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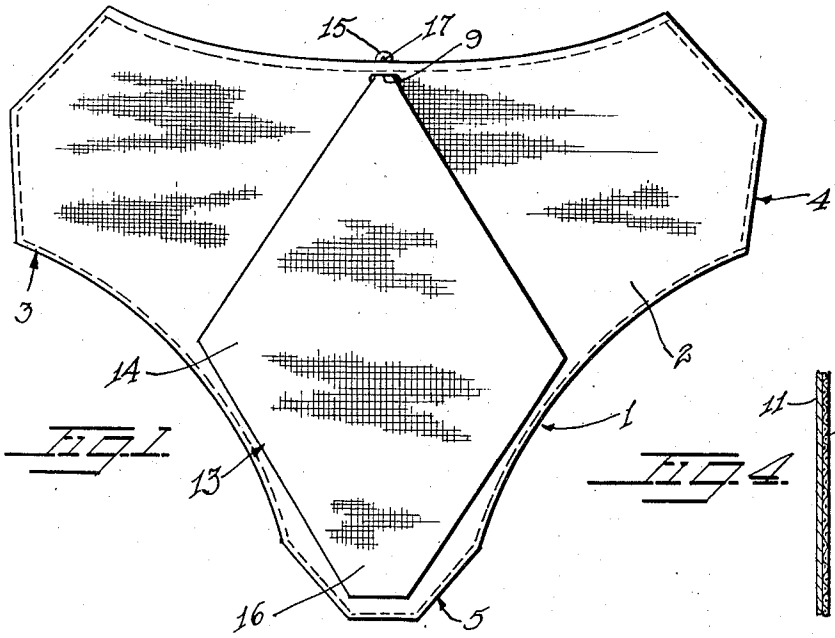



FIG. 1




FIG. 4

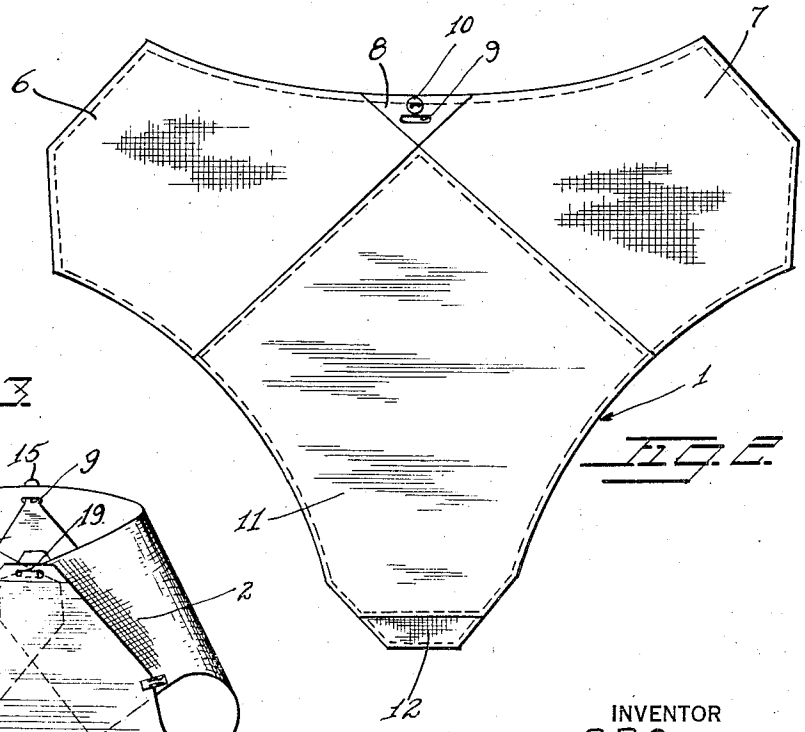
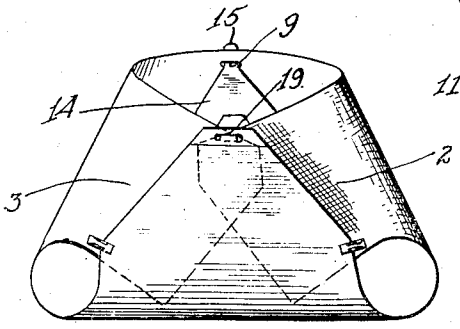



FIG. 2

FIG. 3




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My invention relates to improvements in garments, and it consists in the combinations, constructions, and arrangements herein described and claimed.

