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FIG. 1.

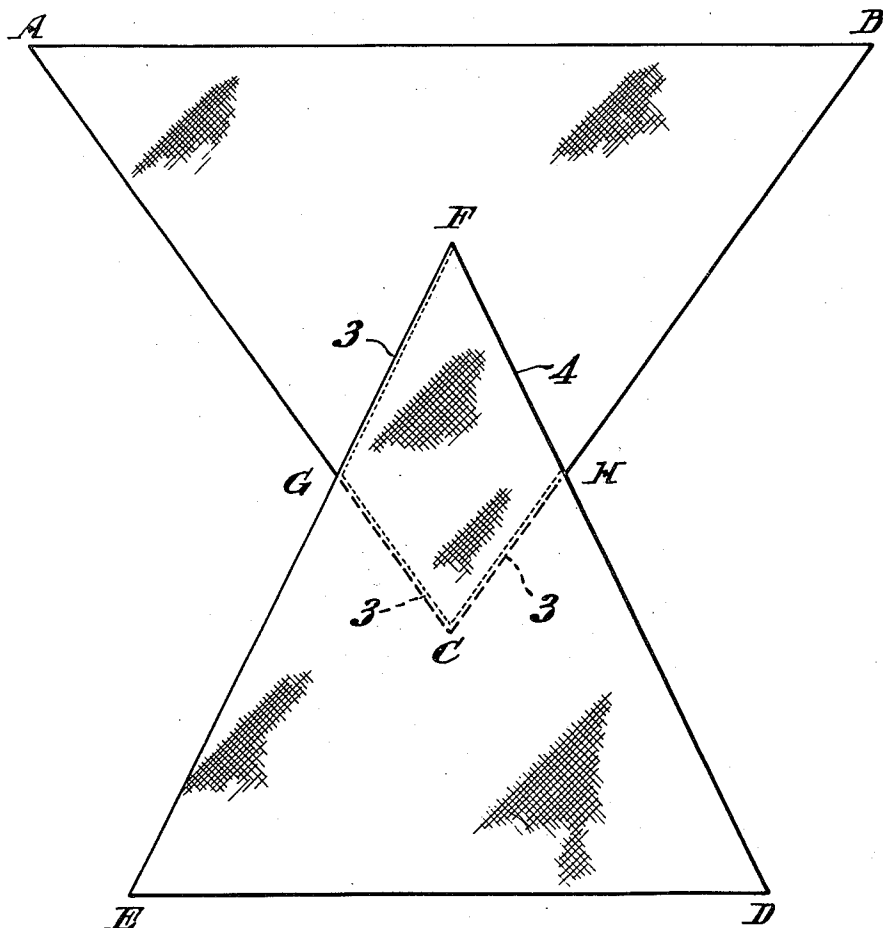
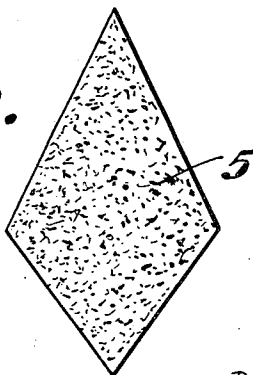


FIG. 2.



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This invention relates to a baby's napkin, and has for its object to effect economy as to the quantity of material used for the production of the napkin, to provide a napkin which can be applied for use more easily and conveniently than the orthodox square napkin and which will be more comfortable to the infant, and to provide accommodation in a simple manner for an absorbent pad or sheet which can be fitted and removed expeditiously.

According to the invention, a baby's napkin comprises two triangular pieces of flexible sheet material of an absorbent nature which are secured together with apex portions in overlapping relationship, the connection together of said pieces being along certain boundary edges, so that accommodation is afforded between said portions for an absorbent pad or sheet and an entrance is presented to the space between said portions for the insertion and removal of said pad or sheet.

In another aspect the invention comprises in combination with the napkin as above set forth, an absorbent pad or sheet shaped and dimensioned to be contained within the confines of the overlap of the triangular pieces when placed between them.

