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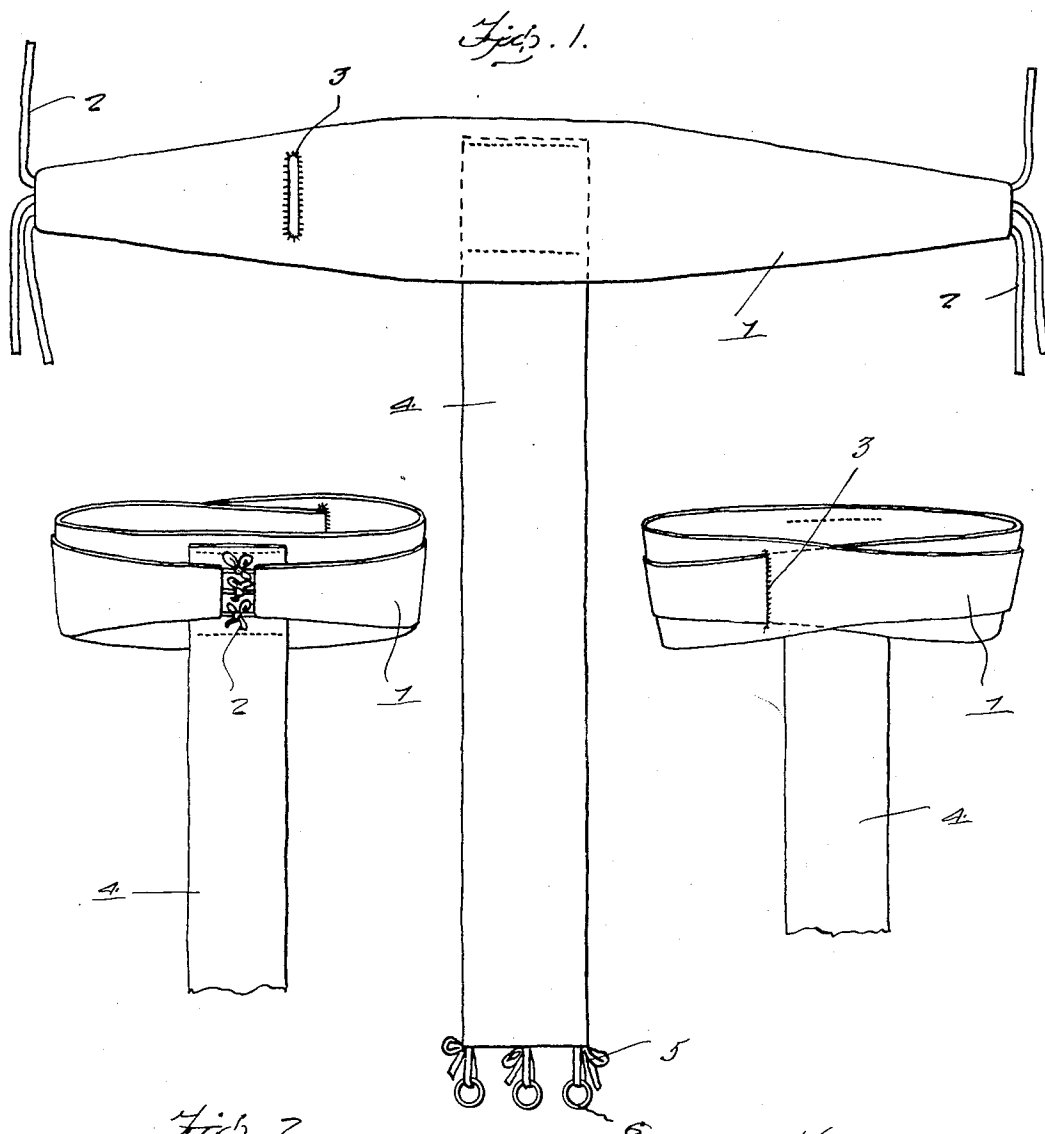
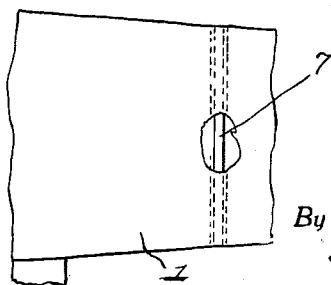


Fig. 4.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 128—134)

This invention relates to a device for keeping an infant under his crib covers or other covers while allowing him freedom of movement, the

general object of the invention being to provide an abdomen band for adjustment about the waist of the infant, and a strap connected with the band for attaching to the foot of a bed or crib or the like, to prevent the infant from moving upwardly and out from under the covers.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claim.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a view of the device in open position. Fig. 2 is a front view of the device.

Fig. 3 is a rear view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a detail view partly in section showing how bones may be placed in the device if desired.

In this drawing, the numeral 1 indicates an abdomen band which is preferably of the shape shown in Fig. 1, with the band tapering from its center to its ends. Each end has a number of straps 2 connected therewith, and an appreciable distance from the center the band is formed with a slot 3. A strap or band 4 of substantially the same width as the abdominal part of the band has one end connected with the center of the band 1 and depends therefrom and has a number of tapes 5 connected to its lower end which may support rings 6. If desired, bones such as shown at 7 in Fig. 4 may be placed in the band 1.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the band 1 may be placed around the waist of the infant with the strap 4 at the front, and one end of the band 1 is passed through the slot 3 and the ends of the band are brought to the front and fastened together by the tapes 2, as is clearly shown in Fig. 2.

The tapes 5 at the end of the band 4 or the rings 6 are fastened to the springs at the foot of the bed or crib. This band 4 acts as a swivel which the baby may turn on and prevents the baby from moving upwardly and out from under the covers which are fastened firmly across his chest by means of one of the many cover fasteners or crib pins on the market.

The infant can lie on its stomach, back or sides

and can turn about as often as it pleases without feeling the restrictions of the device.

It will of course be understood that the device will be made in different sizes, and weights of material, and of any suitable kind of material such as cotton, wool, silk, rayon, webbing and leather.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of the invention will be readily apparent.

It is to be understood that changes may be made in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A restraining appliance for maintaining an infant in a bed comprising an inelastic fabric body embracing band designed and proportioned to completely surround the infant's body, the central portion of the band being relatively wide to comfortably cover the abdomen of the infant and said band being formed with a single transverse slit spaced from the center of the band, the opposite end portions of the band gradually decreasing in width from the central abdominal portion and being adapted to pass rearwardly in opposite directions and overlapping relationship across the back of the infant, one of the band-ends being passed through said slit, and the free ends of both end portions being adapted to be carried forwardly in a manner to overlie the aforesaid wide abdominal portion of the band, a plurality of companion fastening tapes secured to the extremities of said band-ends to be tied together, an elongated inelastic fabric retention strap disposed at right angles to the central portion of said band, said strap being substantially the same width as the abdominal portion of the said body band, the inner end portion of said strap being superimposed on the outer face of the aforementioned abdominal portion of the band for substantially its entire width and being stitched thereto to underlie the tapes and band-ends, and means carried by the outer end of the strap for anchorage on a predetermined portion of the bed.

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