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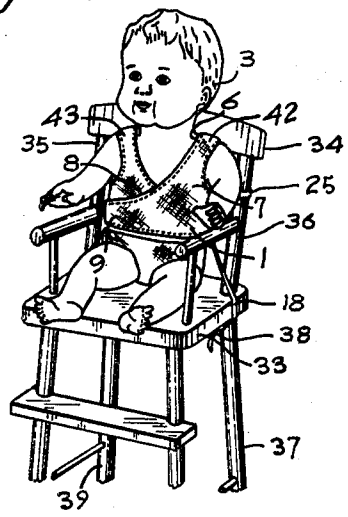


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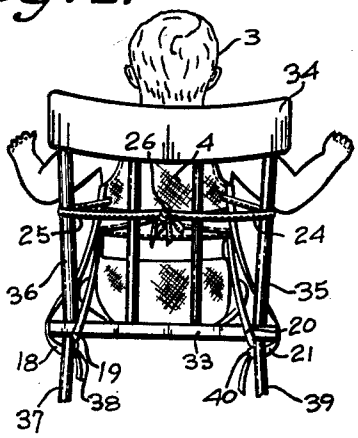


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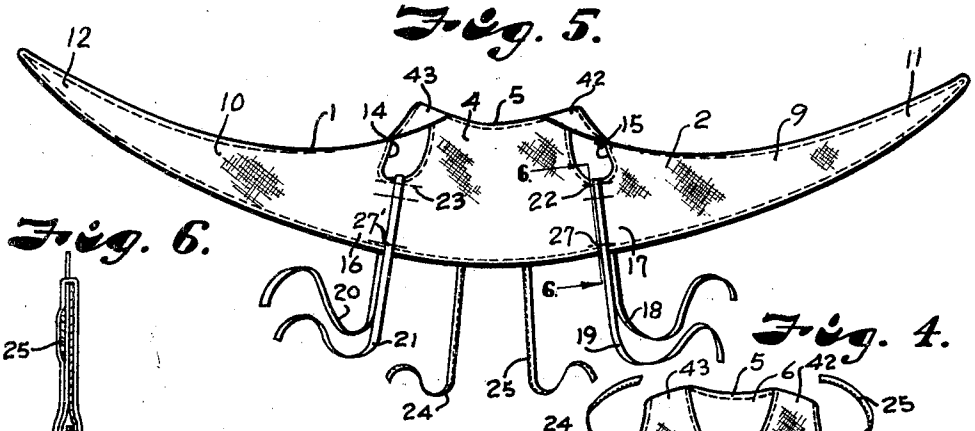


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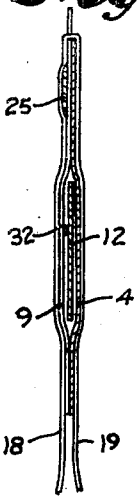


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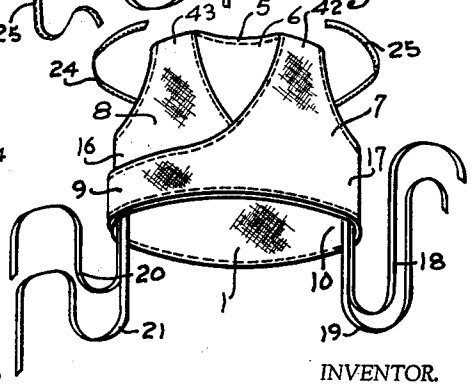
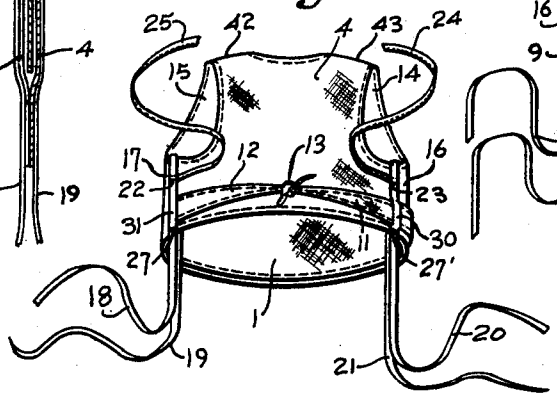


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This invention relates to a safety jacket and more particularly to a jacket or garment for a child to hold the child in a chair without danger of falling or crawling therefrom.

