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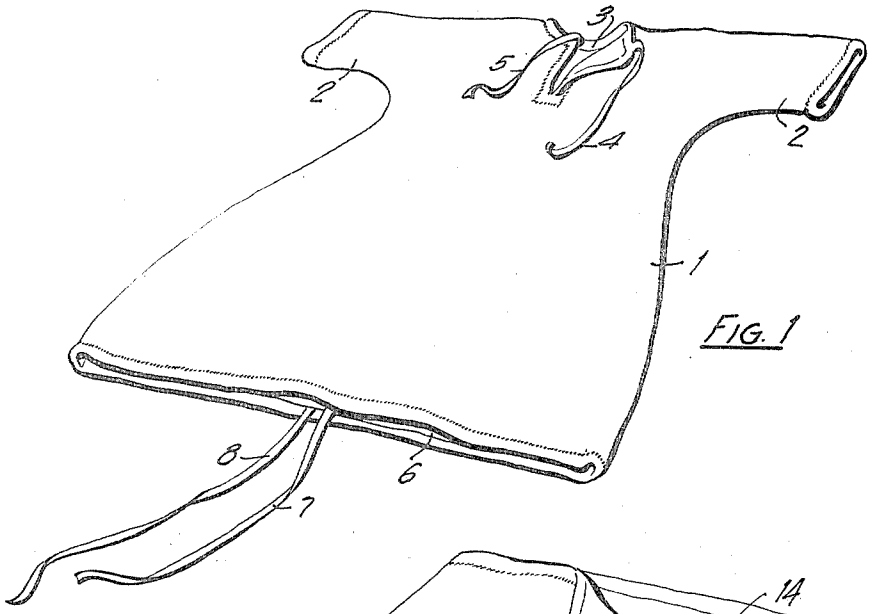


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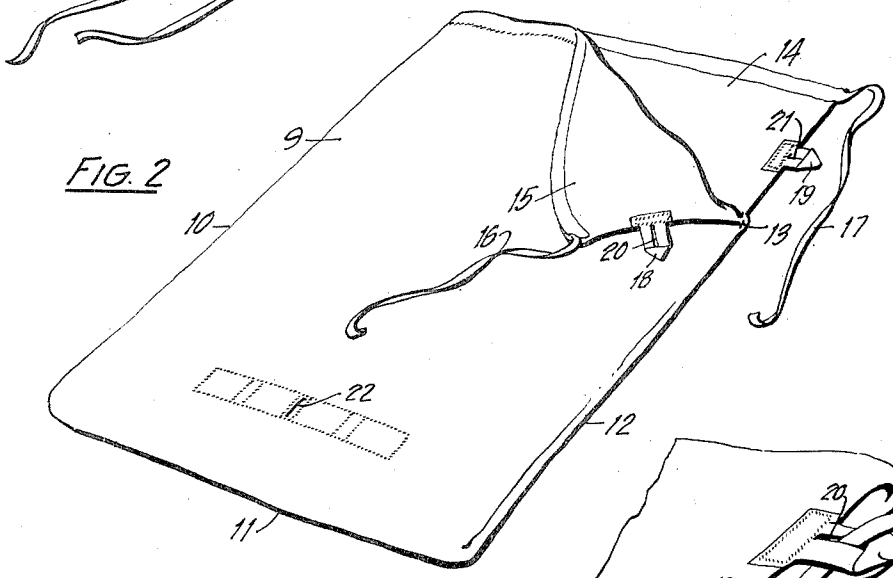


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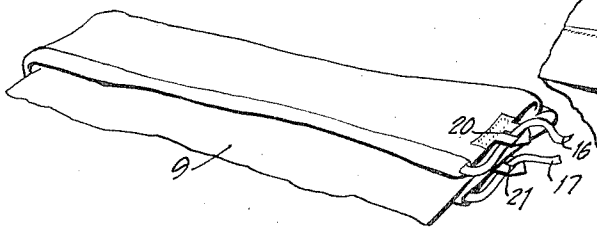


