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SLEEPING GARMENT

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FIG 1

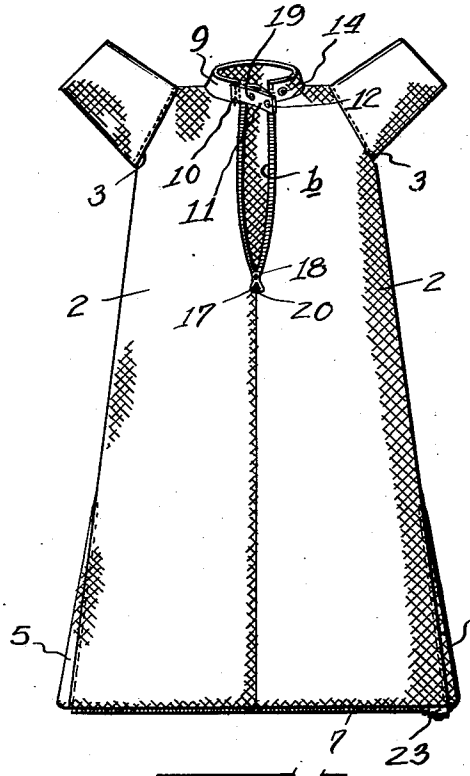


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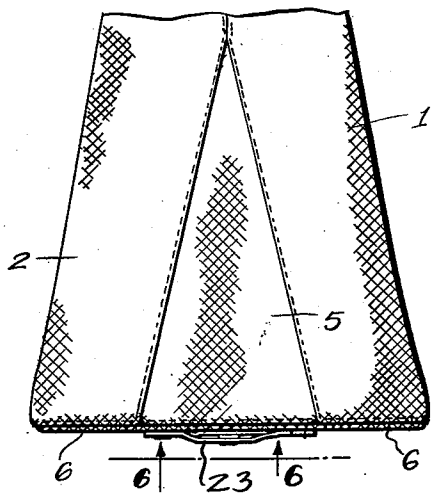


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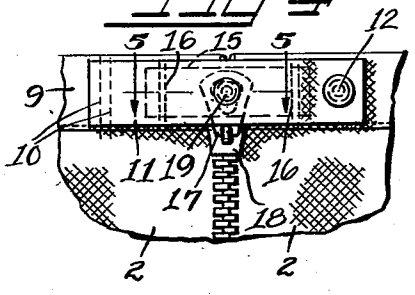


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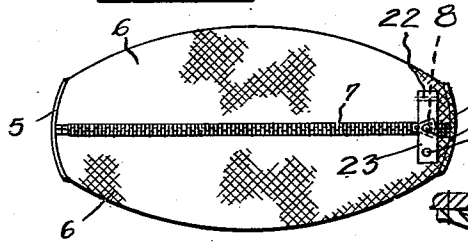


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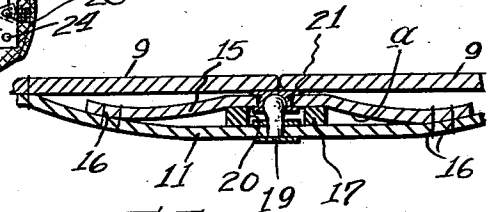
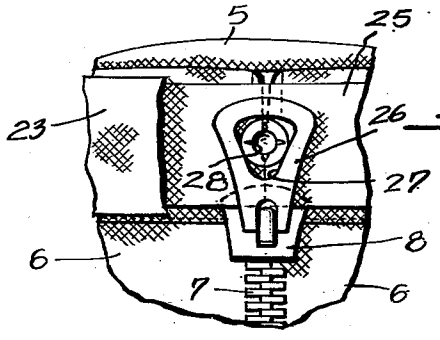


FIG 6



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This invention relates to a sleeping garment and has relation more particularly to a garment of this kind particularly adapted for children in ages ranging from approximately one year to six years, and it is an object of the invention to provide a garment especially advantageous for outdoor sleeping.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a garment having a closing panel for the lower end thereof and which panel provides means to allow such expansion of the garment when in use to give the child sufficient room for moving the lower limbs and more especially to permit walking without removing the garment so that the child may be effectually protected against draft, insects and the like.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a garment having a bottom panel divided into separate sections with means for detachably connecting such sections, said sections when separated providing sufficient opening at the bottom of the garment to allow the garment to be readily applied or removed over the head of the child or to permit raising of the lower portion of the garment when necessary.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a garment with a neck opening and a bottom opening together with means for closing each of said openings and in a manner substantially eliminating release of such openings by the child upon whom the garment is placed.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination of the several parts of my improved garment whereby certain advantages are attained, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order that my invention may be better understood, I will now proceed to decribe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a garment embodying the invention, the neck being open;

Figure 2 is a view in bottom plan of the garment as shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an enlarged fragmentary view in side elevations of the bottom portion of the garment;

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary view in front elevation of the neck portion of the garment;

Figure 5 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 4; and

Figure 6 is an enlarged fragmentary bottom view of Figure 3 as indicated by the line 6—6 of Figure 3.

