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Fig. 1.

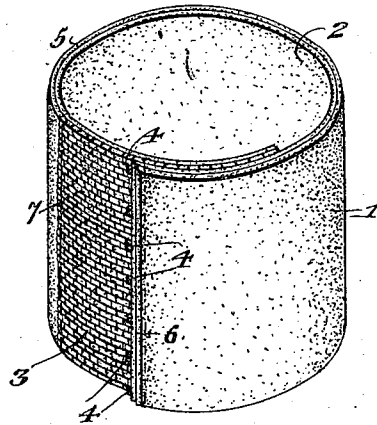


Fig. 2.

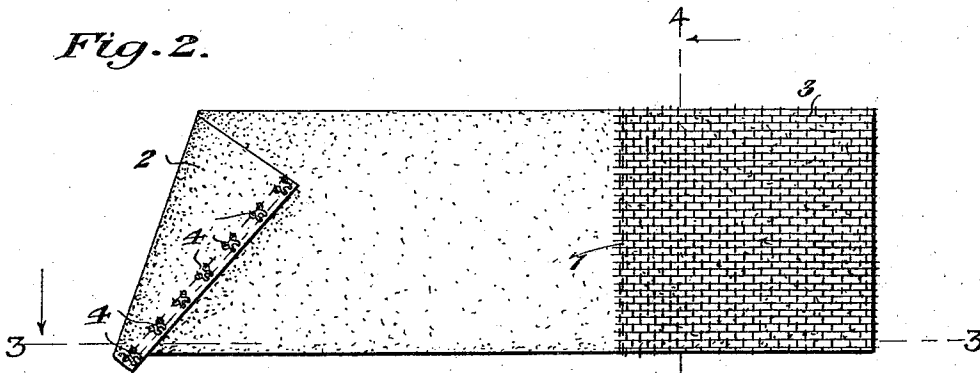
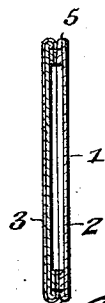


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to apparel and pertains particularly to the class of girdles or body bands especially bands intended to be wrapped about the body of an infant.

5 The primary object of this invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, of a baby body band having means whereby the same may be snugly secured about the body of the infant without drawing any portion thereof tight enough to cause discomfort to the child as would be the case if the same were retained by means of tape or draw strings.

15 Another object of the invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, of a baby body band of such a construction as to allow the same to be drawn in or let out as desired to meet the requirement of the individual case and particularly to allow 20 the same to be gradually let out as the child grows, the adjustment being such that a very small amount of the material can be let out at a time, thus allowing for the same pressure upon the body when the child is very 25 large as it had when the band was first used.

A still further object of the invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, of a baby band of unique construction in that the same is made in such a way 30 that no seams or harsh edges will come in contact with the body of the infant when the band is in use.

A further and final object of the invention is the provision, in a manner as hereinafter 35 set forth, of a baby body band of light, soft material, easily and quickly applicable and removable, and is of simple construction, making the same economical to manufacture.

40 The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, with the understanding that the invention is not confined to any 45 strict conformity with the showing of the drawings, but may be changed and modified so long as such changes and modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the 50 appended claims.

In the drawings:—

55 Figure 1 is a perspective view of the band embodying this invention, the same being shown in the position which it would assume when wrapped about the body of an infant.

Figure 2 is a plan view of one side of the

device showing netting upon one end thereof and showing the other end reversed to disclose a series of hooks extending across the same, which hooks engage the netting when 60 the band is applied.

Figure 3 is a section taken upon the line 3—3 of Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is a section taken upon the line 4—4 of Figure 2. 65

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein like numerals of reference indicate the corresponding parts throughout the several views, a device embodying this invention comprises two strips or layers of soft, 70 light material, preferably flannel, these strips of material being indicated by the numerals 1 and 2 respectively, the strip indicated at 1 being normally the outside strip of the outside of the band, and the strip 2 75 forming the inner side of the band.

In the finished band, there is secured across one end of the outer strip of material 1, a body of netting 3, while at the other end of the band and along the edge of the 80 inner strip 2 there is secured a series of hooks 4.

In the construction of this band, the strips of flannel 1 and 2, after being cut the desired length, are laid one upon the other, 85 and the strip of netting 3 is interposed therebetween at one end as described, and the strips are sewed along the three edges, namely, the two long edges and along the edge of the end where the strip of netting 3 is 90 located. Thus there is formed an elongated bag with the netting secured between the sides thereof and at the closed end. This sewed structure is then turned inside out, thus placing the three seams upon the inner 95 side as indicated at 5, and also bringing the netting 3 upon the outside and across the face of one of the strips at one end thereof as above described. This structure, across 100 the face of which the netting 3 is secured, is the strip 1 which becomes the outside of the band in the finished product.

The band thus formed as described, turned with the seams on the inside then has its free open edges turned in and is stitched 105 across, as indicated at 6, thus closing the same and making a band of double ply material.

There is now stitched in position, across the end of the body, which is closed by the stitching 6, a series of hooks 4, these hooks 110 as above described being upon the opposite

side of the band from the netting 3. It will thus be seen that when the band is wrapped about the body of an infant with the netting upon the outside, the inside will present to the body of the child a smooth surface of soft flannel having no exposed seams to irritate the skin. This will bring the hooks over the outer face of the band and contact with the netting 3, as shown in Figure 1, and, owing to the numerous meshes in the netting the hook members 4 will be connected thereto at any point desired throughout the length of the netting, thereby making it possible for the band to be gradually let out in fractions of an inch, and easy but firm pressure can be maintained about the body of the infant at all times, and, the band can be made to conform to any irregularities in the body as one portion can be hooked in advance of, or behind the other portion, that is the top part may be let out more than the lower part of the band and still maintain a snug fit about the body.

The inner edge of the netting 3 is turned under and fixed to a single ply of the material, as indicated at 7.

It will thus be seen from the foregoing description that there has been provided a body band for infant wear which is easily and quickly applied, and which can be easily

let out to accommodate the growth of the child upon which it is used, and further has the advantage of not presenting any harsh surfaces to the body of the infant which might cause irritation and discomfort.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A baby band of the character described, comprising a body comprising plural superimposed strips of uniform size relative to each other and having their edges intumed, the intumed edges being stitched to each other, a plurality of hooks secured spaced from each other along one edge of one of the strips, and a coarse mesh fabric secured to the other strip for a distance of its end portion remote from the hooks and presenting closely related interstices to be engaged by the hooks to adjust the band when applied to a wearer.

2. A baby band comprising, a relatively long body of fabric of substantial width, a series of hook members secured across one end thereof, and a coarse mesh fabric secured upon one side of the body at the other end thereof and adapted to be engaged by said hooks when the band is applied.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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