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[54] **SAFETY SUPPORT FOR BABIES**

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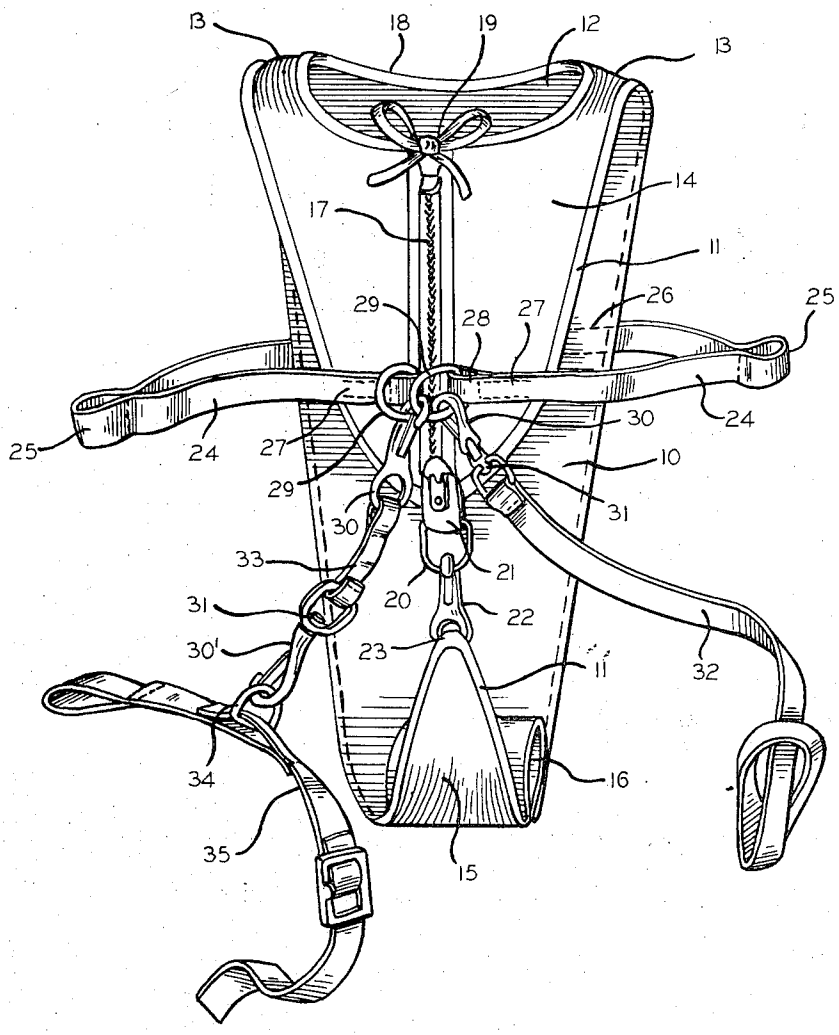
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

