's device is capable of being detachably secured to any type of support sufficient for retaining an infant thereon, and that the particular type of support forms no part of this invention.

The invention in itself comprises a substantially rectangular pad 6, made of any material suitable for the purpose, such as cloth or the like, and it is provided on one side edge at each corner thereof, with a retaining loop 7. A tie string 8 is secured to the opposite side edge of the top and bottom corners, as at 9. When it is desired to place the pad 6 on a support 5, it is only necessary to extend the tie strings under the support, through the retaining loop 7 and tie said elements 8 in the loop 7,



as at 10, and the pad is fixed in a non-movable position to the support 5.

It is to be understood that the pad can be secured to any type of support and, if necessary, large safety pins or other types of fasteners can be readily used to affix the pad in a non-movable position on the support. The reason this is brought out is that if the support should be too large to accommodate the ties 8, it could be fastened to the support in the manner previously described.

Secured to one face of the pad 6, adjacent the center thereof, is a safety harness 11. This harness is made of flexible material such as cloth or the like, and is provided with a substantially rectangular body 12 and is secured to the face of the pad 6 by suitable stitches 13 or the like. Thus, the harness is permanently secured to the pad and in position for use at all times.

The top edges of the pad are provided at opposite corners with extending, retaining elements 14 and their terminal ends terminate into retaining loops 15.

Formed on and extending from the bottom edge of the body 11 of the harness and at opposite corners thereof, are the extending, retaining ties 16, and these ties are passed through the loops 15 of the extensions 14 and form a harness for an infant, to retain said infant against accidental displacement from the unit, as a whole. Thus, the infant is held in perfect safety against body injury as well as against accidentally falling from the support on which the pad itself is secured.

In making the harness, the body 12, extensions 14, ties 16 and loops 15, are made from a single blank of material, thus reducing the cost of manufacturing to a minimum and placing this safety harness within the reach of any and all types of users.

It is to be understood that the inventor is not to be limited in the materials from which the device is made, nor to the particular structure, as shown, so long as he does not depart from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is:

A safety pad and harness for infants, comprising a support pad adapted to be fixed to a bedding, a retaining element secured to the upper surface of the pad, said retaining element having a fixed portion and a pair of upper and lower retaining straps carried adjacent each end of the fixed portion, the upper straps being spaced apart and having one end of each strap connected with one edge of the fixed portion and a loop in their opposite ends for engaging the lower straps, each of the two lower straps having one of the ends connected respectively with one of the two sides edges adjacent the lower edge of the fixed portion, each of the two upper straps adapted to be crossed over the front of the infant's body and of such length that the looped end of the upper straps are opposite the attached ends of the lower straps, each of the lower straps being threadable through the loops of the respective opposite upper straps, the lower straps being tieable after they have passed through the loops and around the waist of the infant to be retained upon the pad.

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