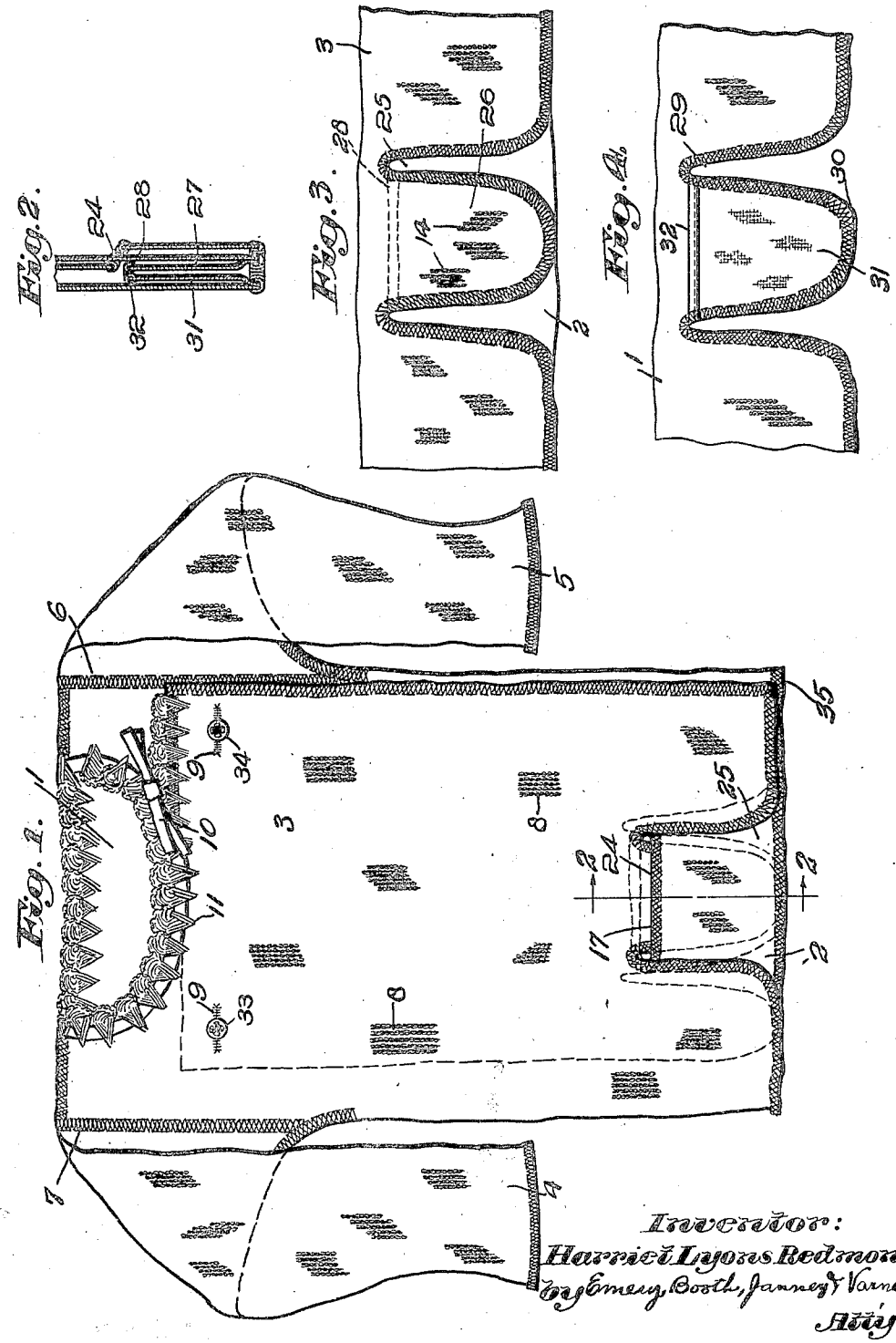
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRIET LYONS REDMOND, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Infants' Garments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like characters on the drawings representing like parts.

This invention relates to infants' garments, and particularly to infants' shirts, to the lower end of which a diaper or the like is to be attached.

In order that the principle of the invention may be readily understood, I have disclosed a single embodiment thereof in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the front of the garment;

Fig. 2 is a detail in vertical section upon the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the front of the lower part of the garment shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a similar view of the back of such garment.