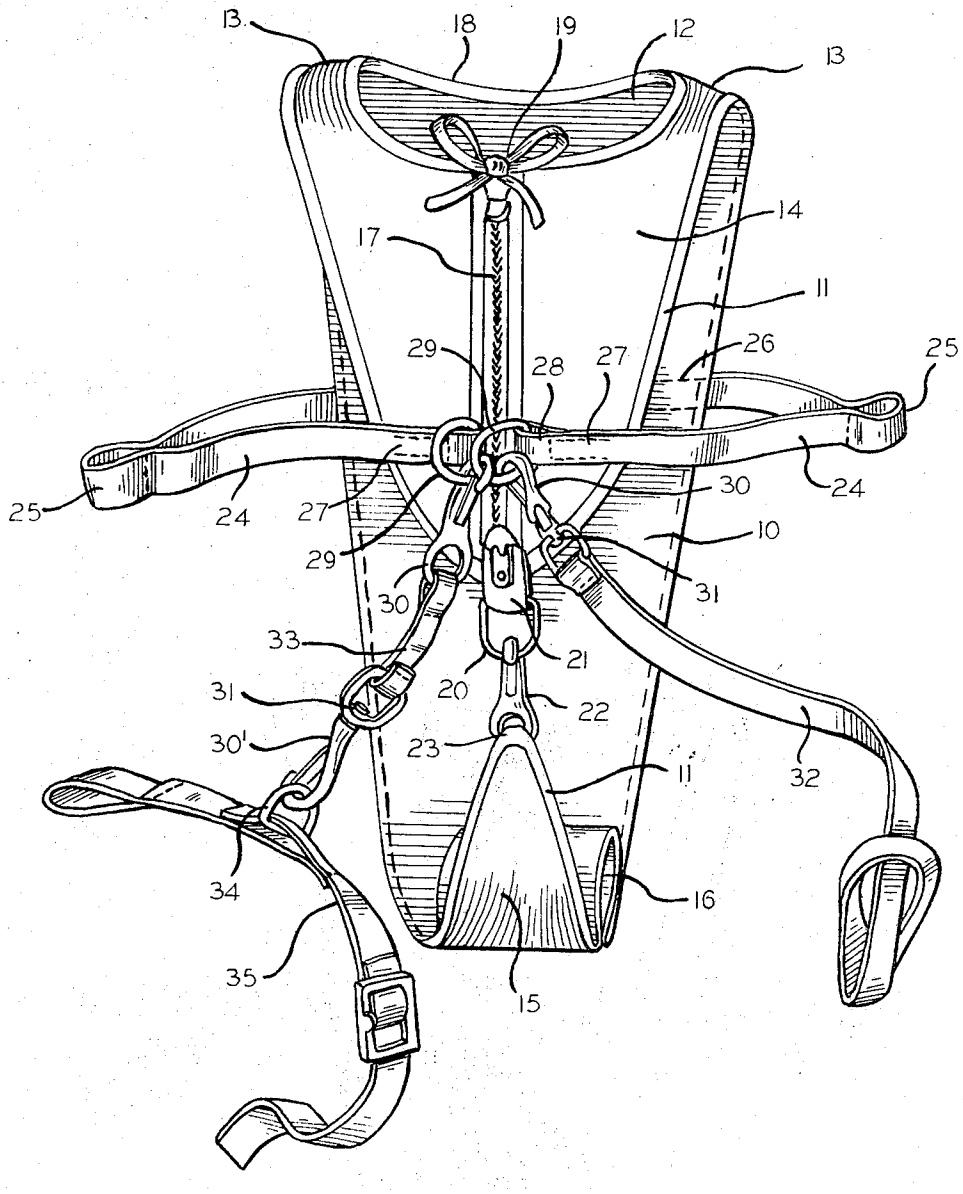
A garment for infants or babies leaves the arms and legs free and yet leash-like members attach the garment to a nearby object and prevents the infant or baby from crawling away.

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SAFETY SUPPORT FOR BABIES

Our invention relates to a safety device for babies, and more particularly to an anchored but non-restraining sleeping garment for an infant.

Infants are often very active at an early age when they are not yet strong enough to protect themselves. For example, they can move about and become entangled in blankets or the like. This can be dangerous in that an infant could be injured, suffocated, or perhaps be strangled. Therefore, it is desirable for the infants to be anchored in position so that they cannot be so injured. Yet the infant is frustrated if it cannot move, and that may produce an even more damaging psychological reaction.

An object of our invention is to provide an infant's garment for covering the shoulders and torso, and yet allowing free movement of the arms and legs of the infant.

Another object of our invention is to provide a device of the character described, that will retain an infant in a comfortable position, without requiring a tight belt, or the like, and without restricting any of the infant's actions or movement.

Still another object of our invention, is to design the device so it may be attached to either a crib, bed, chair, or the like, while the infant is disposed therein.

A further object is to provide a device, that is equipped with swivel clamps, to prevent the infant from being entangled by movement of its body.

The invention provides for the care of infants as well as of children, who are in the climbing and walking age group. It is most difficult when placing them in bed to keep them in a safe and comfortable position, and at the same time preventing them from getting out of the crib, bed, or the like.

