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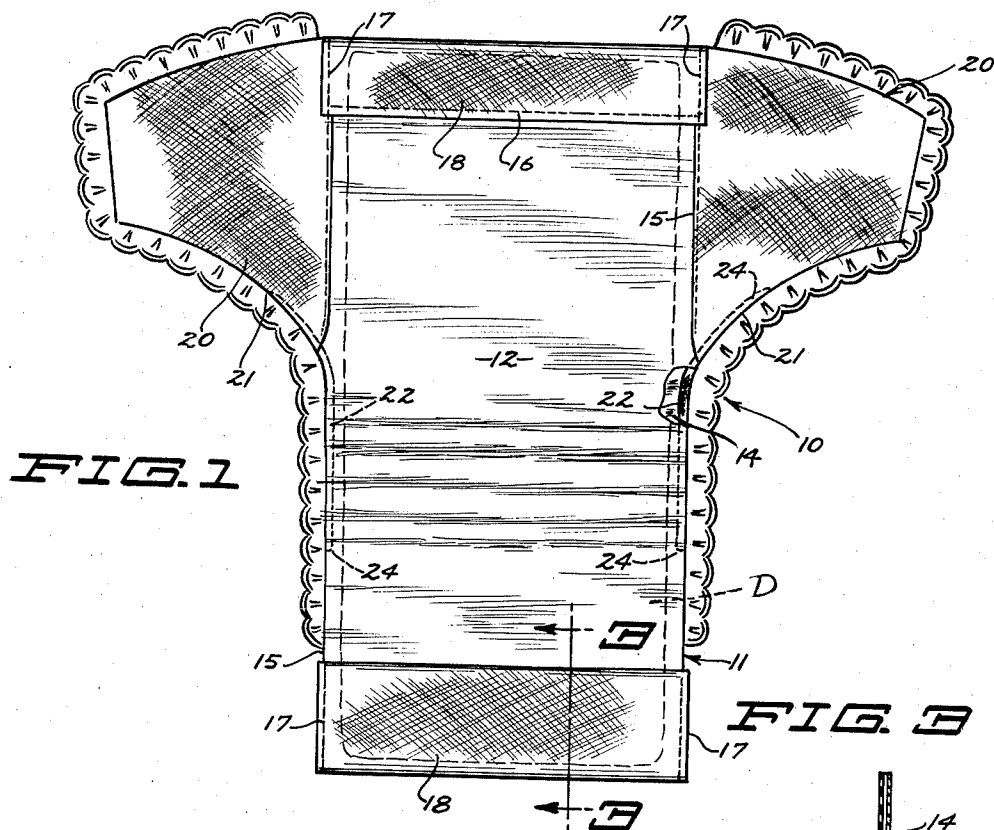
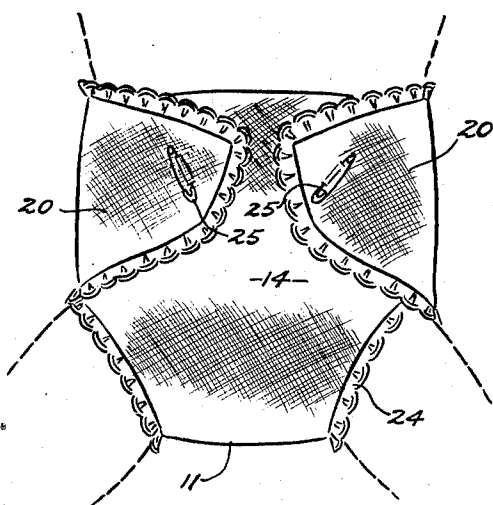
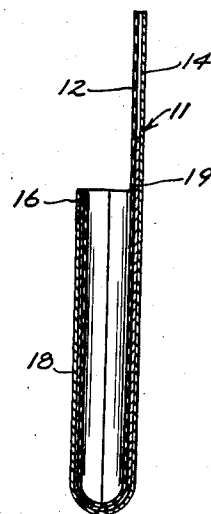


FIG. 2

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This invention relates to diaper holding garments for infants.

The principal object of the invention is to provide a new and improved garment for securely holding a diaper pad in the desired position around the crotch area of the infant.

Another object of the invention is to provide a diaper holding garment for infants which is yieldable in the area of its engagement with the infant's legs so as not to bind or impair freedom of movement.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a diaper holder for infants in which a diaper pad can be quickly and easily inserted or removed and which can be quickly secured around the torso of the infant.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a diaper holder which is moisture proof, attractive in appearance, easily laundered, and yet which may be manufactured at a relatively low cost.

With these and still additional objects in view my improved diaper holding garment broadly comprises a main section of generally rectangular design, a pair of opposing pockets disposed one at each end of the main section and opening toward each other for receiving and holding the opposite ends of a diaper pad placed against the section, a pair of side sections attached to and extending laterally from opposite sides of the main section adjacent one end of the main section, each side section having one edge joining the side edge of the main section to form a continuous crotch engaging garment edge on the central portion of each side of the garment, and each of said crotch engaging garment edges having an elastic element embodied therein for longitudinal elasticity of the garment along said edges.

