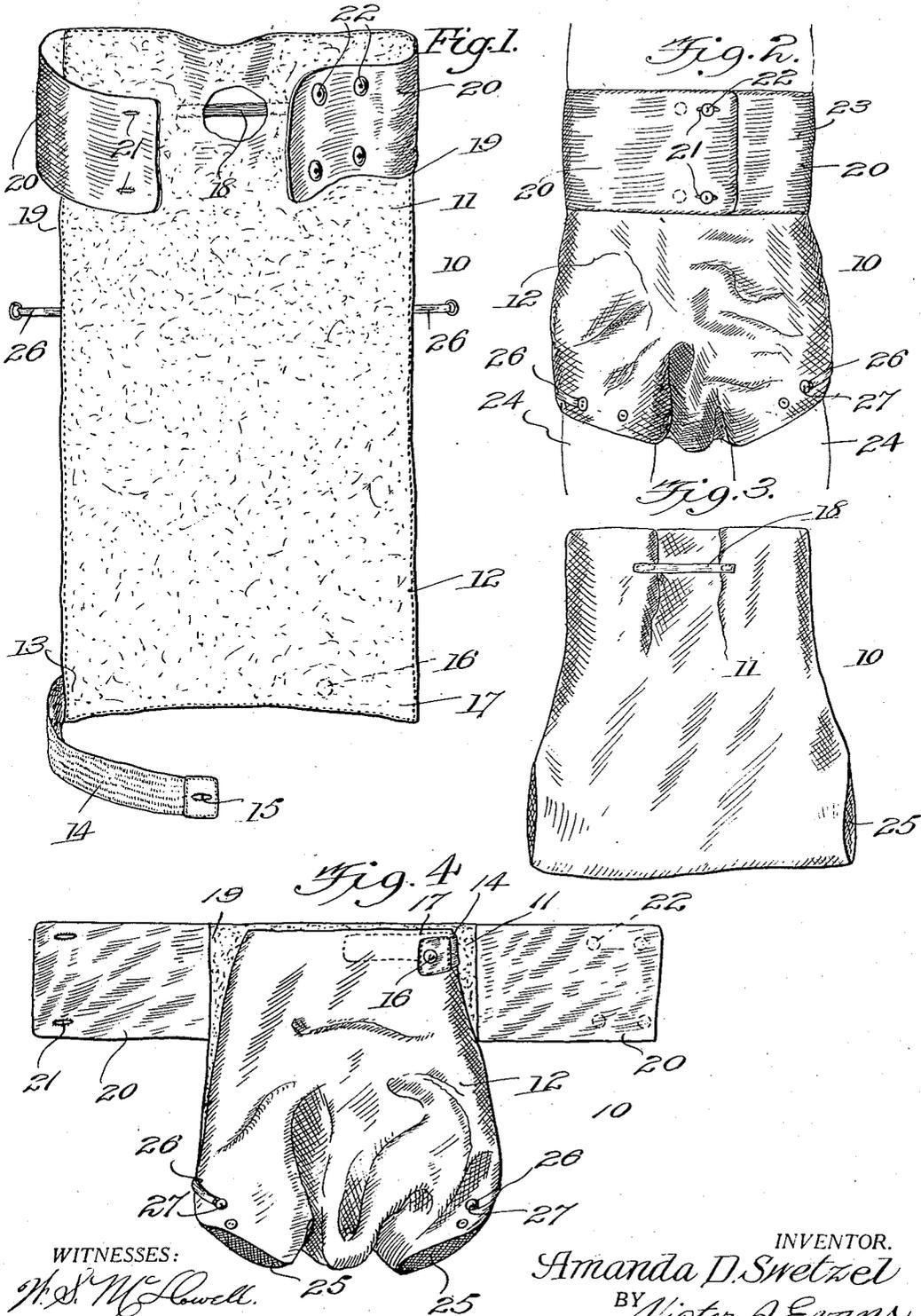


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AMANDA D. SWETZEL, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Diapers, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to apparel and more particularly to apparel for infants, and has for an object to provide a diaper that can be readily and quickly applied to the infant without necessitating the use of pins or similar fastening elements, and as easily removed from the infant, the disposition of the garment upon the body of the infant insuring a neat and comfortable fit without chafing the tender skin.

Among other features the invention comprehends a garment of the character mentioned, which, in view of its simplicity of construction, permits the attendant to hold the infant in an arm and the hand thereof while the other hand will be free to arrange the diaper in position so that the infant can be placed thereon and the garment adjusted and secured in applied position.

In the use of the ordinary diaper now generally employed, the wrapping of the diaper upon the body of the infant caused edges and portions of the rough side of the diaper to come in direct contact with the skin, resulting in great annoyance to the infant and, particularly in warm weather, causing inflammation of portions of the skin. With my construction the smooth, soft side of the material of the diaper only, comes into direct contact with the skin thus insuring comfort to the infant.