Heretofore in garments of this character the children have been restrained from a forward position and some means have been devised for preventing a child from standing in a chair but so far as applicant is aware no one has provided a combined garment acting as a holder for the child to prevent standing in the chair falling forward or sliding downwardly from the garment.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a jacket or garment for a child whereby the garment wraps around the child and is tied at the back and has straps for tying around the back of the chair to adjust forward movement of the child and having straps which extend to the legs of the chair and may be tied therearound to prevent the child from standing.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a safety jacket or garment so that the child cannot slide or tumble therefrom; to provide a device which is expeditiously and easily applied to the child; to provide a garment for attachment to a chair or other holding means; to provide a garment or jacket which restrains a child by exerting pressure evenly around the body of the child and distributing forces over the garment to restrain the body of the child; to provide a device which will restrain the upper portion or body of the child and give the child freedom of movement; to provide a wrap-around garment having a slot in one side for extension of the strap of the opposite side therethrough and to provide a loop for the strap of the opposite side of the garment to extend therethrough and which may be tied at the back of the garment; and to provide a device of this character simple and inexpensive to manufacture and efficient in use.

Other objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanied drawings wherein are set forth by way of illustration and examples certain embodiments of this invention.

FIG. 1 is the front view of a child in a chair wearing my improved jacket.

FIG. 2 is a rear view of the child wearing the jacket and tied in a chair.

FIG. 3 is an enlarged rear view of the jacket shown in tied position.

FIG. 4 is an enlarged front view of the garment in tied position.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged view illustrating the garment in laid out position before it is applied to the child.

FIG. 6 is an enlarged sectional view taken on a line 6—6, of FIGURE 5, particularly illustrating the slot in one side thereof for passage of one of the wrap-around tie members therethrough.

Referring more in detail to the drawings:

1 designates a garment embodying the features of my invention here shown to be a wrap-around type and comprises an elongated piece of material 2 for wrapping the child 3 and forming a back portion 4, a neck portion 5 and a neck opening 6 and front panels 7 and 8. The panels 7 and 8 have extension portions 9 and 10 forming tie members 11 and 12 which wrap around and tie at the back of the garment as indicated at 13 (FIG. 3), the garment thus tied forming arm holes 14 and 15.

When tied around the child, the garment has side portions 16 and 17 substantially underneath the arm holes. Secured to each side of the garment in vertical position by stitching or other suitable means are elongated outside and inside straps 18 and 19 respectively and outside and inside straps 20 and 21. Also secured to the side portions 16 and 17 underneath the upper ends of the outside straps 18 and 20 by the stitching as indicated at 22 and 23 are transversely extending straps 24 and 25 which extend around the back of the chair and tied thereto as indicated at 26 (FIG. 2) when the child is in the chair. The straps 18 and 19 and 20 and 21 are stitched near the bottom edge of the garment as indicated at 27 and 27′ and cooperate with stitches 22 and 23 to provide loop members 30 and 31. The side member 17 underneath the loop 31 is provided with a slot 32 through which the tie member 12 extends and the tie member 11 extends through the loop 30 as shown in FIG. 3. The vertical straps being alike on each side provide a symmetrical appearance to the garment and the loop 31 overlies the slot 32 also enhancing the appearance of the garment.

The garment may be made out of any suitable flexible material such as gingham, denim or the like.

In use of the garment, the back portion 4 is placed at the back of the child 3 and the side portions 16 and 17 are wrapped around the body of the child 3 and the portions 9 and 10 overlap with the side portion 9 on the outside. The tie member 12 passes through the slot 32 in the side 17 underneath the loop 31, thus forming the front panels 7 and 8 at the front of the child, and the tie member 11 passes through the loop 30 of the straps 20 and 21 and ties at the back as indicated at 13. The child is then placed in the chair seat 33 and the tie straps 24 and 25 extended around the back of the chair 34 and particularly the vertical posts 35 and 36 and tied as indicated at 26 (FIG. 2).

The straps 18 and 19 extend downwardly one on each side of the post 36 and around the chair leg 37 and tied underneath the seat 33 as indicated at 38. The straps 20 and 21 extend downwardly one on each side of the back post 35 and around the leg 39 and tied underneath the seat 33 as indicated at 40 (FIG. 2).