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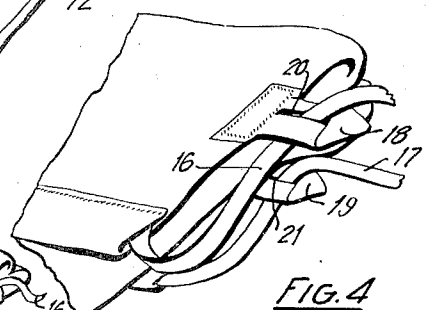


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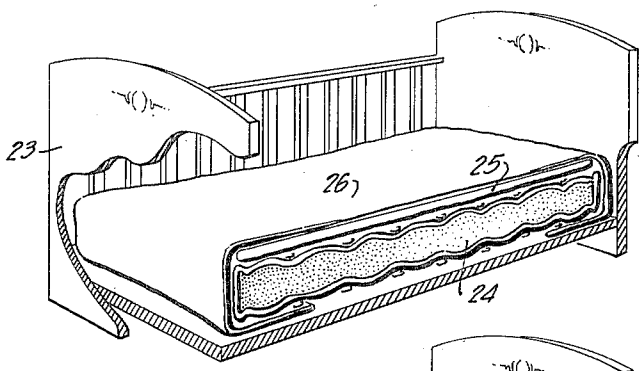


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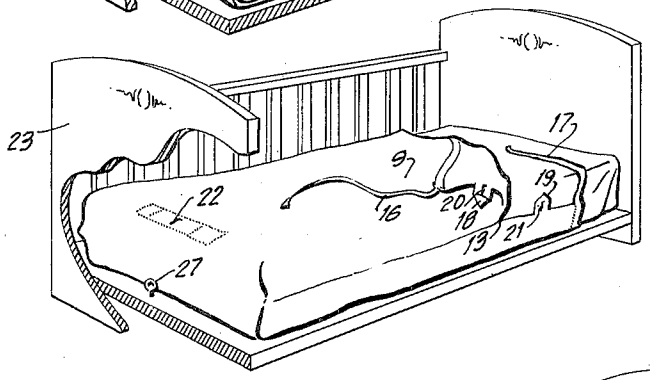


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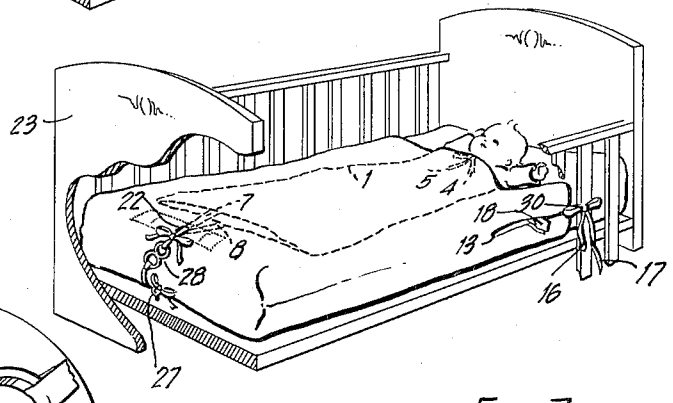


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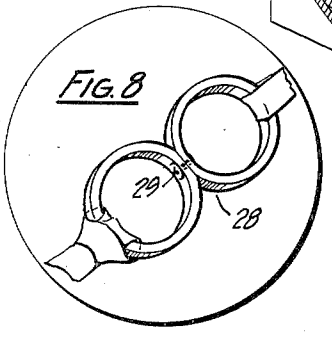


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My invention relates to infants' garments and particularly to a new and useful set of garments in which a child may be enclosed while in a crib or the like.

It is well known that considerable difficulty is usually experienced in keeping an infant or small child properly covered while sleeping or lying in a crib. The various expedients which have been employed in the past for keeping the infant or child so covered have prevented free bodily movements as well as free movements of his arms and legs.

