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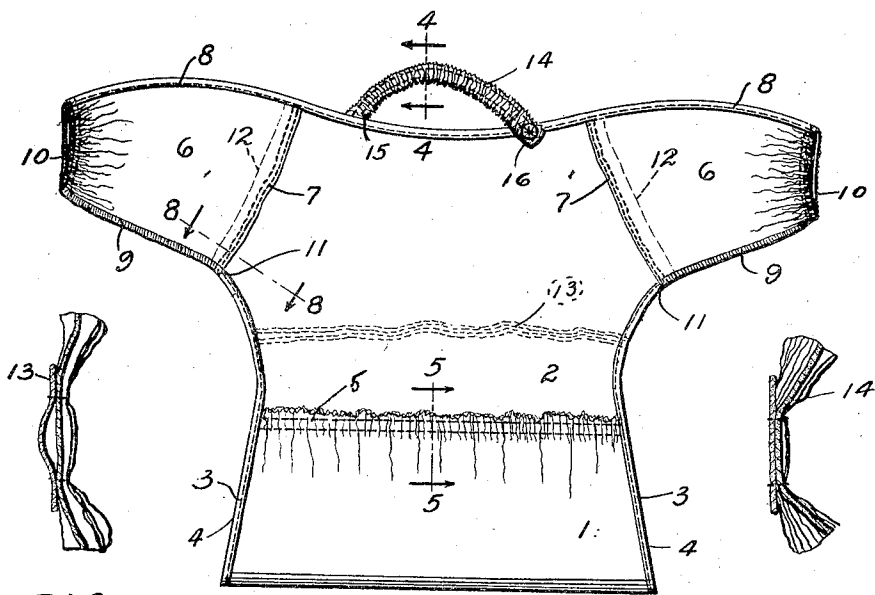


Fig. 3.

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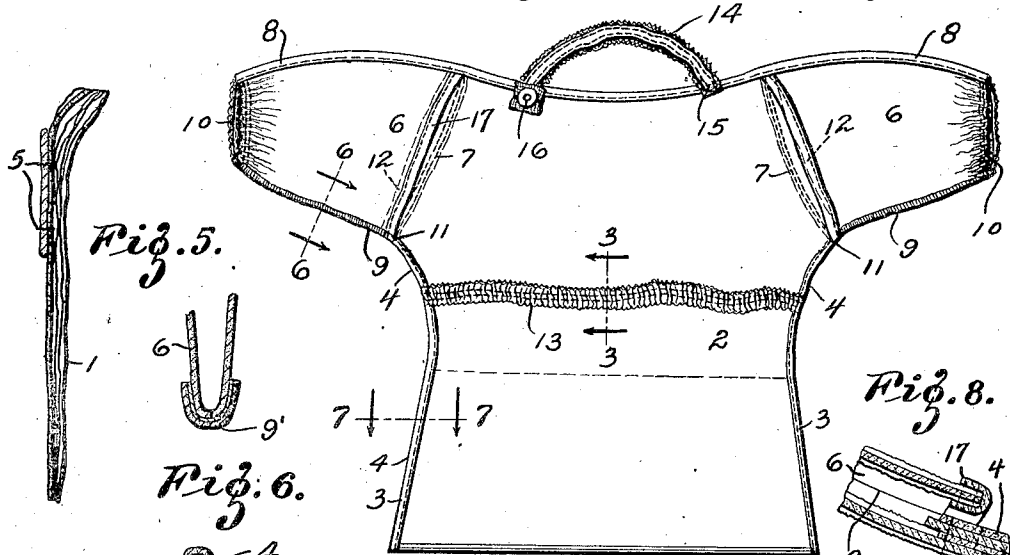


Fig. 5.

Fig. 6.

Fig. 2.

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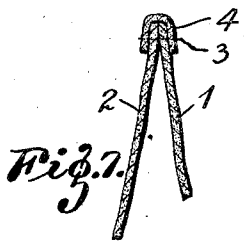


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE M. DUNSWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Children's Garments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is a child's garment, and is intended to be worn over its regular clothes and, moreover, is preferably made of rubber or other material impervious to water.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, in which like numbers of reference denote like parts wherever they occur,

Figure 1 is a front elevation;

Figure 2 is a rear elevation;

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 in Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view on the line 4—4 in Figure 1;

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 in Figure 1;

Figure 6 is a sectional view on the line 6—6 in Figure 2;

Figure 7 is a sectional view on the line 7—7 in Figure 2; and

Figure 8 is a detail view of the joint between the sleeves and the main body.

Children often wet their clothes by playing with water and thus take cold. They also soil their clothes, particularly in front. This garment protects their clothes in both these respects. The garment is without a back portion except for the sleeves and is preferably made of rubber, or similar material, not only to prevent water soaking there-through and thus dampening the clothes that it shields, but, also, because jam or preserves or other matter can easily be wiped off with a damp cloth or the garment as a whole washed. Another advantage obtained by the use of rubber is the elasticity and flexibility that does not hamper the movements of the wearer and permits the garment to be easily put on or taken off. Furthermore, the construction is such as to allow the same easily to be donned or removed.