In a convenient embodiment of the invention the overlapping portions are secured together along three edges to form a pocket, the remaining edge being left free to afford an entrance to said pocket for the insertion and removal of the absorbent pad or sheet.

One of the triangular pieces may have, at the overlap, a more acute angle than applies in respect of the other piece, resulting in a diamond-shaped overlap having two edges longer than the remaining edges, in which case the securing together of the pieces may be carried out along two short edges and one long edge to leave the remaining longer edge free, the pocket which is thus formed tapering from its entrance towards the opposite edge to facilitate the insertion and removal of the absorbent pad or sheet. Alternatively, one of the shorter edges may be the one which is left free to form the pocket entrance.

A napkin according to an embodiment of the invention will now be described and is shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is an elevation of the napkin shown flat, and

Figure 2 is an elevation of an absorbent pad or sheet for use with the napkin shown in Figure 1.

The napkin shown is produced from two triangular pieces 1, 2 made of towelling or other suitable flexible sheet material of an absorbent nature. Each of said pieces is of isosceles triangular shape, the base lines of the triangles being the lines E—D and A—B respectively. The pieces 1 and 2 are arranged with their apex portions (remote from their base lines) in overlapping relationship, and they are stitched or otherwise secured together along the three edges denoted by reference 3, the pieces being left free at the remaining edge 4. In this manner

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there is produced a diamond-shaped pocket having an entrance at the edge 4. This pocket serves to receive the absorbent pad or sheet 5 (Figure 2), said pad or sheet being made of any suitable highly absorbent material such as gauze-covered cellulose tissue. This pad or sheet 5 has a diamond configuration approximately in correspondence with the pocket and is of a size to occupy substantially the space within the pocket, but in the preferred construction shown the pocket tapers from its entrance towards its opposite edge, thereby to facilitate the insertion and removal of said pad or sheet 5.

The aforesaid taper of the pocket defined by the lines 3 and 4 is due to the fact that the overlapped apex portion of the piece 1 has a more acute angle than the apex portion of piece 2. In this connection it will be seen that the base line E—D of piece 1 is shorter than the base line A—B of piece 2. In practice it is convenient to make the sides E—F and D—F of the piece 1 equal in length to the sides A—C and B—C of the piece 2, and by way of example the length of these sides may be 15 inches, the base line A—B being 18 inches and the base line E—D 13½ inches.

It is intended for the piece 1 to serve as the front of the napkin, the piece 2 becoming the back, the overlap taking up a position below the crotch. The napkin is secured in place by bringing the corners at A and B into positions to overlap the corners at E and D respectively, and securing by safety pins or otherwise. It will be appreciated that there is an ample body of absorbent material beneath the crotch but no undue bulk of material elsewhere.

It will be apparent that waste can be substantially avoided in cutting out identical triangles for successive napkins in relatively reversed order.

I claim:

1. A baby's napkin comprising two triangular pieces of flexible sheet material of an absorbent nature which are secured together with apex portions in overlapping relationship, said overlapping portions being secured together along three edges to form a pocket for the reception of an absorbent pad or sheet, and the remaining edge being left free to afford an entrance to said pocket for the insertion and removal of said absorbent pad or sheet.

2. In combination, a baby's napkin as claimed in claim 1 and a pad or sheet of absorbent material contained in the pocket of said napkin.

3. A baby's napkin comprising two triangular pieces of flexible sheet material of an absorbent nature which are secured together with apex portions in overlapping relationship, one of said apex portions having a more acute angle than the other resulting in a diamond-shaped overlap having two long edges and two short edges, said pieces being secured together along two short edges and one long edge to form a pocket for the reception of an absorbent pad or sheet, and the remaining long edge being left free to afford an entrance to said pocket for the insertion and removal of said absorbent pad or sheet, said insertion and removal being facilitated by the fact that said pocket tapers from its entrance towards its opposite edge.

4. In combination, a baby's napkin as claimed in claim 3 and a pad or sheet of absorbent material contained in the pocket of said napkin.

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