

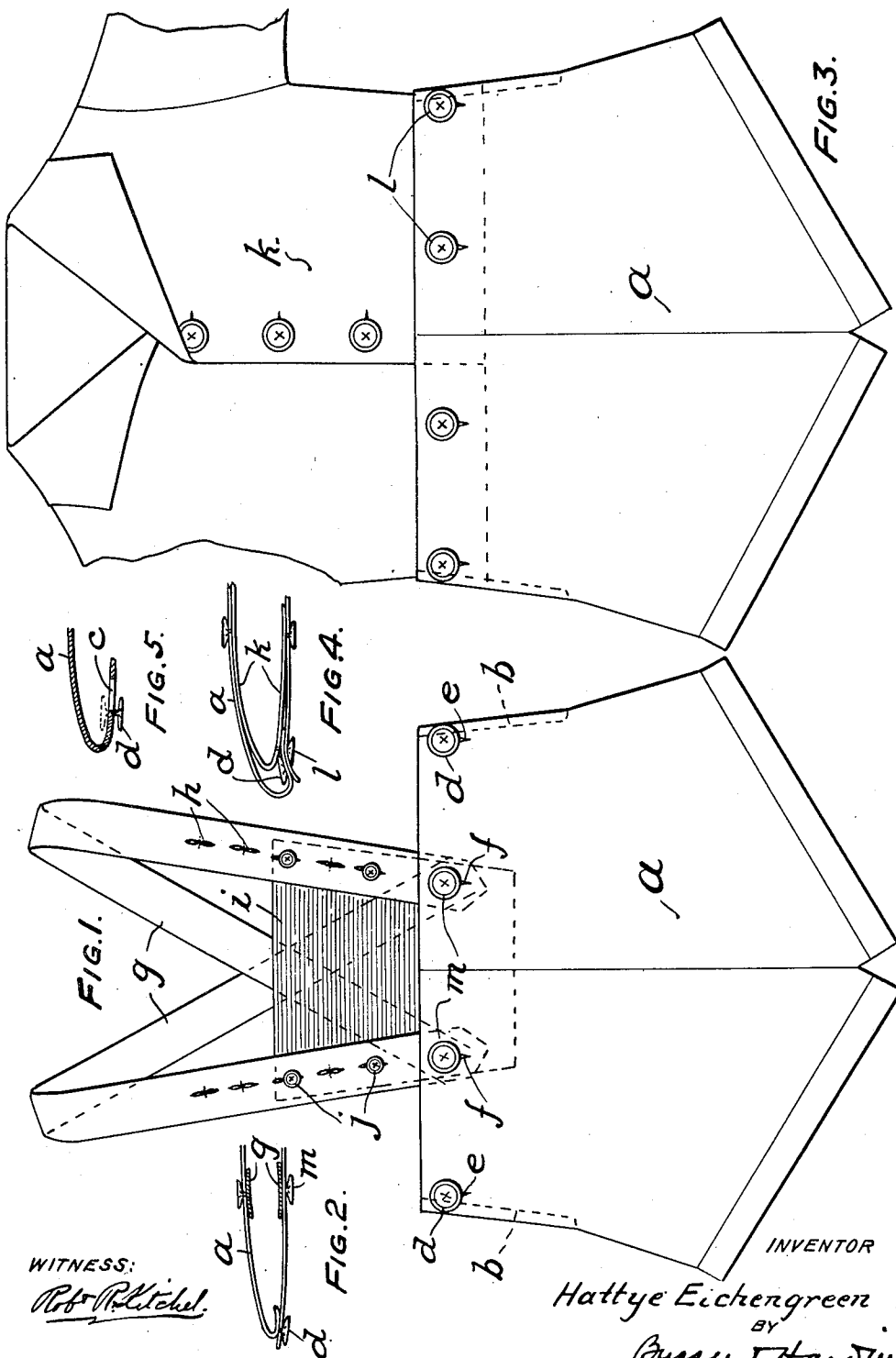
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My invention relates to an improvement in children's garments and more particularly relates to garments adapted for wear by relatively small children.

5 It has been well recognized that children benefit greatly from exposure of their bodies to the direct rays of the sun and with that idea in mind parents permit their children, during warm weather, to remain outdoors without clothes, or wearing merely a romper. 10 While the removal of a child's clothes enables the desirable exposure to the sun, such is not always convenient and requires redressing when the desired period of exposure is completed. On the other hand, when the 15 child is dressed in a romper there is no convenient way in which the romper can be kept in place, with the result that it hinders the child in playing or is dropped off. Further, 20 when the child during exposure is completely undressed, or dressed in a romper, it is impossible to control or vary the area of the child's body which is exposed.

