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FIG. 1

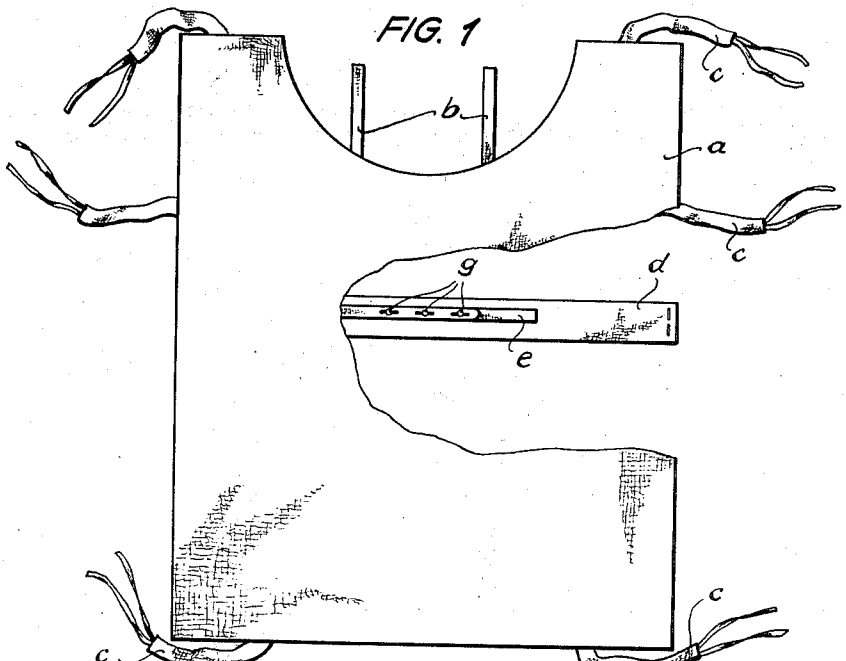
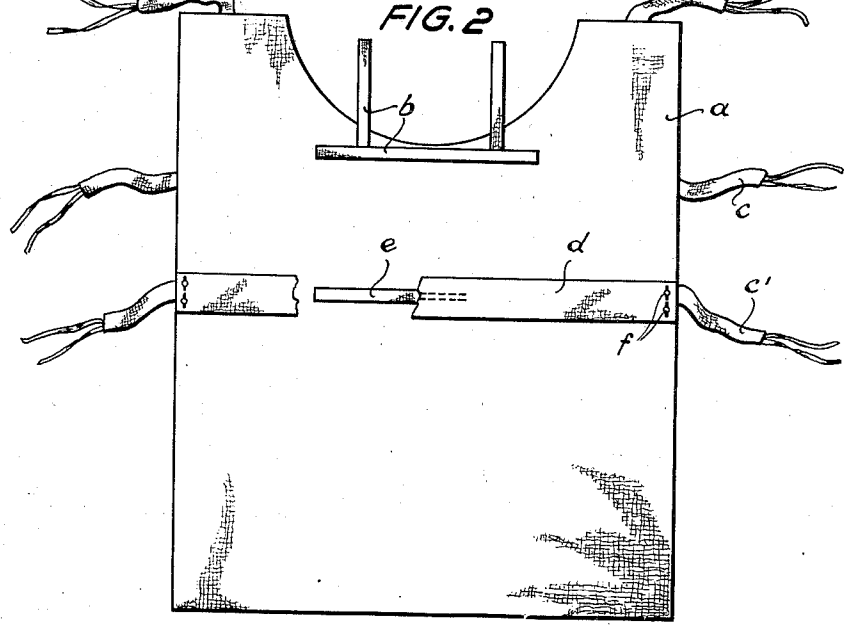


FIG. 2



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The invention relates to a blanket for children, which serves at the same time as a protection against the cold and as a safety device.

Blankets for children are already known which are provided with a strap fixedly connected thereto and which is to be placed around the torso and the shoulders of a child. The blanket is thus connected to the body of the child and covering the same; the blanket itself is tied to the bed by bands or ribbons.

However, the simple placing of the blanket over the body with the strap passing over the upper part of the body and the shoulders is not sufficient to provide safe protection for the child. When the child moves or sits up, the cover is turned back and the child can freely move without being held back by the blanket. Experience shows that the child may fall forward in such a manner that the blanket will be pushed underneath the child and the purpose of protecting it against the cold and against shift of position will be defeated.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a safety blanket which will avoid the above mentioned shortcomings.

According to the invention this is accomplished by providing a blanket with a cross strap on the underside which is provided with a belt to be fastened around the body of the child.

The cross strap is preferably detachably connected to the edges of the blanket, as by buttoning it thereto.

A further embodiment of the invention comprises arranging the belt between the blanket and the strap.

Furthermore it is a feature of the invention that the belt is divided somewhere near the center and means are provided for detachably connecting the ends to each other.

By the above described arrangement the disadvantages of known safety blankets for children can be avoided in a simple manner.

When applied, the belt ends are fastened around the child. The cross strap lies underneath the child, which is held by the belt positioned on the strap. The child cannot sit up, nor can it change from supine to prone position. Thus, it is not possible for the child to change its position with respect to the blanket, since it would have to move the cross strap which it holds down with its own weight. Only by moving the strap could it move the blanket. It should be noted that the child remains free to move its arms and legs as before, so that it will not be unduly restrained in the freedom of its movement.

The invention will be more fully described with reference to the accompanying drawing, but it should be understood that this is given by way of illustration and not of limitation and that changes may be made in the details without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the blanket according to the invention with a part broken away, and

Fig. 2 is a rear view of the blanket.

The blanket, which is designated by *a* is provided with straps *b* to be placed over the shoulders of a child in the manner of suspenders. Bands *c* serve for tying the blanket to the bed (not shown).

According to the invention, a cross strap *d* is fastened to the blanket which has fixed thereto a belt *e* to be tied around the body of the child. The cross strap *d* is buttoned to the edges of the blanket as at *f*. Belt *e* is sewn to the strap *d*.

The belt is divided near the middle and the two ends are detachably connected by buttons *g*. In order to give the blanket more protective value it is advantageous to provide additional bands *c'* in the area where the belt *e* is fastened. Instead of buttons *f* or *g*, it is of course within the scope of the invention to use other known connecting means, for instance to use ribbons.

What I claim is:

1. In a safety blanket for children, which is provided with means for securing the blanket to a bed or crib, said blanket comprising a front part and a back part, a cross strap secured to said back part interiorly of the blanket, a belt for tying about the body of the child, attached to said cross strap, and a pair of shoulder straps secured to said back part interiorly of said blanket.

2. In a safety blanket according to claim 1, said cross strap being provided with means for detachable connection with the back part of the blanket at the edges thereof.

3. In a safety blanket according to claim 1, said belt for tying about the torso of a child being arranged between the back part of the blanket and said cross strap.

4. In a safety blanket according to claim 1, said belt being divided near the middle and forming two free ends, and means for detachably connecting said two free ends together.

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