The straps 24 and 25 may be tied loosely or tightly depending on how the child is to be placed in the chair. If tied tightly, they lend support to the child in the chair, but by loosening the same and adjusting the straps the child may lean forward as desired, the straps 24 and 25 preventing the child from falling forwardly in the chair and also preventing the child from sliding downwardly because the straps extend transversely around the back of the chair underneath the arm pits and the child cannot slide downwardly.

The straps 18 and 19 and 20 and 21, respectively, being tied to the chair legs 37 and 39 underneath the chair seat 33, prevent the child from standing up in the chair because of the shoulder portions 43 and 42 exerting downward pressure on the child if he or she attempts to rise upwardly, thus being restrained by the straps 18, 19 and 20 and 21, respectively.

It will be obvious from the foregoing that I have provided an improved jacket or garment for use on a baby to prevent falling or otherwise escaping from a chair or other place where the child may be situated so that it cannot harm itself by falling, and thus the mother may go about her house-hold duties without fear of a child coming to harm.

It is to be understood that while I have illustrated and described certain forms of my invention, it is not to be limited to these specific forms or arrangement of parts herein described and shown except insofar as such limitations are included in the claims.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A safety garment for infants of wrap around type consisting of a length of flexible material of greater width at the center portion and tapering to relatively narrow tie portions:

(*a*) said garment when wrapped around an infant having a back, sides, a neck opening, arm holes and crossed over front panels,

(*b*) vertically extending straps secured on said sides sides underneath said arm holes, said straps having loops near the bottom edge of the garment, one of said sides having a vertically extending slot underneath one of said loops,

(*c*) and transverse straps secured to said sides underneath said vertical straps,

(*d*) said tie portions of the garment being adapted to fold over each other at the front of the infant and one tie portion extending through said slot in one side of the garment and the other tie portion through one of said loops and said tie portions being tied together at the back portion of the garment.

2. A safety garment for infants of wrap around type consisting of a length of flexible material of greater width at the center portion and tapering to relatively narrow tie portions:

(*a*) said garment when wrapped around an infant having a back, sides, a neck opening, arm holes and crossed over front panels, said garment having a substantially straight bottom edge,

(*b*) vertically extending straps secured to said sides underneath said arm holes, one of said straps having a loop near the bottom edge of the garment, the other of said sides having a vertically extending slot in alignment with the other of said straps,

(*c*) and straps secured to said sides and extending transversely to said first named straps,

(*d*) said tie portions of the garment being adapted to fold over each other at the front of the infant and one tie portion extending through said slot in one side of the garment and the other tie portion through said loop and said tie portions being tied together at the back portion of the garment.

3. A safety garment of wrap around type for restraining infants in a chair having a back, seat and front and rear legs consisting of:

(*a*) a length of flexible material of greater width at the center portion and tapering to relatively narrow tie portions,

(*b*) said garment when wrapped around an infant having a back, sides, a neck opening, arm holes and crossed over front panels,

(*c*) vertically extending straps secured on said sides underneath said arm holes, said straps having loops near the bottom edge of the garment, one of said sides having a vertically extending slot underneath one of said loops,

(*d*) and transverse straps secured to said vertical sides underneath said straps,

(*e*) said tie portions of the garment being adapted to fold over each other at the front of the infant and one tie portion extending through said slot in one side of the garment and the other tie portion through one of said loops and said tie portions being tied together at the back portion of the garment,

(*f*) said vertical straps on each side of said garment being adapted to be tied to the rear legs of the chair underneath said seat to restrain the infant from rising in the chair, and

(*g*) said transverse straps being adapted to be tied around the back of the chair to restrain the infant from falling forward, said last named straps being adjustable by tying to allow the infant to lean forward.

4. A safety garment for infants comprising:

(*a*) a body of flexible material having side edges tapering outwardly to form elongated, relatively narrow tie portions,

(*b*) said garment when placed around an infant having a back portion, a neck opening, arm holes, a front panel and a substantially straight bottom edge on the back portion,

(*c*) vertically extending straps secured to said back portion at the sides thereof adjacent the arm holes at least one of said straps having spaced stitching forming a loop near the bottom edge of said back portion through which one of said tie members extends, and

(*d*) means on the back portion near the bottom edge thereof through which the other tie member extends, whereby said tie members are tied at the back of the infant.

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