

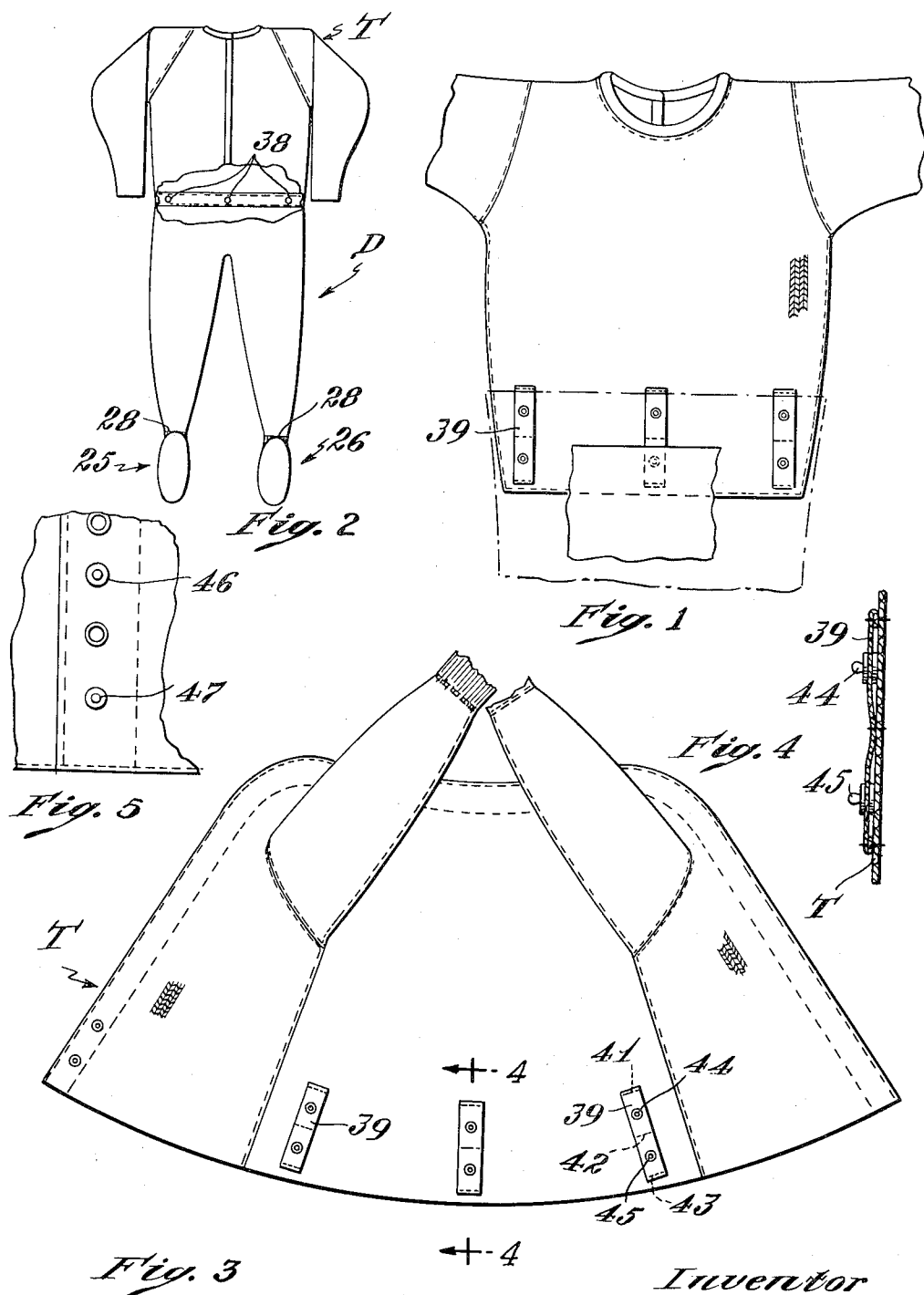
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This invention pertains to two-piece sleeping garments 15 of the type commonly worn by small children which are customarily known as "sleepers." In garments of this type each leg terminates in a sock and in accordance with the preferred practice the soles of the sock portions are so designed that they do not readily pick up dirt or dust, that they may readily be cleaned when soiled, merely by wiping them with a damp cloth or sponge so that the frequencies of laundry treatment is greatly reduced and so that they are of improved wear resistance, thus prolonging the life of the garment as compared with 20 that of the usual garment of this type. By prolonging the life of the garment as a whole the probability is that a child will outgrow the garment before it is worn-out and to avoid the necessity for discarding the garment before it is worn-out, the present invention contemplates as one object the provision of novel fastening means whereby the effective length of the garment may be varied without substantial sacrifice of good fit.

The fastening means employed herein for varying the effective length of the garment are snap fasteners consisting of interengageable parts fastened respectively to 35 the inner side of the drawers at the waist and the outer side of the top at the waist. Ordinarily engaging the parts is made difficult because the rear side of the fastening elements on the top are accessible only from inside of the garment. Hence the fingers cannot be brought to bear upon the rear sides of these elements to squeeze them against the elements carried by the drawers. Accordingly, another object of the invention is to provide improved attaching means for the fastening elements to facilitate squeezing both parts between the fingers when attaching the drawers to the top.