The garment of my invention may be made of any suitable material, but it is preferably of knitted material. As herein shown it comprises a back 1 and overlapping front pieces 2, 3 with sleeves 4, 5, the latter being desirably seamed to the body portion at 6, 7. The wales 8 of the garment desirably extend lengthwise the garment so as to render it highly elastic transversely. The front portion 2 is provided with buttons 33, 34 and the front portion 3 is provided with buttonholes 9 near the neck portion of the garment. If desired, one or more other buttons may be used preferably in vertical alignment with the button 34. Desirably the garment is provided with a draw string or tape 10 passing about the neck and held in place in any suitable manner, as by an ornamental border 11. I am aware that it has heretofore been proposed to provide the lower part of an infant's shirt or like garment at front and rear with tabs to which a diaper or the like is adapted to be attached. I am also aware that it has been proposed to provide an overlapping front portion of an infant's garment with a transverse slit through which such a tab is adapted to be passed. I have provided improved means whereby not only is the diaper securely held in place and the garment is held without wrinkling, but the normal or desirable elasticity of the garment is in no way impaired and no extra pressure or unevenness is brought against any part of the infant's body.

In order to accomplish the purpose herein set forth I provide the underlying front portion 2 of the garment with a transverse slit 24. The overlying front portion 3 herein is provided with a reentrant portion 25 from the upper end of which depends a tongue or tab 26 of substantially the full width of the reentrant portion and adapted to be inserted through said slit 24. The wales 14 of said tab extend lengthwise thereof, that is, in the same direction of the wales of the body of the garment. Said slit 24 is desirably of a little greater width than the tab 26 so that the latter can be readily inserted therein. The rim of the slit 24 is reenforced by over-casting or over-seaming 17 thus providing an extremely elastic edge permitting the part 2 of the garment to be stretched as freely at the zone of the slit 24 as at any other point.

The tongue or tab 26 in the present form of my invention is provided with a reenforcing or lining piece 27 of like area which may be of either knitted or woven material, it being elastically seamed at its edges to the tongue or tab 26, but desirably free therefrom at its upper edge 28 where it is elastically seamed, especially if it be of knitted material. In this manner I provide a garment that is substantially equally expansible at all points.

Similarly the back 1 of the garment is provided with reentrant portion 29 from which depends a tongue or tab 30 desirably similar to the tongue or tab 26 and having a lining or reenforce 31 of knitted or woven material and provided at its upper edge with elastic seaming 32. Both said lining or reenforcing pieces 27 and 31 are elastically seamed at all their edges, except their upper edges, to the tongues or tabs 26 and 30 respectively. Thus the back of the garment is substantially equally elastic throughout and is of substantially the same elasticity as the entire front of the garment. The diaper, not shown herein, is adapted

to be secured desirably by safety pins to the tongues or tabs 26 and 30.

As herein shown, the buttons 33, 34 are attached to the under front part 2, which herein is the part having the transverse slit 24. This construction is possible because of the provision of the reentrant or cut-out 25. It will be clearly understood that by reason of the passage of the tab 26 through the slit 24 the garment is held without wrinkling as said tab aids in securing the smooth positioning of the parts 2, 3 of the front of the garment. In addition to this, moreover, there is no roughness or stiffness at the inner side or face of the garment either at front or rear and moreover the entire garment is highly elastic throughout and substantially equally elastic at all points.

Desirably the entire edge of the garment is provided with an over-casting edge or reenforcement 35 which in no wise interferes with the normal elasticity of the garment.

Having thus described one illustrative embodiment of my invention, I desire it to be understood that although specific terms are employed, they are used in a generic or descriptive sense and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the invention being set forth in the following claims.

Claims:

1. An infant's shirt having overlapping front portions, the under portion being provided near its lower end with a transverse slit and the upper portion being provided near its lower end with a reentrant or cut-out having a depending tab to be passed through said transverse slit for the attachment of a diaper or the like.

2. An infant's shirt having overlapping front portions, the under portion being provided at its lower end with a transverse slit and the upper portion with a reentrant or cut-out 25 having a tab 26 of substantially the width of said cut-out and adapted to be passed through said transverse slit, the back of the garment having attached thereto a tab 30, said tabs being adapted to have a diaper or the like attached thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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