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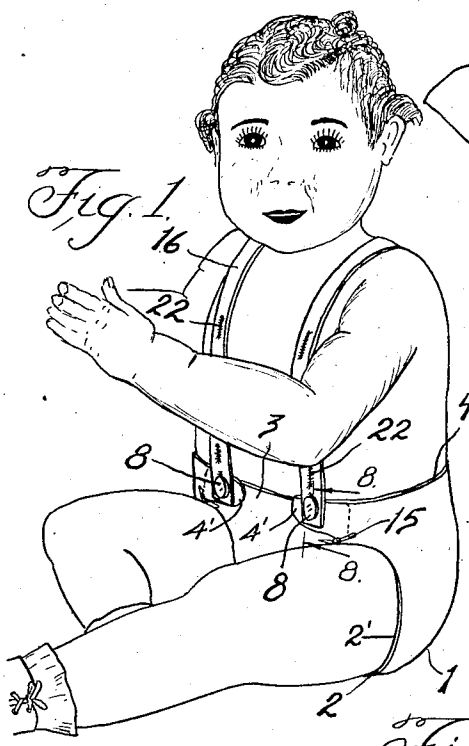


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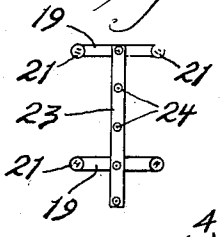


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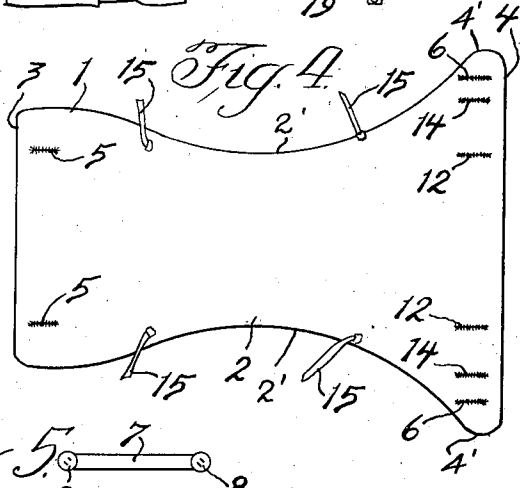


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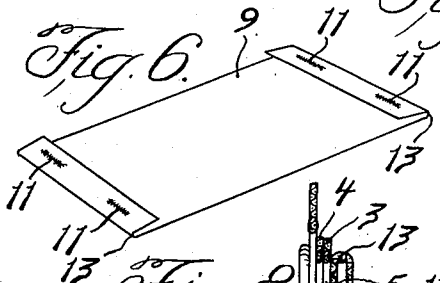


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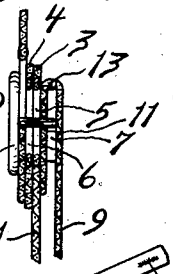


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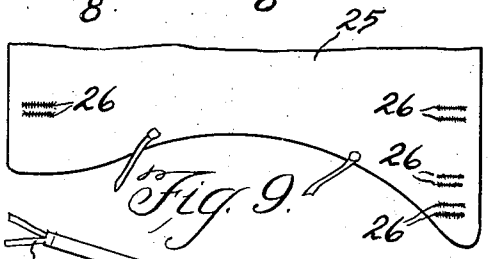


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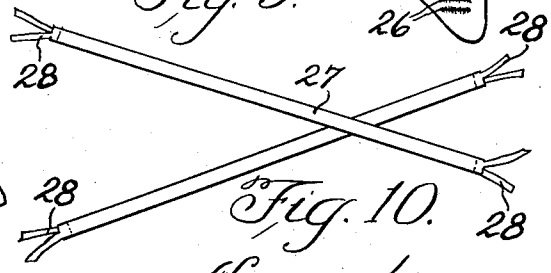
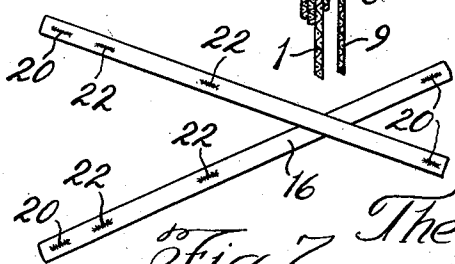