The garment is formed from a single piece of material which constitutes the body, the same being shaped to present bib and apron portions. The apron portion is provided with a pocket 1 at the front of the body

2 and below the bib portion, which pocket is convenient for a child to use for holding or carrying edibles or toys. Pockets in a regular cloth garment become badly soiled by children putting therein candy, gum, bread with jelly on it, and the like; but similar things put in pocket 1 of this garment make no difference, because it is an outside garment meant to receive dirt and to protect the clothes. If made of rubber, the pocket 1 is easily washed, either hastily with a wet sponge, damp cloth, or the like, or thoroughly by running water into it or with soap and water in case of need.

For the simplicity and facility of construction, the pocket 1 is preferably formed by merely turning the lower part or apron of the main body 2 up on itself and fastening the same. In this way a wide and deep pocket can be formed practically without labor.

One means for fastening such turned-up part on the front of main body 2 is shown in the drawings, consisting of a seam 3 along the edges of pocket 1. Preferably, this seam 3 will run, also, through a U-shaped binding 4 that serves as a reinforcement, being, also, preferably of rubber or similar material.

The pocket 1 is provided at its upper end with reenforced elastic band 5 adapted to allow the pocket 1 to expand without tearing and also serving to keep the pocket 1 in close relation to the main body portion 2.

The main body 2 and pocket 1 are preferably made of one piece, but the sleeves 6 are preferably separate pieces, and are attached by seams 7 to the main body 2 in such manner that the sleeve openings are disposed in the rear of the body portion. Each sleeve 6 is preferably formed of separate front and back pieces attached at top and bottom by seams 8 and 9 respectively.

The U-shaped binder 4 continues into the armpit of the sleeve and is sewed therein and thus acts as a reinforcement within the joint at the armpit between the sleeve and the main body.

At the seams 7 the meeting pieces of material overlap a substantial distance, so as to obviate the danger of seams 7 tearing out.

"Gathers" 10 are provided at the outer ends of sleeves 6, so as to keep dirt from entering there and thus reaching the cloth-

ing intended to be shielded and, also, to prevent such clothing from protruding out of sleeves 6.

Adhesive rubber tape 9' may, if desired, be substituted for seams 8 and 9 or either of them.

The garment is reenforced against tearing or pulling apart at the sleeve-joint 11 by reason of the U-shaped binder 4 extending well into sleeves 6 and being there screwed or otherwise fastened to the overlapping parts of extensions 12 of main body 2 and of sleeves 6. A reenforcing tape 17 may also be provided on the back piece of each sleeve and adjacent the sleeve opening, as shown to advantage in Figure 8.

A resilient and gathered or shirred belt 13 is attached to the back of body 2 to provide a body loop which slips readily over the head of the wearer, securely holding the lower part of the front against the front of the child's body in a snug but in an unnoticeable manner. It may be permanently attached at both ends.

The resilient and gathered or shirred neck loop 14 is preferably attached by stitches 15 at one end and fastened by a snap-fastener 16 at the other end. It needs to fit the neck rather snugly to prevent water or dirt from entering from the top of the garment while the child is drinking or eating. Its resiliency and the "gathers" in it permit this while leaving it comfortable to the wearer.

The upper edge of the garment is reenforced by a binder strip similar to strip 4 previously described. This upper binding strip extends continuously from the outer edge 10 of one sleeve to the corresponding edge of the opposite sleeve and is fastened to the garment by stitching or otherwise. Thus, it will be seen that the garment is strongly reenforced at both the top and side edges and, hence is able to withstand frequent washing and vigorous rubbing without ripping or tearing apart at the seams. The side binder strips, it will be noted, strengthen and reinforces the sleeve joints without interfering with the free movement of the arms while the upper binder strips serves to move firmly attach the sleeves to the body portion. In other words, it provides fastening means auxiliary to the seams 7 of the sleeves and, in addition, reinforces the body portion at the neck.

Having thus described this invention, I hereby reserve the benefit of all changes in form, arrangement, order, or use of parts, as it is evident that many minor changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of this invention or the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A garment for children comprising a one-piece body member presenting bib and apron portions, an elastic neck loop secured to the bib portion; the said bib having sleeve extensions, a sleeve inserted over each extension and attached thereto with the sleeve-opening in the rear of the body member, reenforcing strips connecting the said sleeves and body member, one of said strips overlapping the said sleeves and body member along the top edge of the garment and a body-attaching loop carried by the said apron portion.

2. A garment for children including a one-piece body member presenting bib and apron portions, the said bib having sleeve-extensions, sleeves inserted over the said extensions and secured thereto with the sleeve-openings at the back of the bib portion, a top binder strip overlapping the upper edge of the bib portion and extended outwardly along corresponding edges of the said sleeves to provide a reenforcement therefor, side binder strips overlapping opposite edges of the said apron portion and extended inwardly of the sleeve to reinforce the joints between the latter and the body member, and body-attaching means respectively carried by the said bib and apron portions.

3. A garment for children including a one-piece body portion forming a bib and apron, said bib having sleeve extensions and said apron having a pocket, a sleeve inserted over each extension and attached thereto with the sleeve-opening in the rear of the garment, an inverted U-shaped binder strip overlapping the top edge of the garment and extending from the outer end of one sleeve to the corresponding end of the other sleeve, an elastic loop secured to the back of the body portion below the sleeves to embrace the body of the wearer, and an elastic loop at the upper edge of the body portion to encircle the neck.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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