The above mentioned and still additional objects of the invention will be brought to light during the course of the following specification reference being made to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the holder in open or spread condition with the position of a diaper pad to be inserted therein shown in broken lines.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the garment applied to the body of an infant.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged fragmentary section through one end of the holder taken along line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings reference characters will be used to denote like parts or structural features of the garment in the different views. The holder is designated generally by the numeral 10. It comprises a body or main section 11 which is of generally elongated rectangular design and a pair of wing-like side sections 20 attached to the sides of the main section adjacent one end thereof for securing the holder about the lower body of the infant.

Explaining the construction in greater detail, the body or center section 11 is formed of an inner sheet 12 of rubber sheeting or similar impervious material arranged to overlay an outer fabric sheet 14. The sheets 12 and 14, both of which are substantially rectangular, are

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stitched together along their mating side marginal edges as at 15 and end marginal edges as at 16. The end portions of the section 11 so formed are folded inwardly over themselves and stitched again along the side edges as at 17 to form pockets 18 at the ends of the section, the pockets opening inwardly toward the center of the section. For convenience in description the upper end of the center section 11 as shown in Fig. 1 and the pocket therein formed will be referred to as the rear end and rear pocket while the same features shown at the lower end of such figure will be referred to as the forward end or forward pocket.

The two pockets 18 opening toward one another are adapted to jointly hold a diaper pad D flatly against the inner surface of the section 11. A small liner sheet 19 (Fig. 3) of fabric material is stitched intermediate the portions of sheets 12 and 14 which form the lower or front pocket 18. The purpose of sheet 19 will be subsequently described.

The rear portion of the center section 11 has a pair of wing-like garment securing or wrap around sections 20 attached thereto and extending laterally from each side thereof on the plane of the body when the garment is opened flatly as in Fig. 1. Sections 20 are preferably formed of a double layer of fabric the outer layer, if desired, being an extension of the fabric sheet 14.

It is important to note that the lower edge 21 of each flap or section 20 is configured to extend into the side edge of the body 11 at an obtuse angle but curving somewhat to join the body on a continuous smoothly curving line. It is this edge of the garment which generally causes the greatest binding discomfort around the infant's legs. To eliminate this difficulty I have provided a construction wherein this edge is yieldable. A strip 22 of elastic webbing is mounted along each of such edges within the garment between the inner and outer sheets. This strip is anchored within the garment by having its ends stitched thereto as denoted at 24 and it will be noted that the mounting is such that when the strips 22 are in their normal retracted condition the central portion of the body 11 will be gathered somewhat as shown by the wrinkles in Fig. 1. The free edges of wing sections 20 and the side edges of the body 11 may be provided with an ornamental edging 24 to increase the attractiveness of the garment.

Use of the garment to secure a diaper pad in position against the body of an infant will be readily understood. A diaper pad D of cloth or suitable moisture absorbent material is folded or otherwise formed to substantially the same size as the center section 11 of the garment. The pad is placed against the inner sheet 12 of the garment and the ends of the pad are inserted into the pockets 18 at each end of the section 11. The infant is then laid with his lower body portion upon the pad and the front portion of the center section is passed between the legs and upwardly over the front of the body while the sections 20 are wrapped around the sides of the body and pinned to the center section by pins 25. The garment has then been mounted as shown in Fig. 2.

The intermediate sheet 19 at the front end portion of the garment serves as a medium for anchoring the pins 25 eliminating the necessity of puncturing the moisture proof liner 12.

The wrap around tabs or sections 20 hold the garment securely in place about the body and, inasmuch as the belt-line of the garment includes the pockets 18, the diaper pad will be securely retained therein.

The elastic strips 22, which have only their ends secured, of course allow the crotch engaging marginal edges of the holder to yield and stretch considerably for increased comfort and freedom of the wearer in the crotch area. Furthermore elasticity of these edges will assure

their constant engagement with the leg for complete concealment of the diaper.

It will be understood that the diaper can be readily changed when soiled or damp and a fresh one replaced in the garment. The garment is accordingly convenient, comfortable, secure and attractive and fully carries out the aforementioned objectives.

It is understood that suitable modifications may be made in the structure as disclosed, provided such modifications come within the spirit and scope of the appended claim. Having now therefore fully illustrated and described my invention, what I claim to be new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A diaper holding garment for infants comprising a flat elongated generally rectangular body, a pair of wing sections attached to the longer sides of the body at opposite sides thereof and adjacent one end thereof, the outer edge of each wing section joining the side edge of the body at an obtuse angle near the longitudinal center of the

body, said body and wing sections each being formed of double sheets of material secured together in overlaying relation, and a strip of longitudinally elastic material disposed between the sheets at each side of the garment to extend along the side edge of the body and the outer edge of the wing section, said strip having one end attached to the body section and the other end attached to the wing section for yieldability of the garment in the area of junction between the body and wing section and one of the sheets in the body being formed of fabric and the other sheet being formed of moisture impervious rubber sheeting.

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