Fig. 7



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My invention relates particularly to an infant garment and has for objects the provision of a novel, simple and comfortable garment affording quick and convenient dressing and undressing, and the provision of novel effective fastening devices therefor which do not involve rigid fasteners permanently attached to the garment with consequent convenience in washing, ironing and upkeep. Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a diaper like nether garment which does not require folding in installation and which involves a conveniently replaceable inner filler or diaper pad with obvious advantage. Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a separate jacket in combination with a nether garment and suspenders thereof together with novel and desirable securing means operative between the jacket and suspenders, the invention contemplating the use of the garment assembly for a play or sun suit.

With these objects in view, my invention consists in certain features of novelty in the construction, arrangement and combination of parts by which the above objects and certain other objects hereinafter appearing are attained, all as hereinafter fully described with reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, and more particularly pointed out in the accompanying claims.

In the said drawing:

Figure 1 is an illustration of an infant wearing the nether garment of my invention;

Figure 2 is a front elevation of the jacket involved in my invention;

Figure 3 is a front view of the jacket fastening device of my invention;

Figure 4 is a face view of the nether garment of my invention;

Figure 5 is a front elevation of one of the garment fastening devices of my invention;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of one of the replaceable nether garment fillers or pads of my invention;

Figure 7 is a face view of the suspenders involved in my invention;

Figure 8 is an enlarged partial sectional view substantially on the line 8—8 of Figure 1;

Figure 9 is a partial face view of another form of the nether garment of my invention; and

Figure 10 is a face view of another form of the suspenders involved in my invention.

Referring to the drawing, 1 designates a nether garment of generally flat form having the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof, designated at 2, of lesser width than opposite ends 3 and 4 thereof by reason of the side edges thereof being oppositely concave substantially throughout their extent as designated at 2'. See Figures 1 and 4. The end 4 is of greater longitudinal extent than the end 3 by reason of it being provided with terminal belt like extensions 4', and the end 3 has a longitudinal extent approximating the leg center distance of the wearer as best shown in Figure 1 and is provided with two laterally spaced button holes 5 and the end 4 is provided with two laterally spaced button holes 6 arranged respectively at the belt like extensions 4' adjacent the sides of the garment.

The ends 3 and 4 of the garment 1 are adapted to be arranged in belt forming overlapping relation to encircle the waist of the wearer with the narrower end 3 at the front of the wearer and with the narrow intermediate portion 2 engaged through the crotch of the wearer to form a pants or diaper like garment, the wider end portion 4 embracing the major portion of the waist of the wearer and the belt like extensions 4' being disposed at the front of the wearer in overlapping relation with the terminal portions of the end 3, as shown in Figure 1. A button fastening device consisting of strip 7, preferably of elastic tape, has two buttons 8 secured thereon in spaced relation longitudinally thereof, see Figure 5, and the buttons 8 are detachably engaged respectively through registering pairs of the button holes 5 and 6 with the strip 7 on the interior of the garment to secure the ends of the garment in belt forming overlapping relation on the body of the wearer, as shown in Figure 1.

By reason of the sides of the garment 1 being oppositely concave substantially throughout their extent, the end 4 embracing the major portion of the waist of the wearer and the end 3 being of a longitudinal extent approximating the leg center distance of the wearer, bulkiness of the garment is practically eliminated and the leg holes formed by the garment are so arranged that the upper portions of the leg holes are disposed at the groins of the wearer with the results that comfort is promoted and that the garment does not interfere with the bending of the legs of the wearer.

A replaceable filler or diaper pad 9, see Figure 6, of generally flat form, has a width corresponding with that of the intermediate portion 2 of the garment 1, and is provided at each end with two laterally spaced button holes 11 arranged respectively adjacent the sides thereof. The filler 9 is arranged within the garment 1 and is secured at the front of the garment and with the end 3

by means of the buttons 8 of the strip 7 engaging through button holes 11 of the filler and then through the button holes 5 and 6 of the garment, whereby both the ends of the garment are secured in belt forming overlapping relation and the one end of the filler is secured with the overlapping portions by the buttons 8 on the strip 7. See Figure 8.

