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Fig. 1



Fig. 2

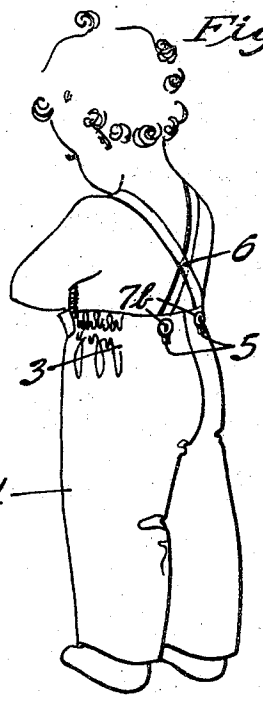


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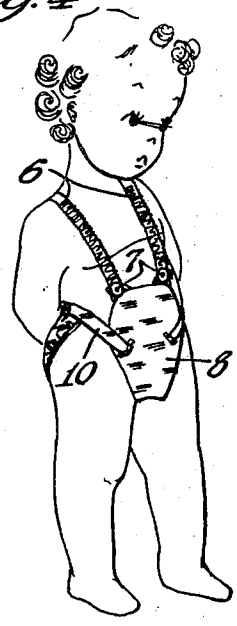


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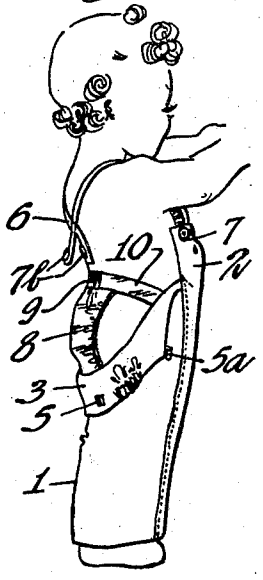
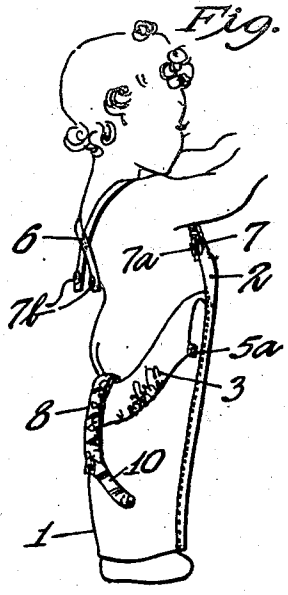


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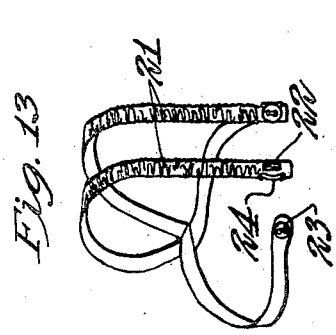


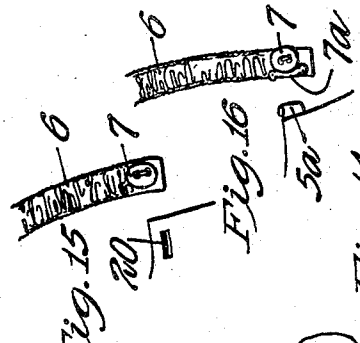
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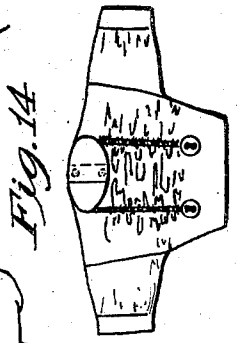
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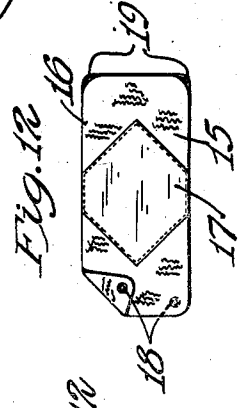






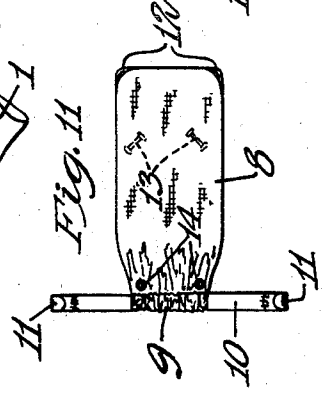












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My invention relates to children's garments and has for its primary object the provision of a combination of related inner and outer garments which are neat in appearance, inexpensive to manufacture, and which may be changed, in part or in whole, with a minimum of effort.

