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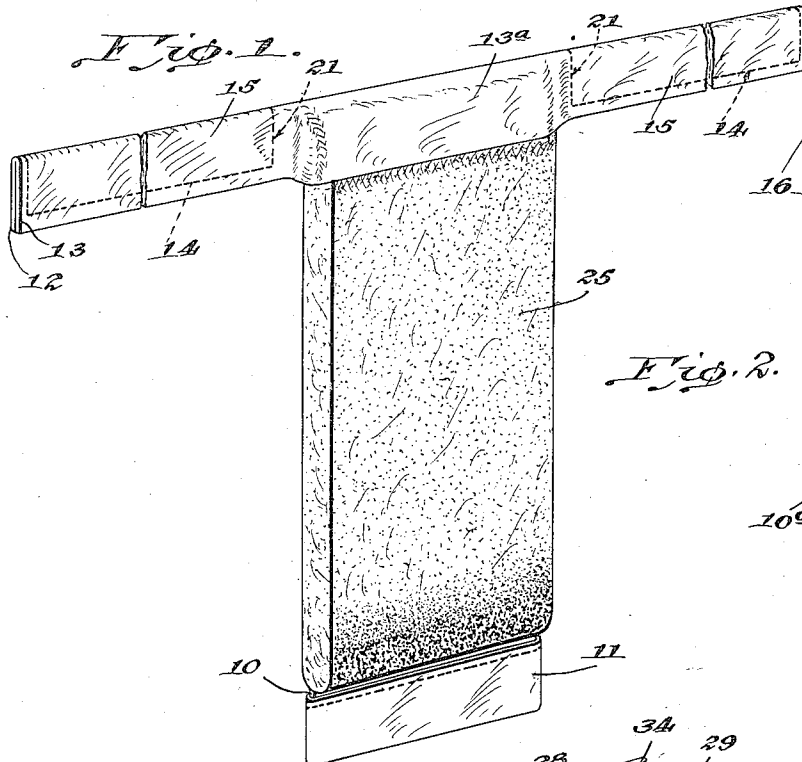


Fig. 2.

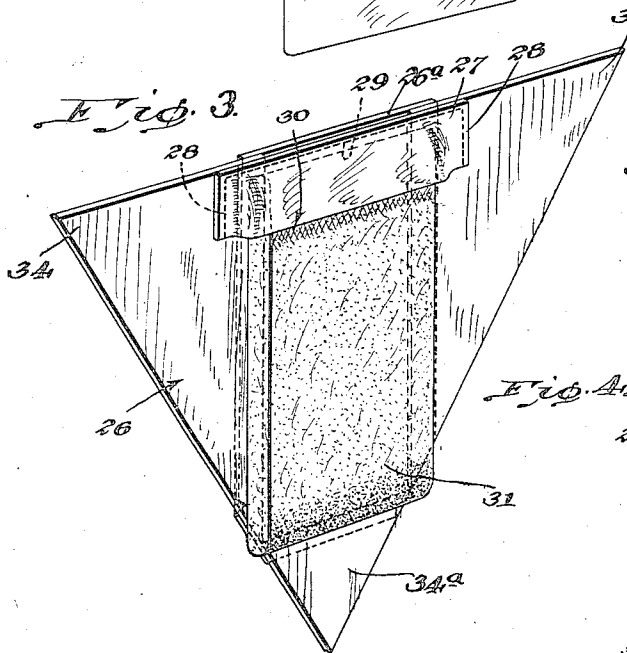
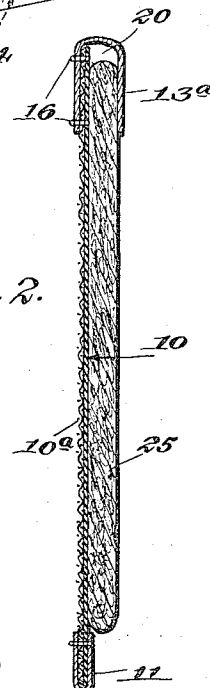


Fig. 4.

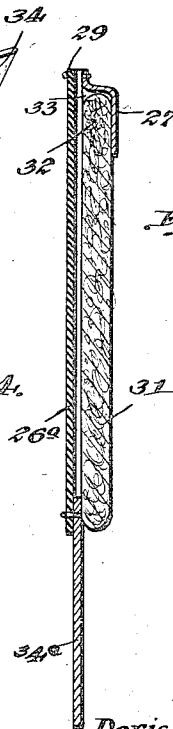
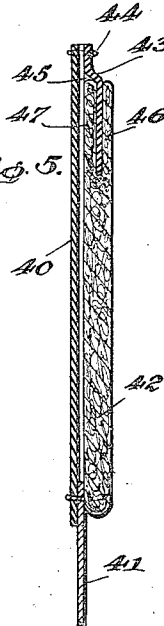


Fig. 5.



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This invention relates to diapers.