The intermediate portion of the end 4 of the garment 1 is provided with two laterally spaced button holes 12 arranged between the button holes 6 and the other end of the filler is secured with the intermediate portion of the end 4 or the back of the garment by means of a duplicate of the button fastening device of Figure 5, consisting of the strip 7 and the buttons 8, the buttons being engaged outwardly through the button holes 11 of the corresponding end of the filler and the button holes 12 of the garment.

The filler extends from the button fastening devices oppositely with respect to the garment and is folded, as designated at 13, over the strips 7 forming enlargements of the fastening devices opposing the enlargements formed by the buttons 8 into overlying engagement with the garment so that the strips do not engage against the skin of the wearer. See Figures 6 and 8.

The end 4 of the garment 1 is preferably provided with additional button holes 14 adjacent the button holes 6, which may be used selectively with the button holes 6 for the purpose of adjusting the belt size of the garment. See Figure 4. Fastening means is provided for detachably securing the intermediate portions of the sides of the garment to form leg openings and consist of tapes 15 secured at spaced points along the intermediate portions of the sides of the garment and which are tied together when the garment is applied. See also Figure 1.

Strap suspenders 16, engageable over the wearer's shoulders, are provided for the garment which are of usual form, and they are provided with terminal button holes 20 engageable over the buttons 8 of the fastening devices at the front and back of the garment. See Figures 1 and 7.

A divided front jacket 17 is provided with vertically spaced button holes 18 extending along the opposing edges of the jacket front parts and most of which are disposed above the nether garment 1. See Figure 2. A securing device, see Figure 3, consists of cross strips 19 extendable across between the front stretches of the suspenders above the garment 1 and provided with terminal buttons 21 engageable in button holes 22 through the suspenders for detachably securing the cross strips thereto and a vertical strip 23 extending between and secured to the cross strips intermediately thereof and provided with buttons 24 vertically spaced therealong and most of which are disposed above the garment 1. When this securing device is attached to the suspenders, the buttons 24 are engageable through the button holes 18 of the jacket to close the jacket.

Figure 9 illustrates a modified garment 25 in which pairs of tape slots 26 are substituted for the button holes of Figure 4, and Figure 10 illustrates suspenders 27 for use with the garment of Figure 9 and which are provided with terminal tie tapes 28 for cooperation with the tape slots 26.

While I have thus described my invention, I do not wish to be limited to the precise details described, as changes may be readily made without departing from the spirit of my invention, but having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent the following:

1. The combination of a nether garment and strap suspenders attached thereto and engageable over the wearer's shoulders, a divided front jacket adapted to be worn over the suspenders, and securing means attached to said suspenders above said nether garment for releasably securing the opposing front edge portions of the jacket front parts in overlapping relation.

2. The combination of a nether garment and strap suspenders attached thereto and engageable over the wearer's shoulders, a divided front jacket provided with vertically spaced button holes extending along the opposing edges of the jacket front parts above said nether garment, and securing means attached to said suspenders above said nether garment and including vertically spaced buttons engageable through the said button holes of both of the jacket front parts.

3. The combination of a nether garment and strap suspenders attached thereto and engageable over the wearer's shoulders, a divided front jacket provided with spaced button holes extending along the opposing edges of the jacket front parts, and securing means comprising cross strips extending across between the front stretches of said suspenders and attached thereto, a vertical strip extending between and secured to said cross strips intermediately thereof and buttons spaced along said vertical strip and engageable through the said button holes of both of the jacket front parts.

