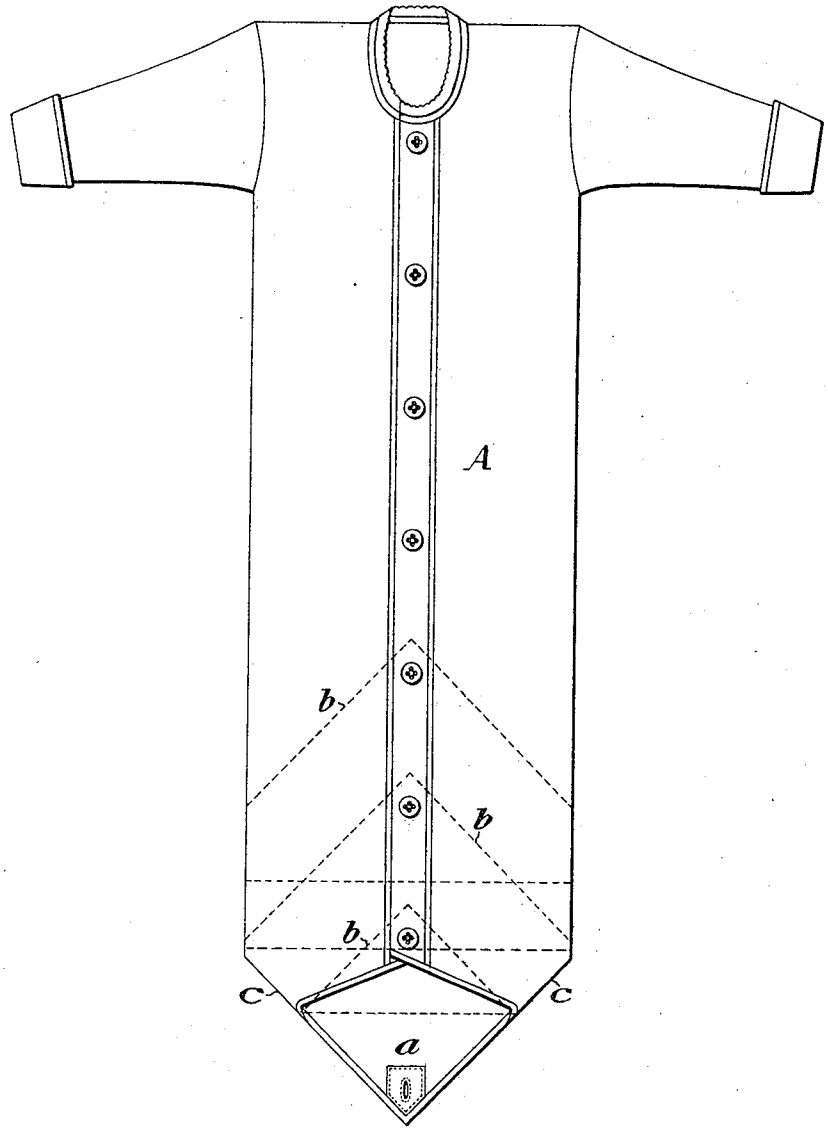
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FIG. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, GUSTAV A. SCHNEEBELI and KATE A. WERLE, citizens of the United States, residing at Nazareth, in the county of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Infant's Garment, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

Our invention consists in a knit garment of a size suitable for infants or young children, constructed substantially as a tube, open at the front and having an opening at the neck and laterally-projecting sleeves, while the lower part forms a flap, reaching below the feet of the wearer and capable of being closed by lapping over to the desired extent, thus protecting the feet from cold. This flap may be secured at any one of a plurality of points, so as to vary the length of the garment according to the stature of the wearer. Thus freedom of motion is permitted while the requisite warmth is secured, and, furthermore, the interior is readily accessible, where, as in the case of young infants, it is frequently necessary to change other garments.

In the accompanying drawing the figure represents a front view of a garment embodying our invention.

A is the main or body portion of the garment. It is made of ordinary knit fabric, preferably rib-knitting, and is seamless at the back and open along the central line in front from top to bottom, buttons and buttonholes being provided along the overlapping edges to close the garment. At the top the neck-opening or collar is formed, and sleeves of any desired length are inserted. This body portion is prolonged downwardly to a sufficient length to completely envelop the feet of the wearer. Under ordinary circumstances this entails a length of from two to three feet. At the lower end the bottom projects at the back in the form of a flap *a*. The varying positions of this flap when buttoned so as to close the opening at the bottom of the garment are shown by the dotted lines *b b b*. It will be observed that the same buttons which are used to close the front of the garment also serve to fasten the flap and that the length of the garment when closed simply depends upon which of these buttons is employed for the fastening of the flap, so that the length can be regulated at all times according to circumstances. We prefer to lessen the width of the flap by forming a seam or union at each side of the bottom for a portion of the opening, as indicated at *c c* in the drawing. This lessens the ingress of cold air at the lower corners when the flap is buttoned over.

It will be seen that with the exception of the sleeves the entire garment may be formed of one piece of knit goods and that all parts are soft and flexible.

The garment is readily put on or taken off and does not in any way impede the movements of the wearer.

Having thus described our invention, we claim—

As an article of wearing-apparel for infants, a knit garment in the form of a tube open down the entire front, provided with collar and sleeves, prolonged downwardly below the feet of the wearer, and provided with a flap at the rear to close it at the bottom, together with buttons or similar means for closing the garment in front and for fixing the flap so as to close the bottom of the garment to any desired length, substantially as described.

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