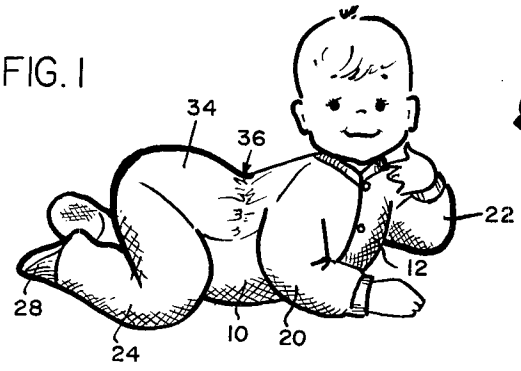
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FIG. 1



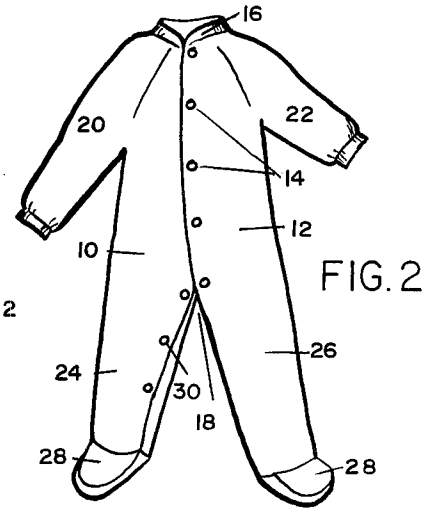


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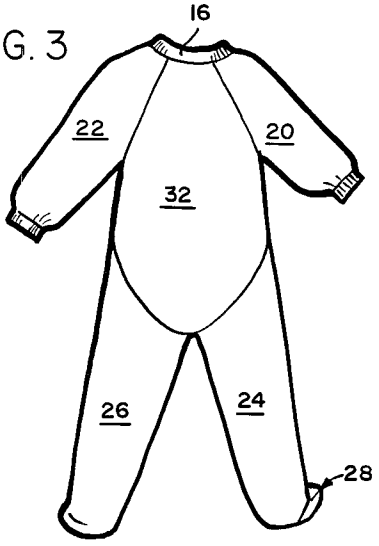
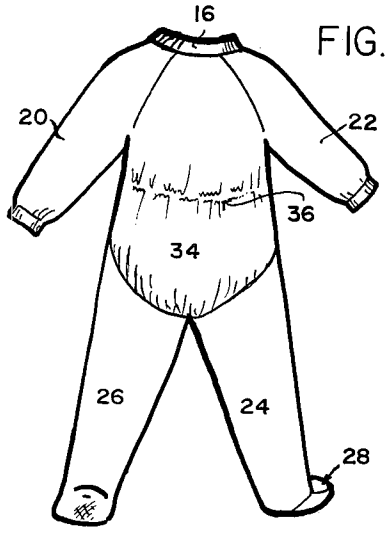


FIG. 4



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This invention relates to an overall garment, and more particularly to a child's sleeping garment of the nature of one-piece pajamas.

It is intended that this garment be particularly useful for infants who wear diapers and it is a prime object of the invention to provide in an overall garment a construction which, in the finished garment, has a built-in fullness that without undue stretching permits the garment to cover the child wearing rather bulky diapers.

In the accompanying drawing is shown a preferred form of the invention. Like numbers designate like parts throughout the several views of the drawings. In the drawings the FIGURE 1 is a sketch of an infant wearing a garment according to this invention. FIGURE 2 is a front view of a garment in which the invention may be incorporated. FIGURE 3 is a rear view of the garment showing the invention and FIGURE 4 is a rear view of the garment showing the invention in modified form.

Referring to FIGURE 2, the overall garment comprises a front panel formed of parts **10** and **12**, the adjacent edges of which overlap and are crossed by detachable fasteners **14** which may, of course, be buttons or snap fasteners or the equivalent. Each front panel includes a waist portion located approximately midway between the neck **16** of the garment and the crotch **18**. At the upper extremity of each of the front panels in the shoulder area a sleeve is joined, the same being designated **20** and **22**, respectively. Beneath the waist portion of each panel is an integral leg **24** and **26**, respectively, each of which may have a built-in foot **28**. Or the same may be omitted, as desired. The in seam **30** of each of the legs is preferably detachable-fastener closed from approximately the angle of each leg to and through the crotch of the garment. By this arrangement an infant's diapers may be changed without fully removing the garment.

The feature of this garment which, in combination with conventional elements like arms, front panels and integral legs attached thereto is an oval-shaped back panel **32**, best seen in FIGURE 3. This panel having its major axis extending from the neck **16** to the crotch **18**, is at its periphery joined by a continuous seam of stitching rearwardly at each side to the waist portions of the front panels; rearwardly at each side to the sleeves **20** and **22**, and therebetween to the collar band **16** at the nape of the neck. Additionally, back panel **32** by the same continuous seam described above is joined to the upper rear portions of the legs **24** and **26**. The minor axis of the back panel **22** extends across the garment and is greater in width than the width of said panel at its lateral center line and is disposed beneath the lateral center line of the back panel.

It has been found that by cutting the back panel **32** in the shape of an oval and by insuring that its width is substantially equal to the lateral width of the garment

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provided by front panels **10** and **12** in the waist portion a garment as has been described will have a fullness in the seat area which adequately accommodates the padded rear end of a diapered infant. Also panel **32** imparts a fullness across the back in the shoulder area tending to provide freedom of arm movement that is not ordinarily available with more conventional garments.

In FIGURE 4 a modification is illustrated in that the back panel **34** is gathered or pleated at **36** in the waist area. Such gathering is preferably resilient and is best accomplished by use of a row of stitching in which an elastic thread is used.

The back oval panel, plain **32** or resiliently tucked together **34**, provides the infant or child with a greater freedom than available previously as he or she actively moves about in this oval back overall garment, which is made from stretchable and other type fabrics.

1. An overall garment formed of stretchable fabric, comprising:

means forming a fastener-closed, two-part, front panel including a waist portion, each part having a leg covering portion integral therewith; each said leg covering portion extending to the rear and terminating approximately where the wearer's leg joins the buttocks;

a sleeve extending outward from the upper outer side of each said front panel above said waist portion; the rear of each sleeve terminating approximately where the wearer's arm joins the body;

an oval-shaped unitary back panel disposed in opposition to said front panel and peripherally joined by a continuous seam, rearwardly to each said leg termination, to each said sleeve termination, and to the outer side of each said waist portion of said two-part front panel; and

said oval-shaped panel having its major axis extending from the neck of the garment to the crotch and being of a length in said extension greater than the length of the front panel from the garment neck to the crotch, and the minor axis of said back panel being disposed across said garment beneath the horizontal center line of said back panel and being greater than the width of said panel at said center line.

2. The structure, according to claim **1** in which the oval-shaped back panel is resiliently gathered laterally from edge to edge at the waist of the garment.

3. The structure, according to claim **1** in which the inseam of the bifurcated leg covering means is separable-fastener closed from side to side in the crotch area.

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