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[54] **BLANKET HOLDER WITH STABLE AND PROTECTED SAFETY PIN**

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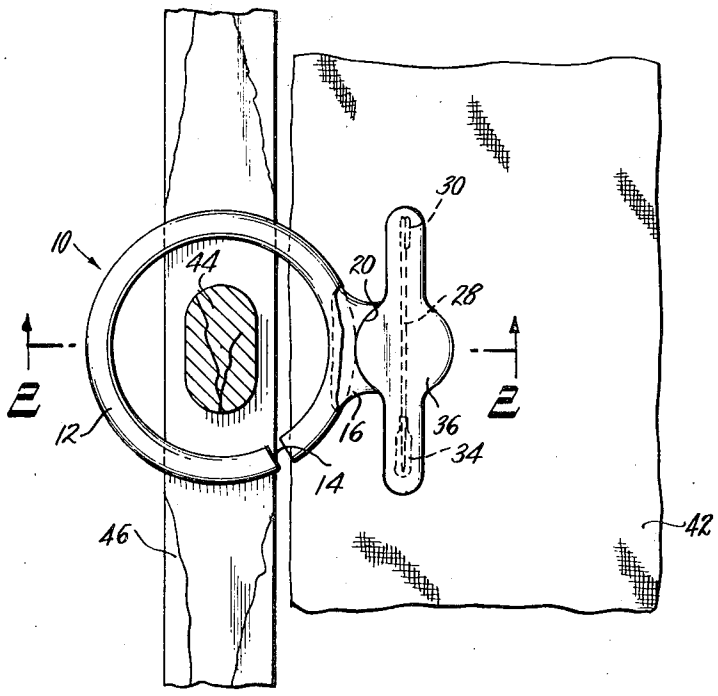
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An improved blanket holder for infant blankets of the type applied to the vertical side rails of a crib, wherein the holder includes a split ring having an integral extension at one side thereof. The extension comprises an elongated body member perpendicular to a radius of the ring and serving to fixedly encase the back portion of a safety pin which is sealed therein.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Figures



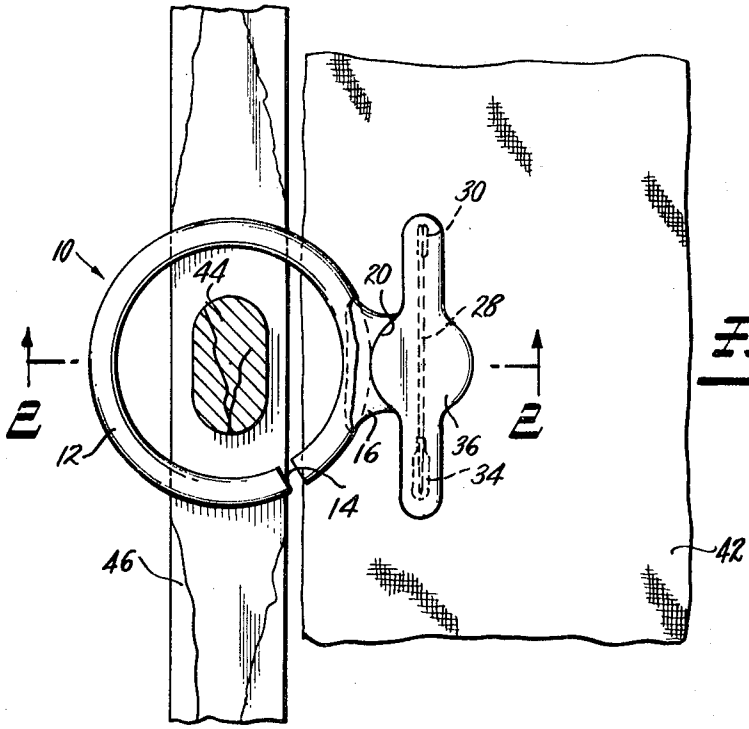

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Fig. 1.

