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Fig. 1.

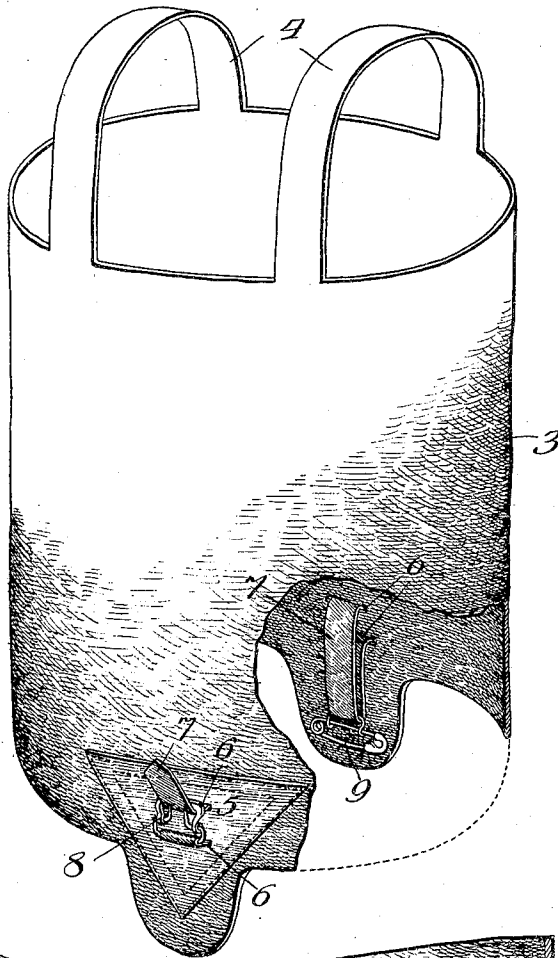
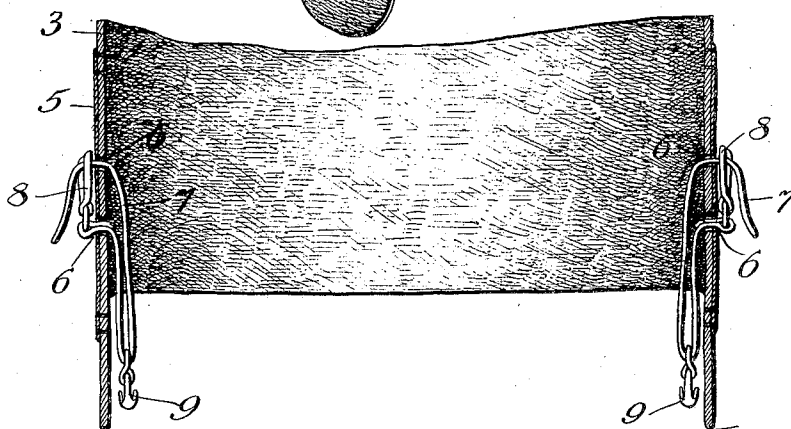


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUISE H. SEITZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Undergarments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to under-garments and particularly to means for holding up a diaper by means of attachments to the band or undershirt. The objects of the invention are to provide a means of supporting the diaper which will avoid the use of supplementary straps over the shoulder and avoid binding around the waist; to provide a superior adjustment for the attaching means and a safe and comfortable support for the diaper. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the undershirt with my attachment affixed thereto, the view being partially broken away to show the inside construction thereof, and

Figure 2 is a central vertical section showing the method of mounting the attaching means on the garment.

The customary manner of supporting diapers by binding them tightly around the waist is both uncomfortable and injurious, while the method of supporting the diaper by means of elastic straps hung from the shoulder makes an intricate strapping on the person which is very liable to get out of order and is difficult to adjust and keep in place. On the other hand in case the diaper is fixed to the undergarment by means of pins attached directly to it, it is the common experience that they soon tear out and destroy the garment and at the same time the lack of elasticity and adjustability is annoying and makes it additionally difficult to adjust the garment comfortably upon the person.

To overcome these disadvantages and others, I preferably provide an ordinary band or undershirt 2, which is supported by straps 4 over the shoulders and on the lower portion either on a depending flap or about the height of the waist I provide a reinforcing piece 5 which is sewed directly to the shirt and is provided with a pair of slits 6 through which ex-

tend in the manner shown in Figure 2, the two ends of an elastic strap 7, which may be fastened adjustably at any desired length by means of such a device as the buckle 8. Attached by any convenient means to the strap 7, I provide a holding device such as the safety pin 9 for directly engaging the diaper, as will be understood. In case the garment should shrink in the washing so as to vary the position of the slits 6 with relation to the length of the waist line it will be evident that the strap 7 may be adjusted accordingly, and it will be understood of course that the attachment of the pin by means of an adjustably elastic strap may be placed upon any style garment that may be desired. The form of the reinforcing piece 5 distributes the strain upon the strap so as to prevent tearing the garment, and the carrying of the pin 9 on the strap is very advantageous in avoiding loss of the same during change of garments. At the same time, in washing everything may be removed, making it as easy to wash and iron as a band or shirt having no supporting means attached.

It will be observed that by this device the weight of the diaper is carried directly by the shoulder and avoids any binding of the waist, while at the same time the use of elastics on the shoulders, which is unhealthy and disagreeable, is avoided. The adjustability of the position of the pin 9 is evidently of great advantage, and the feature of the garment carrying the safety pin 9 with it for attachment to the diaper will readily commend itself. Other advantages will occur to those familiar with the use of such devices.

Having thus described my invention and illustrated its use, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is the following:

1. A garment, provided with straps for the shoulder and provided on the two sides at the bottom with a removable adjustable strap engaging slits in the garment and carrying attaching means thereon.

2. A garment provided at the bottom with a reinforcing piece 5 having slits 6 therein in combination with the adjustable elastic strap carrying attaching means thereon and en-

tirely removable, for convenient washing of the garment.

3. The combination with a garment having straps for supporting same over the shoulder, of a reinforced piece 5 with a pair of slits therein, and a removable adjustable elastic strap engaging said slits and carrying a safety pin, substantially described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunder signed my name in the presence of the two subscribed witnesses.

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