An object of my invention is to provide a garment which may be readily placed upon the infant, secured in place, and conform to the body of the infant to allow free movement and not bind.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which obviates the need of the ordinary rubber pants which are binding upon the legs and around the waist of the infant, tending to stop circulation, and which are injurious in that they retain heat, especially in the summer time, and prevent circulation of air.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which employs an inexpensive insert formed of absorbent material and which may be removed and destroyed.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which has a waterproof portion which may be cleansed by boiling water without causing injury thereto.

A further object of my invention is to provide a device of the type described which may be adjusted to conform to the body of an infant.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the following specification, and the novel features of the invention will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming part of this application, in which

Figure 1 is a view of the inside of the garment in opened position with the insert in place,

Figure 2 is a view of the outside of the garment in opened position,

Figure 3 is an illustration of the garment in closed position, and

Figure 4 is an enlarged section substantially along the line 4—4 of Figure 2.

In carrying out my invention, I provide a garment having a body portion 1 having an inner layer of cloth 2 of the shape shown in Figure 1. The body portion 1 is provided with side flaps 3 and 4 and a central flap 5. The side flaps 3 and 4 are provided with cloth outer portions 6 and 7, respectively. These outer portions 6 and 7 may be one over the other at the center of the upper edge of the body portion as at 8, thus providing a reinforced portion. An opening 9 is provided in the reinforced portion 8. A button 10 is secured to the reinforced portion 8 adjacent the opening 9 and upon the outer portion of the garment.

A portion 11 of waterproof material is provided for the body portion and is secured to the cloth portions 6 and 7 of the flaps 3 and 4. The waterproof portion 11 terminates a short distance from the end of the center flap 5. A cloth portion or tip 12 is provided for the outer end of the center flap 5. The members of the body portion are secured at the outer edges by any suitable means, such as stitching or binding.

An insert 13 which is constructed of any suitable absorbent material, such as wood pulp or the like, is provided with a relatively large center portion 14 and relatively small ends 15 and 16. The end 15 is provided with an opening 17 for a purpose hereinafter described. Clasps 18 are secured to the body portion 1 as illustrated in Figure 3.

In applying the garment to a child, the insert 10 is disposed in place, as shown in Figure 1; i. e., the small end 15 is passed through the opening 9 and is secured to the button 10 by passing the button through the opening 17. The free end 16 of the insert is then brought up between the legs of the child and held until the flap 3 is brought over and in contact with the insert. The flap 3 and the end 16 of the insert are then held until the flap 4 is brought into place, as shown in Figure 3. The flap 17 is then brought between the legs of the child and into the position shown in Figure 2. At this point the end 16 of the insert, the side flaps 3 and 4, and the central flap 5 are secured together by any suitable means, such as a pin 19. The clasps 18 are adapted to receive and secure the outer edges of the central flap 5 in place, as shown in Figure 3.

It will be observed that the side flaps 3 and 4 overlap each other and provide a double thickness at the front in addition to the thickness of the central flap 5. Furthermore, the side flaps 3 and 4 may be lapped over each other any desired distance and the center flap may be moved upwardly any desired distance so that the body portion will conform to the body of the infant. In this manner the garment is adjustable to conform to the bodies of infants of various sizes.

I claim:

1. A garment of the type described comprising a body portion having side flaps, a center flap, a reinforcing means disposed between said side flaps, a waterproof means disposed between said side flaps and disposed upon said center flap, said reinforcing means having an opening therein, an insert having one end arranged to extend through said opening, means carried by said reinforcing means for securing the end of said insert thereto, and means for securing said insert, said side flaps and said center flaps to the body of a wearer, said waterproof means extending to said reinforcing means at one end and to a position a short distance from the end of said center flap at the other end.

2. A garment of the type described comprising a body portion having side flaps and a central flap, said body portion being provided with a plurality of auxiliary portions upon one side and arranged for overlapping at a point substantially midway between the side portions, a waterproof portion disposed upon the body portion and adjacent the auxiliary portions, a removable member formed from absorbent material and disposed upon the side of the body portion opposite the waterproof portion, said body portion being provided with an opening passing through the overlapping portions of said auxiliary portions, and means disposed near said opening whereby a portion of said removable member may be inserted through said opening and secured to said means.

Signed at Chicago, in the county of Cook, and State of Illinois, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1928.

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