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Fig. 1

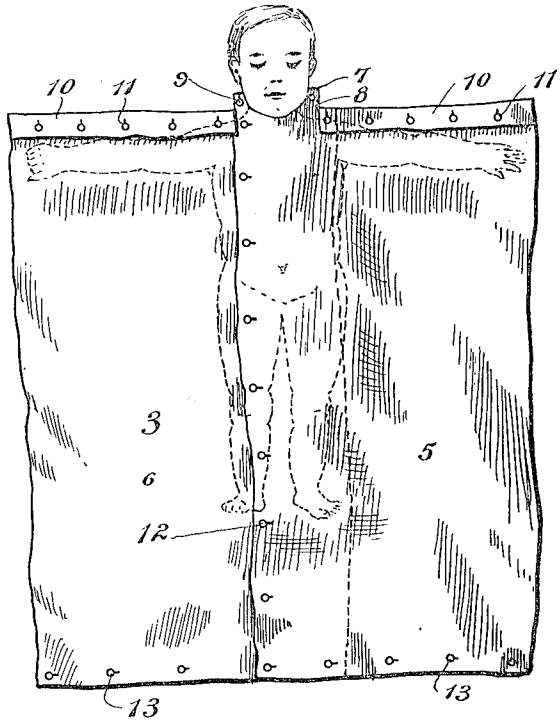
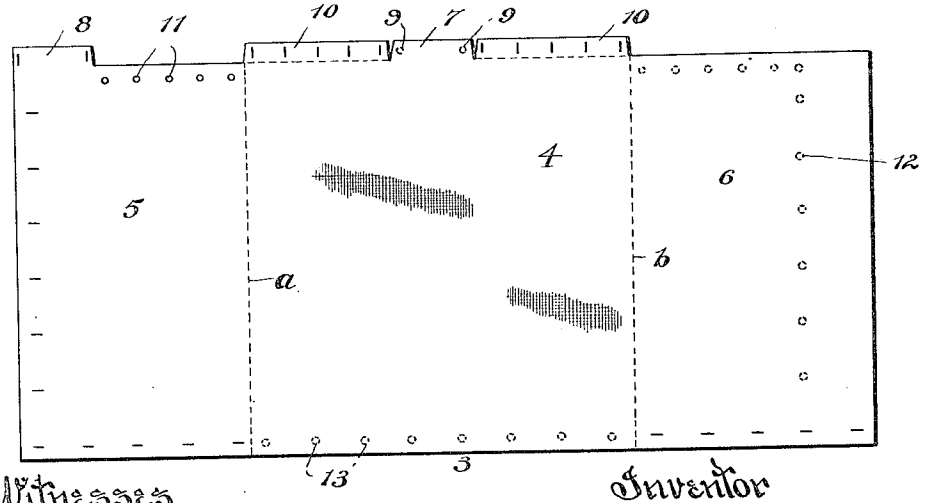


Fig. 2



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. NEWMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to night-robes or garments for infants or children; and its objects are to provide a garment of this character which will fully protect the wearer and at the same time allow the greatest possible amount of freedom for the limbs, and also such other objects as will appear hereinafter.

I have illustrated a preferred form of my improved robe in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of the garment, showing how the same is worn; and Fig. 2 shows the garment in extended position, or the blank for the same.

As shown in these drawings, 3 represents the garment as a whole, which is preferably made of flannel, woolen, or other suitable material. While the form of the garment may be varied, I prefer to make it generally as illustrated in Fig. 2, which shows a wide back portion 4 extending between the dotted lines *a*—*b* and front portions 5 and 6 which are folded along said dotted lines. At the center of the back portion 4 is a slight extension 7 forming the back of the collar and at the upper outer edge of the portion 5 is a corresponding extension 8 forming the front portion of the collar, these two portions being left either free or secured together by means of buttons or fasteners 9—9 as indicated. The back 4 is also provided along the top with flaps 10—10 which are adapted to turn down over the corresponding portions of the sides 5 and 6, where they are secured by means of buttons or fasteners 11—11. The meeting portions of the sides 5 and 6 may also be secured together in any desired manner, as by means of buttons or fasteners 12—12; and if desired, the bottom edges of the side portions may be secured to the back by means of buttons or fasteners 13—13. The garment is made sufficiently wide so that the arms may be extended preferably the full length inside of the garment; and is made sufficiently long so that there is little or no danger of the feet becoming uncovered, whether or not the bottom is fastened.

It will be seen that this improved garment has many advantages. Inasmuch as it is only secured around the neck of the wearer, an infant or child placed therein can turn and twist and have full freedom of its arms, without danger of becoming uncovered. Therefore, a baby or infant may be dressed in such a garment and placed to sleep in a cold room, with entire safety, and thereby secure the advantages of having fresh, pure air. As the arms are free, the infant will not disengage the garment and will always remain fully covered; and as the garment is made sufficiently long, the infant can twist and kick therein without dislodging the blankets above the garment. This improved garment has the further advantage of allowing such attention as may be necessary to be given an infant or child, to be performed without uncovering the body or particularly disarranging the garment, as the lower parts of the sides 5 and 6 may be unbuttoned and thrown back without loosening the collar or upper portion.

I am aware that various changes may be made in such a garment without departing from the scope of the present invention, and therefore I do not wish to be limited to the exact form herein shown and described; but

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. In a sleeveless garment for infants or children adapted to cover and inclose the arms and shoulders of the wearer, the combination of a back portion substantially as broad as the outstretched arms of the wearer, overlapping side portions adapted to form the front of the garment, and means for securing said side and back portions together, while leaving an opening at the top for the neck.

2. In a garment for infants or children, the combination of a broad back portion of sufficient width to allow free extension of the arms, sides adapted to fold together to form the front of the garment, extensions from said back and one of said side portions to form a collar, and flaps along the top of the said back portion to be turned down and fastened to the tops of said side portions.

3. In a sleeveless garment of the character set forth adapted to cover and inclose the arms and shoulders of the wearer, the combination of a back portion of sufficient width to allow for the extension of the arms within said garment, a front portion adapted to be

secured to said back portion, and an opening at the top of said garment for engagement with the neck of the wearer.

4. In a garment of the character set forth, the combination of a broad back portion, sides formed integrally with said back portion and adapted to be folded together to form the front of the garment, a central extension on said back portion and a corresponding extension on one of said sides adapted to form a collar, means for fastening the edges of said collar, flaps along the top of said back portion adapted to be folded down over the upper edges of said sides, means for fastening said sides together along the front of the garment, and means for fastening said sides to said back portion along the bottom of the garment, substantially as described.

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