The device described, illustrated and claimed herein is simple in construction, economical to manufacture, and efficiently performs the function for which it is intended. It retains the infant in a relaxed safe position and yet may be attached in various ways by means of leashes, strands, or the like, forming a part thereof.

Other and further objects of our invention will become more apparent as the description proceeds, when taken in conjunction with the drawing, which is a perspective view of the inventive garment.

The reference character **10** indicates generally a body of the garment. It may be constructed of cotton, wool, rayon, other synthetic material, or the like. If desired, it may be equipped with a binding sewn around the entire outer edge as **11**. The body portion **10** is equipped with a neck opening **12**, and it is folded downwardly at the shoulders **13**, to provide a back portion **14**. It is folded upwardly at its lower end, to form the crotch portion **15**. The lower portion **15** may be pleated to form a fold, as shown as **16**, to make it adjustable to fit the infant as it grows.

The back portion **14** is equipped with a hookless fastener **17**, here shown in a closed position, and extending vertically. A binding **18** at the neck opening **12** is extended on both ends **20** to form cords, which permit the neck opening **12** to be held in a closed position, as shown by the bow generally shown as **19**.

At the lower end of the back portion **14**, we show a ring **20** attached to the garment by means of a loop **21**, for the engagement of a snap **22** attached, at **23**, to the lower portion **15**. The snap **22** enables the garment to be opened to change diapers, or for other purposes.

Two belt-like strands **24** are shown having loops **25**, which loops **25** are variable in size using buckles or the like (indicated by dashed lines but not shown) to enable an adjustment of the garment to fit the child. These strands **24** are here shown as attached to the body **10**, at **26**, and to the back portion **14** at **27**. At their ends **28** the strands **24** are equipped with loops **29** on both sides of the hookless fastener **17**.

Obviously the hookless fastener **17** may be replaced with conventional "snaps", or buttons (not shown), and the purpose of the loops **29** is to enable the snaps **30** to be clipped thereto, either through both loops **29**, or a single loop as shown. The snaps **30** are here shown as being equipped with swivel mountings **31**, to hold the back portion **14**, and to keep it from spreading into open position.

The snaps **30** support leash bands **32** and **33**, which bands may be arranged in any convenient manner. The band **33** is shown equipped with another swivel snap **30'**, for engagement with a loop **34** on an auxiliary band **35**. The bands shown as **24**, **32**, and **35**, may be of any form, or shape, and they are employed for fastening the unit to the bed, or crib, in any practical manner.

From the above description it will become apparent, that the device may be worn by an infant in a manner which permits a free movement of the legs and arms of the infant and yet retains the infant in a safe position.

Although we have shown a specific construction and arrangement of the parts and features constituting our invention, many changes may be made without affecting the operativeness of the unit. We therefore reserve the right to make such changes as we may deem necessary, or convenient. All equivalent structures which do not depart from the spirit of our invention fall within the scope of the appended claims.

We claim:

1. An infant's garment having an elongated shirt like body,

said shirt like body comprising a covering for the shoulders and torso of an infant including a front side and a back side,

said shirt like body having a neck opening at one end and a crotch portion in the other end,

manually releasable snap means joined to said other end for attaching said crotch portion to a mating ring member that is joined to the shirt like body below said neck opening near the center of the back side of said garment,

means for enlarging the neck opening to allow passage of the infant's head therethrough and for thereafter closing the neck opening,

a pair of waist encircling band portions,

each of said waist encircling band portions being attached to opposite sides of the front side and the back side of said garment at the central portion of said garment for securing the garment around the waist of the infant, and

means comprising a pair of snap connected leashes attached to said waist encircling band portions for tying the infant in place.

2. The infant's garment of claim **1** and means for enlarging the garment.

3. The infant's garment of claim **2** and said means for attaching said leashes including rings connected with said waist encircling band portions.

4. The infant's garment of claim **1** and an auxiliary band means for attaching said leash means to an anchored point.

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