Still further the simple formation of the diaper permits of it being made at a low cost and by certain details in the construction thereof the diaper also acts as a binding or bandage for the abdomen of the infant or as a means for holding the usual infant bandage for the abdomen, in position.

In the further disclosure of the invention reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, constituting a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference denote corresponding parts in all the views, and in which,

Figure 1 is a plan view of the garment, Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the garment applied, Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of the garment as it will appear when applied, and Fig. 4 is a front elevation showing the garment partially open.

Referring more particularly to the views, the garment in its entirety is indicated by the numeral 10 and consists of a portion 11 forming a back and a lower portion 12 to be folded forwardly and upwardly to provide a front. Attached to a free end 13 of the front 12 is a connecting element 14 in the nature of a tape, which may or may not be flexible, as desired, the tape having a buttonhole 15 for connection with a button 16 sewed to the face of the front 12 near an end 17 thereof. Referring to Fig. 4, it will be seen, that when the front 12 has been arranged in position, the tape or strap 14 passing rearwardly between the front and back extends across to connect with the button 16. The back 11 has secured to its rear face a tape element 18 which is preferably a flexible or elastic strap and projecting from side edges 19 of the back at its upper ends are belt members 20 which as shown in Figs. 2 and 4 are adapted to be brought forwardly to traverse the front 12, one of the belt members having buttonholes 21 and the other having buttons 22 for reception in the buttonholes 21. A plurality of sets of buttons 22 are preferably provided to take up for any slack and this construction with the aid of the elastic strap 18 permits of tightly holding and securing the belt members 20 across the front 12 and the abdomen of the infant, these belt members when connected as shown in Fig. 2, forming the belt 23.

Now it will be clearly seen that upon folding the lower portion of the piece of material or body 10 thereof to form the front 12, that there will be openings or slits between the side edges of the back and the side edges of the front at the point where the front and back merge into each other and by referring to Fig. 2 it will be apparent that the lower limbs of the infant indicated by the numerals 24, will pass through these slits which are substantially formed into openings 25 by having straps 26 attached to the side edges of the back,

engage with buttons 27 on the front. The straps 26 may be of a flexible material, if desired, in the nature of elastic straps, and referring to Fig. 4 and also to Fig. 2, it will be apparent that the provision of the straps and the buttons to which they are connected will cause the garment at these points, to snugly encircle the limbs of the infant, a plurality of sets of the buttons 27, being preferably provided for the tight or loose adjustment of the straps 26.

With a garment designed and formed in the manner mentioned, it will be clear that the application of the garment results in the smooth sides or face of the material coming into contact with the skin, no part of the rough side of the material coming into direct contact whatsoever with the infant. Although the belt 23 may be employed to perform the function of an abdominal bandage it will be clear that the belt facilitates the proper application of the garment to the infant and furthermore, when a separate abdominal bandage is used, the belt acting as a binder, holds the additional bandage against displacement.

The above mentioned features combined with the additional advantages namely the provision of a garment of this character, which can be applied without the use of pins or other similar fastenings and which need not be first arranged in a folded position but can be placed flat and the infant deposited thereon, together with the simplicity of construction and the ease of manipulation, provides a garment which will lend itself readily to the purpose for which it is desired and be effective in use.

Although I have described and shown a particular form of the garment it will be understood that I do not limit myself to the particular construction set forth in the drawings and in the specification and that various slight changes may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention,

the scope of which is defined in the appended claims.

Having described my invention I claim:

1. A diaper comprising a garment body formed to provide a back and a front, a connecting element on a corner of the front and adapted to extend across the back to connect with another corner of the front, and a band on the back and foldable onto the front, said band covering a portion of the connecting element.

2. A diaper comprising a garment body having an upper portion forming a back and a lower portion foldable forwardly and upwardly to form a front, a tape projecting from one edge of the front and adapted to extend across the back to connect with another edge of the front and straps adapted to connect adjacent edges of the back and front to form openings.

3. A diaper comprising a garment body comprising a front and a back, a connecting element on an edge of the front and extending across the front of the back to connect with another edge of the front, band members on the back and foldable to connect at the front of the garment body, said members being adapted to overlie the front and cover a portion of the connecting element and a tension tape on the back and serving to take up any slack in the band members.

4. A diaper comprising a piece of material of uniform width throughout its length, and foldable to provide front and back portions respectively, means for connecting the upper ends of the front portion, and a belt secured to the back portion with its free end extending beyond the side edges thereof to fold onto the front portion of the diaper concealing said connecting means of the upper ends thereof, the free ends of the belt being connectible at the front.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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