Therefore, the principal object of my invention is to provide a simple, comparatively cheap set of garments or coverings for a child when in a crib or the like, which will positively insure that he will remain properly covered and yet will not interfere with the free movements of the arms, hands, and legs or prevent the child from changing his position from time to time, as by rolling over and over, or turning from side to side.

I accomplish these objects by means of the novel elements and the combinations and arrangements thereof described below and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a gown element;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of an envelope element;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary, perspective view of the envelope element showing how it may be folded and secured in folded position to vary the height or depth thereof;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged, fragmentary, perspective view similar to Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view partially in section of a crib;

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary, perspective view of a crib showing my envelope element applied to the mattress;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view similar to Fig. 6 but showing an infant positioned in the crib; and

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary, perspective view of a detail.

Referring to the drawings—

My invention comprises a gown 1, preferably provided with comparatively short sleeves 2 and having a neck opening 3 in the top thereof which is provided with tapes 4 and 5 for tying the gown around the neck of the infant. The bottom of the gown is open, as shown at 6, and attached to the central portion of the bottom on the front and back, respectively, thereof, are tapes 7 and 8, the function of which will be described below.

The other element of my invention comprises a bag-like envelope 9 which is entirely closed

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along one side 10, along the bottom 11, and along the other side 12 from the bottom to a point 13 adjacent the open top 14 so that the upper side may be folded back, as shown at 15 in Fig. 2. The upper and lower sides of the envelope at the corners adjacent the partially open side are provided with tapes 16 and 17, and intermediate these corners and the point 13, where the side of the envelope begins to be closed, the upper and lower sides of the envelope are provided with tabs 18 and 19 which are stitched thereto and provided with buttonholes 20 and 21 adapted to pass the tapes 16 and 17, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Thus, when the upper portion of the envelope 9 is folded downwardly, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, the tapes 16 and 17 may be passed through the buttonholes 20 and 21 and tied together to hold the upper portion of the envelope in downfolded position. The upper side of the envelope in the center thereof, and adjacent the closed bottom is provided with a button hole 22, the function of which will be described below.

In Fig. 5, I have shown a fragmentary portion of a crib 23 having the usual mattress 24 thereon, the usual pad 25 and a sheet 26 overlying the pad.

In order to apply my invention thereto, the envelope 9 is slipped over the mattress, pad, and overlying sheet, as shown in Fig. 6, and the infant, with the gown 1 thereon, is slipped between the upper side of the envelope and the sheet, as shown in Fig. 7. The tapes 7 and 8 are passed through the buttonhole 22 in the envelope and tied, either directly to the screw eye 27 in the bottom of the crib, or to one of a pair of rings 28 which are pivotally connected together at 29 (see Fig. 8); the other ring of the pair being tied to the screw eye 27. The tapes 16 and 17 may be tied to the side of the crib, as shown at 30 in Fig. 7, to hold the opening in the side of the envelope closed.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that the tapes 7 and 8, which are secured directly or indirectly to the screw eye in the bottom of the crib, will hold the gown element beneath the upper side of the envelope so that the child cannot crawl or otherwise move out of the envelope. However, the fact that the gown, with the child therein, is held within the envelope, does not prevent the child from turning over and over an unlimited number of times since the tapes 7 and 8 will merely become twisted together if they are tied directly to the screw eye 27, and, if they are tied through the pair of rings 28, as illustrated in Fig. 7, the rings will form a swivel connection

which will tend to prevent the twisting of the tapes 7 and 8. The infant's hands are free to handle toys and take care of such small needs as rubbing the eyes, scratching, holding a nursing bottle, etc. The infant may move his feet and legs up and down inside of the gown for exercise and change of position but he cannot bring his feet up over the edge of the envelope and thus free himself of the bed clothes.

The gown and elements may be made of various material such as flannel or knitwear for use in cold weather, or muslin or light knitwear for use in summer and, of course, additional coverings, such as blankets, may be placed over the envelope.

The fact that the gown element is open at the bottom makes it very convenient for toilet training the infant who can be readily removed from the crib by simply untying the tapes 7 and 8.