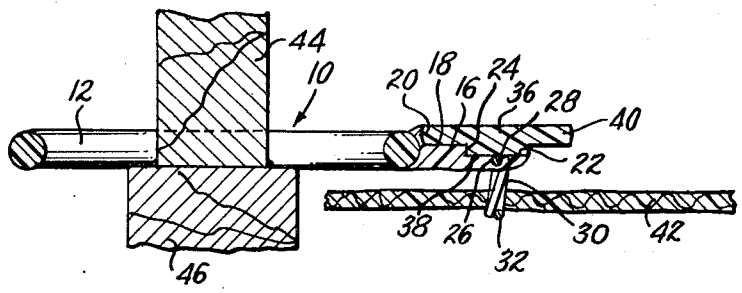

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Fig. 2.

BLANKET HOLDER WITH STABLE AND PROTECTED SAFETY PIN

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

This invention pertains to crib blanket holders of the type used for infants to protect the infant from dangerous entanglement in the folds of a blanket by retaining the latter in extended condition.

2. Statement of the Prior Art

The present invention represents a modification of and an improvement on prior art blanket holders, such as that shown in Turner et al. U.S. Pat. No. 2,779,985. Other representative prior art patents are:

Patentee	Patent No.	Issue Date
Loeb	1,759,587	Sept. 1, 1929
Bleier	2,129,487	Aug. 25, 1936
Chezem	2,838,770	July 18, 1955.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to the provision of a blanket holder for a crib or the like, the holder having a ring applicable about one of the vertical bars or rails of the crib for loose engagement thereabout. Fixed to the ring at one side is an extension in which a safety pin is partially embedded. By virtue of the incorporation of the pin as a non-removable component of the device, it is not possible for the pin to become disassociated from the ring during use.

Other and further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from a consideration of the following specification when read in conjunction with the annexed drawing.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of a holder constructed and assembled in accordance with the teachings of this invention, showing a portion of a crib partially in cross section; and

FIG. 2 is an enlarged sectional view on Line 2—2 of FIG. 1, looking in the direction of the arrows.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring to the drawing in more detail, a representative embodiment of the holder hereof is therein generally identified by reference numeral **10.** The holder **10** is formed of plastic, hard rubber or similar moldable substance, and includes generally circular ring **12** which is split or separated at **14** whereby it is engagable about another object.

At one side of the ring is a fixed extension **16** which is either secured by welding or integrally formed. The extension, as shown in FIG. **2,** has a first step portion **18** with a curvilinear inner shoulder **20,** and a second step portion **22** with a shoulder **24.** The step portion **22** has a longitudinal slot **26** in which is disposed the stationary flight **28** of a safety pin.

The safety pin has a depending, exposed convoluted spring **30,** a movable lower flight **32,** and a catch **34** which receives the free end of the lower flight.

Overlying the step portions of the extension is a protector **36,** sufficiently elongated to fully extend over the pin. The protector has a depending center rib **38** which abuts the shoulder **24** and seats on the step portion **22,** and a generally circular center piece **40,** one side of which is engaged on the first step **18** bearing against the shoulder **20.** The protector is fixed in place by heat process, mastic or the like.

In use, a number of holders **10** are employed in retaining a blanket **42** in extended, flat position. To this end, the rings **12** are loosely slidably engaged about the vertical rails **44** of a crib, often seating against the lower horizontal rail **46** thereof. The pin lower flights **32** are engaged through the blanket **42** and held in place by the catches **34.** Thus, the blanket may move only in limits prescribed by the dimensions of the rings, and there is no possibility of the disengagement of the pins from the holders.

I claim:

1. In a baby blanket holder of the type having an enlarged split ring for engagement about the vertical rail of a crib or the like, and having an extension on said ring with a safety pin associated with the extension, the improvement comprising:

a safety pin having an upper flight and a lower flight;

the pin having a convoluted end forming a spring and having a catch end;

the extension having a first step portion and a second step portion, each having a shoulder;

the second step portion having a slot therein receiving the pin upper flight;

the upper flight of the safety pin being fixedly embedded in said extension;

a protector overlying the step portions; and

the protector being of a length exceeding the length of the pin, and overlapping the convoluted end and catch end thereof.

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