Another object of my invention is the provision of an inexpensive and easily changed children's diaper comprising an inner absorbent soaker and a hammock-like diaper cover.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a pair of loose fitting overall-like trousers which, in combination with elastic suspenders, facilitates the removal of the diaper without any of the upper and outer garments being first removed.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a novel combination of children's diaper and outer clothing which simplifies toilet training.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a novel combination of a diaper and outer trousers whereby it is possible to change said diaper either from the front or rear.

The above and other objects of my invention will become obvious from the following written description and from the attached drawings.

Referring to the drawings wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective showing the front of the child's novel outer garment;

Fig. 2 is a perspective showing the rear view of the outer garment;

Fig. 3 is a perspective which shows the front flap portion of the trousers in an open position;

Fig. 4 is a perspective, taken from the front, showing a child wearing my novel diaper holder or cover;

Fig. 5 is a side view illustrating the manner of lowering the back section of the outer trousers;

Fig. 6 is a side view similar to Fig. 5 showing the manner of removal of my novel diaper from the rear;

Fig. 7 is a frontal perspective illustrating the dropping down of the front flap of the trousers preparatory of removing the under diaper from the front;

Fig. 8 illustrates the manner of removing the novel outer garment from the child's legs by stretching the elastic suspenders;

Fig. 9 is similar to Fig. 8 but shows both the child's legs removed from the outer trousers;

Fig. 10 illustrates the method of removal of

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the novel diaper cover from the front so as to get to the absorbent diaper itself;

Fig. 11 is a top plan view of the novel diaper cover;

Fig. 12 is a top plan view of the novel diaper;

Fig. 13 illustrates a modified form of elastic suspenders;

Fig. 14 illustrates a gathered waist to which the elastic suspenders have been sewed;

Fig. 15 illustrates the preferred method of securing the front and back portions of the overall-like pants to the front of the elastic suspender means, to wit: by means of double buttonholes; and

Fig. 16 illustrates a modified form for accomplishing the same objects by means of button and a hook and eye.

Referring more specifically to the drawings, the numeral 1 indicates a loose fitting pair of overall-like trousers with a downwardly opening front flap 2 and a downwardly opening rear section 3. Front flap 2 is provided with a pair of spaced, preferably reinforced, openings 4 along its upper edge, whereas the downwardly opening section 3 is preferably provided with a pair of spaced, reinforced openings 5 along its rear upper edge and also with a pair of fasteners, preferably in the form of hooks 5a on its upper edge on either side immediately adjacent the front flap 2. A pair of conventional two strap elastic suspenders, preferably crossed in the back, are illustrated by the numeral 6. Front ends of suspenders 6 contain fasteners 7, preferably in the form of buttons or the like and also eyelets or the like 7a. To the opposite ends of suspenders 6 are secured button-like fasteners 7b.

Referring particularly to Figs. 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11, I provide an elongated diaper holder or cover 8, which may be cut to conform with the general outline of the wearer if desired. The upper rear end of diaper cover 7, as shown, is secured at 9 to the central portion of a belt 10, the free ends of which are provided at 11 with fasteners, preferably and as shown in the form of hooks. Belt 10 is preferably provided with an elastic insert at 9. The upper end of an elongated diaper cover 8 is provided with fastener means, preferably and as shown in the form of spaced loops 12. A pair of laterally spaced fasteners, preferably, and as shown in the form of eyes 13, are secured to the front portion of the elongated diaper cover 8 at a point approximately midway between the crotch and the loop portions 12. Secured to the inside of the back portion of cover 8, immediately below the portion 9, in a

pair of laterally spaced fasteners 14, being in the form of male or female snap fastener members.

As shown in Figs. 10 and 12, I provide a diaper member 15 comprising a soaker member 16 and a centrally located outside, waterproof member 17. Soaker 16 is preferably elongated in form and has fasteners 18 shown as being of the snap type on one end and having spaced loops or fasteners 19 on the other end.