4. The combination of a nether garment of generally flat form having the side edges thereof oppositely concave substantially throughout their extent to provide the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof with a lesser width than said ends and one of said ends being provided with terminal belt like extensions to provide this end with a greater longitudinal extent than the other end thereof to embrace the major portion of the waist of the wearer and to overlap the terminal portions of said other end, said belt like extensions of said first mentioned end and said terminal portions of said other end being provided with registerable button holes, said other end having a longitudinal extent approximating the leg center distance of the wearer, and a strip of material extending along said other end of the garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable respectively through said registerable button holes to secure the garment on the wearer.

5. The combination of a nether garment of generally flat form having the side edges thereof oppositely concave to provide the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof with a lesser width than said ends and one of said ends being provided with terminal belt like extensions to provide this end with a greater longitudinal extent than the other end thereof to embrace the major portion of the waist of the wearer and to overlap the terminal portions of said other end, said belt like extensions of said first mentioned end and said terminal portions of said other end being provided with registerable button holes, the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end being provided with laterally spaced additional button holes, a replaceable filler of generally flat form arranged within said garment and having a width corresponding with the width of said intermediate portion of the garment and provided with laterally spaced button holes at the ends thereof, a strip of material disposed within said garment

and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through the button holes at one end of said filler and the registerable button holes of said belt like extensions and said other end of the garment, and a second strip of material disposed within said garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through the button holes at the other end of said filler and said additional button holes of the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end of the garment, said filler extending oppositely from said strips with respect to said garment and being folded over said strips into overlying relation with said garment.

6. The combination of a nether garment of generally flat form having the side edges thereof oppositely concave to provide the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof with a lesser width than said ends and one of said ends being provided with terminal belt like extensions to provide this end with a greater longitudinal extent than the other end thereof to embrace the major portion of the waist of the wearer and to overlap the terminal portions of said other ends, said belt like extensions of said first mentioned end and said terminal portions of said other end being provided with registerable button holes, the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end being provided with laterally spaced additional button holes, a strip of material disposed within said garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through the registerable button holes of said belt like extensions and said other end of the garment, a second strip of material disposed within said garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through said additional button holes of the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end of the garment, and suspenders having one terminal portion provided with button holes engageable over the buttons of said first mentioned strip and having the other terminal portion thereof provided with additional button holes engageable over the buttons of said second strip.

7. The combination of a nether garment of generally flat form having the side edges thereof oppositely concave to provide the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof with a lesser width than said ends and one of said ends being provided with terminal belt like extensions to provide this end with a greater longitudinal extent than the other end thereof to embrace the major portion of the waist of the wearer and to overlap the terminal portions of said other end, said belt like extensions of said first mentioned end and said terminal portions of said other end being provided with registerable button holes, the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end being provided with laterally spaced additional button holes, a replaceable filler of generally flat form arranged within said garment and having a width corresponding with the width of said intermediate portion of the garment and provided with laterally spaced button holes at the ends thereof, a strip of material disposed within said garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through the button holes at one end of said filler and the registerable button holes of said belt like extensions and said other end of the garment, a second strip of material disposed within said garment and provided with buttons spaced longitudinally thereon and engageable through the button holes at the other end of said filler and said additional button holes of the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end of the garment, said filler extending oppositely from said strips with respect to said garment and being folded over said strips into overlying relation with said garment, and suspenders having one terminal portion provided with button holes engageable over the buttons of said first mentioned strip and having the other terminal portion thereof provided with additional button holes engageable over the buttons of said second strip.

8. The combination of a nether garment of generally flat form having the sides thereof oppositely concave substantially throughout their extent to provide the portion intermediate opposite ends thereof with a lesser width than said ends and one of said ends being provided with terminal belt like extensions to provide this end with a longitudinal extent greater than the other end thereof and of such an extent to embrace the major portion, including the back and sides, of the waist of the wearer with the terminal portions of said extensions at the front and spaced approximately the leg center distance of the wearer to overlap the terminal portion of said other end, said other end having a longitudinal extent approximating only the leg center distance of the wearer, suspenders engageable over the wearer's shoulders and having one terminal portion thereof secured with the intermediate portion of said first mentioned end of the garment, and common means simultaneously detachably securing the overlapping terminal portions of said ends and the other terminal portion of said suspenders together.

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