In accordance with the invention as herein illustrated the drawers have a plurality of horizontally arranged, spaced snap fastener elements at its waist-band portion on the inner face thereof and the top has horizontally spaced sets of complementary snap fastener elements on the outer face thereof. Each set of snap fastener elements carried by the top is mounted on a vertically extending length of tape, the fastener elements carried by each tape being vertically spaced. Each tape is united by transverse seams to the garment material at its ends and intermediate adjacent fastener elements so that the portions of the tape intervening between the seams and on which the fastener elements are mounted are free from the garment. As thus mounted when the garment is adjusted for maximum length the upper unused portions of the tapes, and fastener elements carried thereby may be removed without disturbing the lower portions below the seams. Furthermore, since the vertical edges of the tapes are not fastened the fingers may be inserted under the tapes when connecting the complementary elements of the fasteners thus making it possible to squeeze them together between the fingers.

The invention will now be described in greater detail 70 with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

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Fig. 1 is a fragmentary view showing the means of connecting the top to the drawers, a fragmentary portion of the drawers being shown attached to the lower element of the centrally located attaching means;

5 Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the top and drawers partly broken away showing the rear sides of the fastener elements secured to the waist-band of the drawers;

10 Fig. 3 is a front outside view of the top spread out with the fastener elements attached to the waist-band portion thereof;

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary rear view of the central portion of the top member of the garment showing spaced fasteners for attachment to the drawers.

In Fig. 2, a two-piece garment embodying the invention is illustrated as comprising the top portion T and the drawers portions D, the legs of the drawers terminating in sock portions 25 and 26 which have wear-resistant soles, the ankle portions of the drawers also preferably having elastic constricting means, as indicated at 28. The top portion T of the garment may be of any desirable and customary construction except for the novel means herein provided for connecting the drawers D to the top T.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, the waistband portion of the drawers is provided at its inside with a plurality of horizontally spaced fastener elements 38, for instance of the snap fastener type, three such fastener elements being here shown at the front portion of the garment. A single similar snap fastener element (not shown) may also be provided at the center of the front portion of the waistband of the drawers.

To the outer surface of the top portion (Fig. 3), at its front and near its lower margin, a plurality of horizontally spaced textile tapes 39 are attached. Each tape corresponds to one of the fastener elements 38 at the rear of the drawers. As here illustrated (Figs. 1 and 3), each tape extends vertically and is attached to the material of the top by transverse seams 41, 42 and 43 (Fig. 3) spaced apart longitudinally of the tape, leaving those portions of the tape which intervene between adjacent seams, loose and free from connection to the garment material. To the upper of these intervening loose portions (two of which are here shown in each tape) is attached a fastener element 44, and to the lower loose portion is attached a fastener element 45, the elements 44 and 45 being complementary to the fastener elements 38 above referred to. At the rear of the top T, vertically spaced fastener elements 46 and 47 (Fig. 5) (similar to the fastener elements 44 and 45) are arranged for alternative engagement with the single front fastener element (corresponding to the fastener elements 38) carried by the drawers.

In the use of this garment, it being assumed that the garment, when new, fits the child for whom it is intended, the fastener elements 38 carried the drawers will be engaged with the upper fastener elements 44 and 46 carried by the top member T. The garment will thus be at a minimum overall length such that the feet of the wearer are comfortably received within the sock portions 25 and 26 while the ankles of the wearer are snugly embraced by the elastic portions at 28, and with the neck opening properly positioned, so that the garment is not unduly tight or uncomfortable at the shoulders or crotch.

As the child grows, and if the garment becomes too short before it is worn out (such prolonged wear being made possible by the employment of the wear-resistant soles for the socks), the garment may readily be lengthened by disengaging the fastener elements 38 from the upper fasteners 44 and 46 and re-engaging them with the

lower fastener elements 45 and 47 respectively, the spacing of the fastener elements 44 and 45 and 46 and 47 being such (for example, two inches) as to permit a very substantial amount of growth before the garment ultimately becomes too short. Obviously, if desired each tape may carry more than two vertically spaced fastener elements thus providing for an additional degree of adjustment of garment length.

When the fastener elements 38 of the drawers have been engaged with the lowermost fastener elements 45, 10 the upper portions of the tapes 39 may be cut away, if desired, just above the midseam 42, so that the unused portions of the tapes and which are exposed at the outer surface of the top portion of the garment need not detract from the appearance of the garment.

Throughout use of the garment the absence of stitching along the vertical edges of the tapes 39 makes it possible to slip the finger in behind the fastening element attached thereto so that both elements may be firmly squeezed between the fingers to engage them for attaching the 20 drawers to the top.

While certain desirable materials and details of construction have herein above been described and illustrated in the drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is broadly inclusive of any and all modifications, 25 both of materials employed and structural details which constitute equivalents of the corresponding features herein above described and which are within the terms of the appended claim.

I claim:

A two-piece child's pajama garment, comprising top and drawers, the drawers having a plurality of horizontally spaced snap fastener elements at its waist-band portion, on the inner face thereof and the top having horizontally spaced sets of complementary snap fastener elements on the outer face thereof, each set of snap fastener elements carried by the top being mounted on a vertically extending length of tape, the fastener elements carried by each tape being vertically spaced, transverse seams uniting each tape to the garment material intermediate adjacent fastener elements, the portions of the tapes which intervene between said seams and on which the fastener elements are mounted being free from the garment material, whereby the fingers may be inserted under the tapes when connecting the complementary elements of the snap fasteners together, and whereby, when the garment is adjusted for maximum length, the unused portions of the tape may be removed.

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