As shown in Figs. 11 and 12, soaker 16 is secured to the cover 8 by pressing together the fasteners 14 and 18 so that the waterproof member 17 is between the cover 8 and the soaker 16. The belt 10 is then put about the child as shown in Figs. 4 and 5 so that the hook members 10 and 11 on the free ends thereof may be secured to the eyelets 13 on the front portion of the diaper cover 8. Elastic suspenders 6 are then placed over the child's shoulders in a conventional manner and the buttons or other fasteners 7 are inserted through the loops 19 of the absorbent diaper 16 and the loops 12 of the diaper cover 8.

The loose fitting overall-like trousers are then pulled up over the child's legs in the conventional manner so that the openings 4 of the flap 2 are in alignment with buttons 7, which may be inserted through said openings 4. Button-like fasteners 7b at the rear of suspenders 6 are then threaded through reinforced openings 5 and hooks 5a are secured to eyelets 7a, as shown particularly in Fig. 16.

Fig. 15 shows a modification of the structure shown in Fig. 16, in which the extreme outer top edges of rear section 3 are provided with reinforced button holes 20. In this form the fastener or button 7 is run through both the opening 4 in the front flap 2 and the opening 20 in the rear section 3.

Where the elastic suspenders 21, illustrated in Fig. 13, are used in place of the conventional elastic suspenders 6 no attachment is made between the suspenders 21 and the rear or central portion of section 3 of the trousers. It will be noted that in this novel set of suspenders the front ends thereof contain reinforced openings 22 whereas only the opposite or back ends carry the button-like fasteners 23. Loops 19 and 12 of diaper 16 and diaper cover 8, respectively, are secured to buttons 23. Also, buttons 23 may be run through the openings 4 in the flap in the structure. If desired, even the openings of type 20, shown in Fig. 15, may be secured to buttons 23. However, I have shown an eyelet 24 where hooks of the type 5a, shown in Fig. 16, are utilized.

Changes in the specific form of my invention as herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim is.

1. A child's diaper supporting device comprising in combination with an outer body encircling garment, a pair of elastic shoulder supporting straps terminating in spaced front and rear end portions, detachable fastening means anchoring one pair of spaced strap ends to said garment, a belt, an elongated diaper cover secured at one end to the belt, detachable fasteners on the other pair of spaced strap ends connected to the other

end of the diaper cover, and detachable fastening means connecting the free ends of the belt to the diaper cover adjacent said other end thereof, whereby a shoulder supported diaper may be removed and replaced without removal of the outer body encircling garments.

2. A child's diaper enclosing and supporting device comprising an elongated diaper cover, a belt secured to an upper rear edge of said cover and having opposite stub ends of substantially equal length projecting laterally therefrom, an elastic element in said belt intermediate its ends, cooperating fasteners on the ends of said belt and the front of said diaper cover, a pair of elastic suspenders adapted to extend over the shoulders and terminate in spaced front and rear end portions at points intermediate the shoulders and the crotch of the wearer, cooperating fastener means on the front ends of said suspenders and on the upper front edge of the diaper cover, a body and diaper cover encircling garment, and fasteners on the rear ends of said suspenders anchored to the rear of said encircling garment, whereby a diaper may be changed from the front or rear side of the encircling garment without removal thereof.

3. A child's diaper enclosing and supporting device comprising in combination an elongated diaper cover, a belt, means for securing the back end of the diaper cover to the central portion of the belt, means for attaching the free ends of said belt to the front portion of said diaper cover below the extreme upper edge thereof, elastic supporting means adapted to be suspended from the shoulders of the wearer and terminating in spaced front and rear end portions at points intermediate the shoulders and the crotch, cooperating fastening means on the front ends of said elastic supporting means and on the upper front edge of said diaper cover, an outer body encircling garment having a downwardly-opening front flap and means along the top front edge for fastening the same to the cooperating-fastening means carried by the front ends of said elastic-supporting means and the upper front edge of said diaper cover, and means anchoring the spaced rear end portions of the supporting means to the rear of said garment, whereby a shoulder supported diaper may be removed and replaced without removal of the outer body encircling garments.

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