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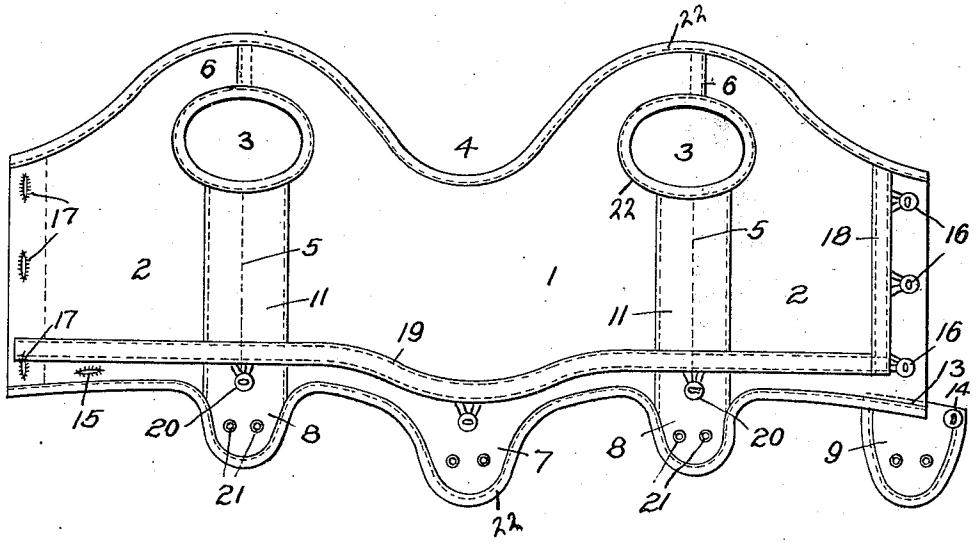
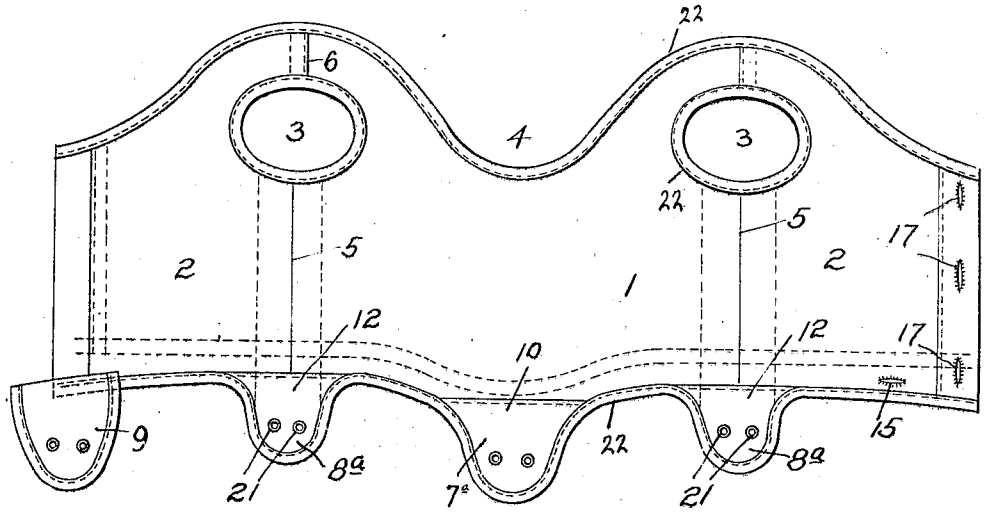


FIG.2.



WITNESSES

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ESTHER LASNER, a resident of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Children's Underwaists, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combination underwaist and garment supporter designed especially for infants and provided with means for securing and holding the napkin and hose, and with further means for holding undergarments such as drawers and the like.

The object of the invention is to provide a garment of this character which is simple, easy to put on and take off, easy to launder, which neatly fits the body, which is durable and which efficiently and securely holds the napkin and other undergarments.

In the accompanying drawing Fig. 1 is an outside view of the garment spread open to as nearly flat position as it will assume, and Fig. 2 is a similar view of the inside thereof.

The body portion of the garment is formed in three pieces, namely a front piece 1 and two side or rear pieces 2. By making the body in three pieces it can be fashioned or shaped to neatly fit the body of the infant. These pieces are so cut as to form armholes 3 and a neck opening 4. The pieces are secured together by vertical lines of stitching 5, directly underneath the armholes 3, and invisible or similar seams 6, covered with reinforcement above the armholes uniting the parts which form the shoulder straps or bands.