While I have described my invention in its preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the words which I have used are words of description rather than of limitation and that changes, within the purview of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the true scope and spirit of my invention in its broader aspects.

What I claim is:

1. A sleeping outfit for infants comprising a gown provided with a neck opening at the top, a pair of sleeves, and a tape having one end thereof secured to said gown adjacent the bottom thereof; and an envelope comprising a bag-like element open at the top and entirely separate from said gown; said element being of a size and length adapting it to be slipped lengthwise over a crib mattress to enclose said mattress from the foot to a zone adjacent the head thereof, and to overlie an infant wearing said gown when placed on said mattress and within said envelope; said envelope being provided adjacent the bottom thereof with an opening adapted to pass said tape; whereby an infant wearing said gown may be positioned within said envelope between the top thereof and said mattress, and be secured therein after said tape has been passed through the opening in said envelope and secured to said crib.

2. A sleeping outfit for infants comprising the combination with a gown, of a bag-like element open at one end and entirely separate from said gown; said element being of a size adapting it to be slipped lengthwise over a crib mattress to enclose said mattress from the foot thereof to a zone adjacent the head, and to overlie an infant wearing said gown when placed on said mattress and within said element; said gown being provided adjacent the bottom thereof with a tape having one end secured to said gown; and said bag-like element having an opening near the bottom thereof adapted to pass said tape; whereby, when an infant wearing said gown is positioned on said mattress and within said element, he may be secured therein after the free end of said tape has been passed through said opening and secured exterior of said bag-like element.

3. A sleeping outfit for infants comprising a bottomless gown, provided with sleeves and a neck opening at the top, and having a tape with one end thereof secured to the lower part of said gown; an envelope entirely separate from said gown, and having an opening at the top extending partially down one side thereof; said envelope

being of a size adapting it to be slipped over and to encase a cib mattress from the foot to a zone adjacent the head thereof and to overlie an infant wearing said gown when said infant is positioned on said mattress within said envelope; said envelope being provided adjacent the bottom thereof with an opening therein adapted to pass said tape and positioned to be centrally disposed in the upper side of said envelope when said envelope is on said mattress; whereby said infant may be secured within said envelope after said tape has been passed through said opening and secured exterior of said envelope.

4. The structure set forth in claim 1 in which said envelope is also provided with a side opening in a zone adjacent and communicating with the open end thereof; whereby one side of the top thereof, when on said mattress, may be folded back to facilitate placing the infant in said envelope; and said envelope is also provided with means for securing the portions thereof adjacent said side opening together to close said side opening.

5 The structure set forth in claim 3 in which the free corners of said envelope adjacent the opening in the side thereof are each provided with a tape secured at one end thereto; whereby said side opening may be closed at the top by tying said tapes together.

6. The structure set forth in claim 3 in which the free corners of said envelope adjacent the opening in the side thereof are each provided with a tape secured at one end thereto, and the marginal portions of said envelope defining the opening in the side thereof are provided in a zone intermediate the top and bottom of said side opening with eyelets adapted to pass said tapes; whereby said side opening may be closed by merely tying said tapes together, or by first down folding the top of said envelope until said eyelets are in opposed relation and then passing said tapes therethrough and tying them together.

7. A sleeping outfit for infants comprising a gown provided with a neck opening at the top, pair of sleeves, and a tape having one end thereof secured to said gown adjacent the bottom thereof; and an envelope comprising a bag-like element open at the top and entirely separate from said gown; said envelope having a portion thereof of a size and shape adapted to surround and enclose at least a portion of a crib mattress adjacent one end of said mattress for securing said element to said mattress, and a portion adapted to overlie the top of said mattress from said one end thereof to a zone at least closely adjacent the other end thereof; said bag-like element being provided adjacent the bottom thereof with an opening adapted to pass said tape; whereby an infant wearing said gown may be positioned within said bag-like element and secured therein after said tape has been passed through said opening and secured exterior of said element.

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