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As disclosed in the accompanying drawing, the body of the garment comprises a single back piece 1, and two front pieces 2. The outer marginal portions of the front pieces 2 are secured to the outer marginal portions of the back piece 1 by conventional stitching from the sleeve openings 3 for a distance approximately two-thirds down the garment. Placed between the lower separated portions of the pieces 1 and 2 are the gussets 5, the wide ends of which being substantially flush with the lower edges of the pieces 1 and 2. These gussets serve to permit a greater separation between the associated or lower portions of the pieces 1 and 2, when the garment is being worn to give greater freedom to the lower limbs of the child to the extent of allowing the child to walk without its steps being hindered by the garment.

The gussets 5 are held in place by conventional stitching as also are the bottom panels 6. These panels 6 are two in number and substantially in duplicate. The outer marginal portions of the panels 6 are secured to the lower marginal portions of the pieces 1 and 2 and the gussets 5 with their opposed inner margins substantially straight from end to end. Disposed along the opposed marginal portions of the panels 6 are the interlocking strips 7 of a well-known type of zipper which is under control of a slide 8.

When the opposed marginal portions of the panels 6 are connected the bottom of the garment is effectively closed, and when connected the panels 6 provide an elliptical closure of a predetermined width from end to end to further permit the desired expansion of the lower portion of the garment, to assure freedom for the nether limbs of the child wearing the garment. For the same further purpose, the end margins of the panels 6 are relatively broad and aggregating the width of the associated extremities of the gussets 5.

The major portions of the inner margins of the front pieces 2 are connected by conventional stitching from the bottom of the garment to a point closely adjacent to the neck opening of the garment whereby is provided a front opening *b* to permit the desired placement of the garment on the child. With the opposed margins of the panels 6 free, the garment can be readily applied over the head of the child and removed in the same manner.

The neck opening is defined by a collar 9 extending around the neck opening from one side of the front opening to the other. Stitched, as at 10, or otherwise secured to one end portion of the neck band 9, is an extremity of an elongated flexible member or tape 11, having its opposite

free extremity provided with a fastening element 12 for engagement with a second fastening element 14 carried by the neck band 9 at the opposite side of the front opening *b*.

Overlying the inner face of the member or tape 11, is a second flexible member or tape 15, having its extremities secured as at 16, to the member or tape 11, whereby is provided a loop *a* for receiving the operating tongue 17, of the controlling slide 18 coacting with the conventional interlocking strips secured to the inner marginal portions of the front pieces 2 defining the neck opening *b*.

When the neck opening *b* is fully closed, the tongue 17 of the slide 18 may be extended up into the loop *a* to prevent the same being tampered with by the wearer of the garment. To hold the slide 18 against downward or opening movement by the child, the member or tape 11 is provided with a separable fastening element 19 which extends through the opening 20 in the tongue 17 for lockingly engaging with the second fastener element 21, carried by the member or tape 15. These elements 19 and 21 are preferably of a well known ball and socket type.

One of the panels 6 at the closing end of the slide 8 has secured thereto, as at 22, an end portion of a flexible member or tape 23 of a length to extend over the corresponding end portion of the second panel 6 and is detachably secured thereto, as at 24, by desired separate fastening elements such as the elements 19 and 21 hereinbefore referred to. The inner face of the member or tape 23 has secured thereto the extremities of a second flexible member tape 25, to provide a loop to receive the operating tongue 26, for the slide 8. This tongue 26 is also provided with an opening 27 through which the separate fastener elements engage as at 28 for the same purpose hereinbefore disclosed in connection with the fastener elements 19 and 21.

From the foregoing description it is thought to be obvious that a garment constructed in accordance with my invention is particularly well

adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be used.

I claim:

In a sleeping garment, a bag-like body having neck, front and bottom openings, a zipper closure including the operator slide thereof for said front and bottom openings, and separable fastener means at the closing ends of each of said zippers engageable with the operator slide of the same to prevent its accidental displacement from its position to effect the closing of the related opening, a tape secured to the garment adjacent the closing end of each of said zippers, a loop provided intermediate the ends of said tape, said separable fastener means having its parts secured at opposite sides of the interior of said loop, said operator slide having an aperture opening through the same for the engagement of said separable fastener therewith, and a second separable fastener having one of its parts carried by the free end of said tape and its other part secured on said garment opposite from the point of securement of the said one end therewith.

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