The body is provided on its lower edge with four tabs, to-wit, a front tab 7, two side tabs 8, one directly underneath each armhole, and a rear tab 9. The cloth forming the front portion 1 is extended downwardly to form the front tab 7, and said tab is reinforced by an additional piece 7^a of the same size and shape as the tab, stitched thereto on the inside of the garment, and also stitched to the body portion by the horizontal seam 10. On the outside of the body, directly underneath the armholes, are reinforced strips 11 of considerable width, which cover the seams 5 and have their edges stitched to the body by smooth seams. These strips are extended downwardly below the lower edge of the body to form the side tabs 8, which are reinforced by means of pieces 8^a applied to the inside and of the same size and shape as the tabs, said pieces being stitched to the tabs 8, and also to the body by horizontal lines of stitching 12. The strips or bands 11 therefore serve the triple purpose of reinforcing the garment underneath the armholes, where the strains are heaviest, covering the seams 5, and forming the tabs 8.

The rear tab 9 is formed of two pieces of fabric, stitched together, and secured to the lower edge of the body at one side thereof, by a line of stitching 13, and project beyond said side of the body, so that when the garment is closed, this tab is overlapped by the opposite side of the body. It is secured to said opposite side by means of a button 14 on the tab and a cooperating buttonhole 15 near the lower edge of the opposite side of the body.

The free sides of the body are formed into wide hems, and provided with suitable fastening means, the means shown comprising buttons 16 at one side of the body, and cooperating buttonholes 17 on the other side of the body. Preferably the buttons 16 will be secured by means of loops of tape or narrow binding, which pass through the holes and the button, the ends of which are secured in place by means of an overlapping tape or band 18 stitched to the body portion 2. Near the lower edge of the body, slightly above its lower edge is a reinforcing tape or band 19, stitched to the body and extending from side to side, and which also serves as a means for the attachment of garment supporting buttons 20, which, like the buttons 16, are fastened in place by loops of binding or tape, extending underneath the reinforcing band and secured in place by the latter. These buttons 20 are placed one at the front and one at each side, and provide means for securing drawers or other undergarments to the waist. The lowermost of the buttons 16, at the rear of the garment when it is closed, serves the dual function of one of the buttons for securing the sides of the waist together, and also as one of the buttons for supporting an undergarment.

Preferably the tabs will be provided with eyelets 21, for receiving safety pins for securing the napkin and hose, which eyelets can be either holes with buttonhole stitching around their edges, or metal or other more rigid eyelets.

The top and bottom edges of the body and tabs, as well as the edges surrounding the

arm holes have binding 22, of tape or braid stitched thereto in the usual way.

The garment has been described as closing in the back, but obviously it can be made to close at the front. In that case the integral tab 7 will be at the back and the overlapping tab 9 will be at the front.

The garment described is of simple construction, can be very readily made, can be shaped so as to neatly fit the infant's body, can be easily laundered, will securely hold the napkin and other garments in place, even upon a very active infant, and furthermore is very durable, being well reinforced at all points where the severe strains come.

I claim:

1. A waist having a main body portion comprising a strip of fabric having two opposite edges with cut out portions intermediate the upper and lower parts of said edges, two end portions each comprising a strip of fabric and each having an edge provided with a cut out portion intermediate the upper and lower portions of said edge, stitches forming a seam connecting one of said edges of said main body portion to the edge of one of said end portions above and below their cut out portions and stitches forming a seam connecting the other edge of said main body portion to the edge of the other end portion above and below their cut out portions and seam covering reinforcing strips connected to the waist at both sides of said connected edges and extending substantially from the cut out portions to a point below the lower edge of said waist to provide a tab.

2. A supporting waist comprising pieces of fabric united by a seam extending from a point intermediate the upper and lower edges of said waist to the lower edge thereof and having on one face of said waist a reinforcing strip of fabric extending across said seam from a point intermediate the upper and lower edges of said waist to a point substantially below the lower edge thereof, said reinforcing strip being connected to the waist on both sides of said seam and a second reinforcing strip connected to the first reinforcing strip below the lower edge of the waist and connected to the lower edge of the waist on the other face of the waist.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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