Now in accordance with my invention I 25 provide a garment, in the nature of a romper or the like so constructed as to enable it to be used as a sole garment, together with means so constructed as to enable variation of the area of exposure of the child's more vital 30 parts and so as to support the garment, or in combination with an upper garment, as a blouse or the like. By virtue of my invention, a child may be desirably clothed during a period of exposure and, at the same time, 35 the area of the child's more vital parts (as the stomach and chest) exposed, may be readily varied. When the period of exposure is completed, dressing of the child may be readily 40 completed without removal of the garment worn during exposure.

Having now indicated in a general way the nature and purpose of my invention, I will proceed to a detailed description of a 45 preferred embodiment thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Fig. 1 is a front view of a romper embodying my invention in combination with means 50 for its support and for varying the area of exposure of the wearer.

Fig. 2 is a view partly in section showing a detail of construction.

Fig. 3 is a front view of a romper embodying my invention in combination with a blouse.

Figs. 4 and 5 are views partly in section showing details of construction.

In the drawings *a* indicates a romper having leg and body portions and open at the sides, as indicated at *b*. The rear portion of the garment is provided, adjacent the side openings, with button holes *c* and with buttons *d* secured on the interior of the rear portion of the romper adjacent one end of the button holes *c* and extendable through such 60 button holes. The front portion of the garment is provided, at points adjacent the side openings, with button holes *e* through which the buttons *d* are adapted to pass. The front and back portions of the garment are also 70 provided with button holes *f* intermediate the side openings.

g indicates a pair of suspenders, the members of which are crossed in the rear as is usual and which, in the front portions, are 75 each provided with a series of spaced double button holes *h*. The suspenders are provided with buttons *m* at their ends adapted to be passed through button holes *f* to secure the suspenders to the romper. *i* indicates a plate 80 provided with buttons *j*, for example, two on each side, adapted to be passed through button holes *h* in the suspenders, to secure the plate to the suspenders. It will be noted that the height of extension of the plate above the waist of the romper may be varied by attaching the buttons *j* to the suspenders through 85 different button holes *h*.

k indicates a blouse, of usual or desired construction, provided with buttons *l* adapted to be passed through button holes *c* and *e* and button holes *f* to secure the blouse to the romper, it being understood that the blouse and suspenders are not used simultaneously. 90

In using the garment in accordance with my invention, assuming a child to be dressed in the romper and blouse, as shown in Fig. 3, when it is desired to expose the child to sun, the blouse is removed after unbuttoning buttons *l* from the romper, the romper being 100

left on. After removal of the blouse the side openings of the romper are closed by buttoning the buttons *d* through the button holes *e* and the suspenders placed over the child's shoulders and attached to the romper at the front and back by buttoning the buttons *m* through the button holes *f*. If the child has not been exposed to the sun for some time its stomach and lower chest may be protected by means of plate *i*, which is secured to the suspenders by buttoning buttons *j* through the top set of button holes *h* in the suspenders. The plate *i* may, as will be obvious, be adjusted to afford less protection as the child becomes hardened and may be finally left off.

When the period of exposure is completed, in order to dress the child, it is only necessary to remove the suspenders and unbutton the buttons *d* and extend them through the button holes *c* in the back portion of the romper. The blouse is then put on and secured to the romper by buttoning the buttons *l* through *f* and at side openings through button holes *c* and *e* in the back and front portions of the romper. When the blouse is secured in position the buttons *d* will lie on the inside of the waist band of the romper but will be prevented from contacting with the child by the skirt of the blouse.

It will be understood that the garment in accordance with my invention, while especially adaptable for wear in connection with exposure to the sun, may be worn generally.

What I claim and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A garment for children including in combination a romper, a pair of suspenders adapted to be secured to the romper and provided in the front portion with a plurality of aligned pairs of button holes and a protective plate provided with buttons adapted to be buttoned through aligned pairs of said button holes.

2. A garment for children including in combination a romper, said romper being provided with side openings, button holes positioned adjacent to and on both sides of each of said side openings, a button secured to the romper adjacent said button holes on one side of each of said side openings, and a pair of suspenders adapted to be removably secured to the romper, said buttonholes adjacent the side openings being arranged to receive the buttons and serving for attachment of the romper to a blouse.

3. A garment for children including in combination a romper, a pair of suspenders adapted to be secured to the romper, a protective plate and means whereby the protective plate may be secured to the suspenders in a plurality of positions of vertical adjustment.

4. A garment for children including, in combination, a romper having at least one

side openings, having buttonholes positioned adjacent to and on opposite sides of said side opening, and having a button secured adjacent one of said buttonholes, a blouse, and means for detachably securing the blouse inside the romper, said blouse having a button at one side corresponding to the side opening of the romper, the parts being so arranged that when the romper is used without the blouse the button at one side of the romper side opening may pass through the buttonhole at the other side of the opening, and when the romper is used with the blouse the button on the romper may face inwardly and the button on the blouse may extend through both buttonholes at the side opening of the romper.

In testimony of which invention, I have hereunto set my hand, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on this 11th day of May, 1928.

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