An object of the invention is the provision of a sanitary garment having a base member formed of waterproof material upon which is removably supported an absorbent pad.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a sanitary garment including a sheet of waterproof material and an absorbent pad removably supported on the sheet, the sheet being provided with a pocket along one edge to receive one end of the pad for centering and aiding in retaining the pad on the waterproof material.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a sanitary garment which includes a sheet of waterproof material and a pad of absorbent material removably supported on the sheet, the sheet of waterproof material being provided with extensions projecting from points adjacent the ends of the pad with the sheet being provided with an elongated shallow pocket to removably receive and frictionally support one end of the pad.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification; nevertheless, it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications as define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a garment constructed in accordance with the principles of my invention,

Figure 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the garment shown in Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a view in perspective of a modified form of the garment, and

Figure 4 is a longitudinal vertical section of the garment shown in Fig. 3, and

Figure 5 is a vertical section of a modified form of Figures 1 and 3.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 designates a sheet of waterproof material which may be rubberized fabric. This sheet is of substantially rectangular shape but may take any desired form suitable for the purpose. The back of the sheet may have secured thereto a piece of fabric 10^a of non-waterproof material.

One end of the sheet is provided with a binding of fabric material, as shown at 11, for reinforcing the end of the sheet. The fabric is formed of soft material to prevent irritation to the body

of the wearer. The binding strip may be secured in any approved manner to the sheet.

A piece of soft fabric of sufficient length and width is folded upon itself longitudinally, as shown at 12 and 13, and is then secured together adjacent its outer ends as by stitching shown at 14. This portion of the strip forms attaching straps 15.

The rear face of the intermediate portion of the section 12 is connected to the rear upper face of the sheets 10 and 10^a, as shown at 16. The portion 13^a of the section 13 extends over the front face of the waterproof sheet 10 to provide a pocket 20. The transverse stitching 21 forms the ends of the pocket. This pocket while being slightly longer than the width of the sheet of waterproof material 10 is relatively shallow.

A pad 25 may be formed of folds of cotton lint surrounded by a piece of gauze so that a neat compact packing is provided. One end of the pad is inserted within the pocket 20 and there is sufficient frictional resistance between the outer surface of the pad and the inner face of the member 13^a for aiding in retaining the pad in the pocket and for aiding in supporting the pad on the sheet of waterproof material.

It will be noted that the sheet 10 is of less width than the pad 25 so that the pad projects beyond the edges of the sheet and prevents the sheet from coming in contact with the body of the wearer. Thus the pad protects the wearer from chafing.

A modified form of the invention is shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and includes a triangularly-shaped base member 26. The base member is composed of a centrally disposed sheet 26^a of waterproof material, which may be formed of rubberized fabric, and three attaching members 34, 34 and 34^a formed of soft fabric which will not cause chafing of the skin of the wearer.

A strip 27 of soft material is secured along three edges as shown at 28 and 29 to one face of the waterproof material 26, so that one edge of the strip is free and spaced from the outer face of the sheet 26. The strip thus secured to the sheet provides an elongated pocket of relatively shallow depth.

A pad 31 formed identically in the manner of the pad 25 has its upper end 32 inserted within the pocket 33 and frictionally engaged by the inner face of the strip 27 for aiding in retaining the pad on the waterproof material.

It will be noted that the corners 34 and 34^a of the triangularly-shaped sheet 26 extend laterally

from the adjacent edges of the pad 31 and thereby provide attaching straps for the garment.

The fact that the pads 25 and 31 are frictionally held within the respective pockets, these pads may be readily removed and discarded for the application of new pads to the waterproof sheets.

In Figure 5 is shown a modified form of the device and this includes a base member 40 formed of waterproof material, a depending flap 41 formed of soft material and a pad 42 formed from the same material as the pads 25 and 31. A pocket 43 is also formed of soft material and is connected at 44 to the member 40 in any approved manner and the ends of the member 43 are attached to the base member, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3 to form a pocket 45.

In this construction the pad 42 is slit at its upper end to provide an outer member 46 and an inner member 47. The inner member is inserted within the pocket 45 while the outer member 46 extends over the top of the pocket and protects the body of the wearer against chafing.

It will be appreciated that this type of pad may be employed in connection with either of the devices shown in Figs. 1 and 3 without necessitating any changes in the base member which supports the pad.

These pads may be formed of cotton lint and covered with a light soft gauze or they may be formed of thin sheets of cellulose material which

may be in the form of a fine tissue paper and packed together for the purpose as is well known in the art.

I claim:

1. A diaper comprising a sheet of waterproof material provided with a pocket, a strip of soft material forming the outer wall of said pocket, a pad of absorbent material disposed longitudinally of the waterproof material and having one end received by the pocket, said pad being spaced outwardly of the waterproof material.

2. A diaper comprising a sheet of waterproof material provided with a pocket at one end, a strip of soft material forming the outer wall of said pocket, a pad of absorbent material disposed longitudinally of the waterproof material and having one end received by said pocket, the waterproof material having attaching portions projecting outwardly from the pad adjacent the ends of said pad and formed of soft material.

3. A diaper comprising a sheet of waterproof material, a strip of soft fabric secured to the material adjacent an edge thereof to provide an elongated and relatively shallow pocket, a pad of absorbent material having one end divided into an outer and inner portion, the inner portion being disposed in the pocket, the outer portion of the divided end being disposed in overlapping relation with the shallow pocket.

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