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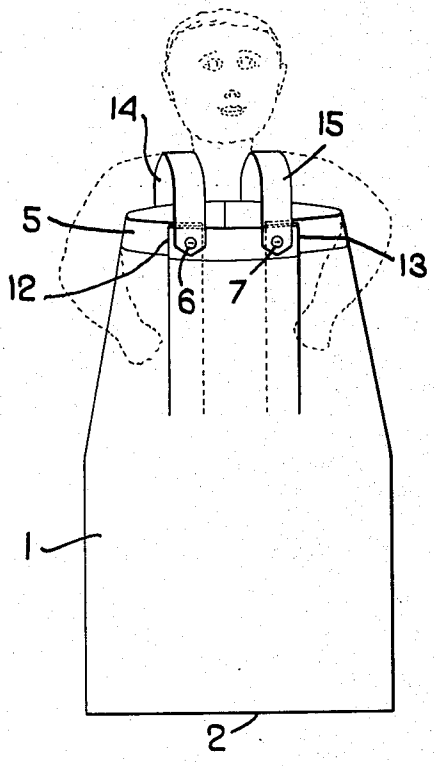


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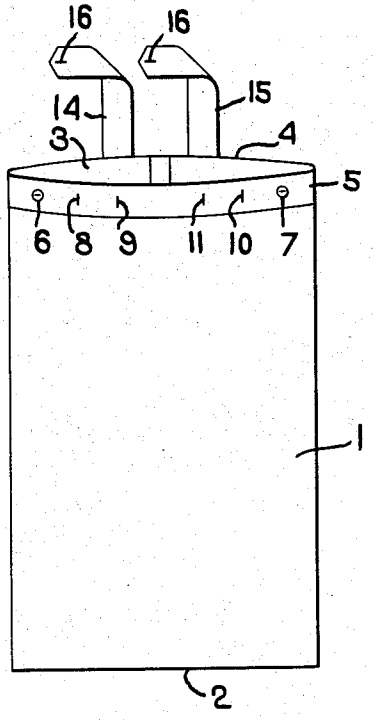


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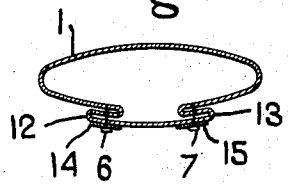


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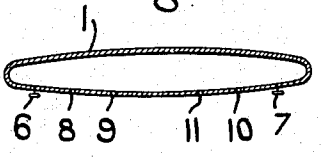


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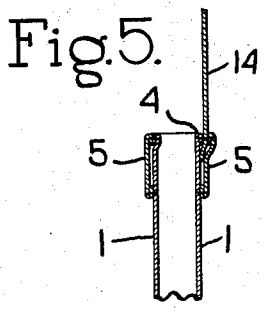
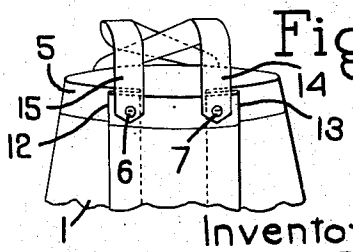


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This invention relates to improvements in baby's garments and the object thereof is to provide a play or sleeping garment to enclose the baby's body and legs and protect it from drafts of air while permitting free unrestricted movement of the baby's arms, legs and body.

More specifically an object of the invention is to provide a baby's garment of this character in the form of a sack of sufficient size loosely to surround a baby's body and legs and permit free movement thereof having an open upper end to enclose the baby's chest, with releasable means for constricting the upper end sufficiently to cause it loosely to fit the baby's chest, and having releasable means for retaining the upper end in close promixity to the baby's armpits so that the arms may have unrestricted movement which will enable it to play with toys or to use the arms in turning to a more comfortable position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a baby's garment of the character specified which can be opened up flat for laundering.

These and other objects and features of the invention will more fully appear from the following description and the accompanying drawing and will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

A preferred embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of the garment illustrating in dotted lines the position of the head and shoulders of a baby wearing the same;

Fig. 2 is a front view of the preferred form of garment when extended for laundering purposes;

Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the upper end portion of the baby's garment showing a preferred means for constricting the upper end comfortably to fit the baby's chest;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the upper end of the garment when in extended position illustrated in Fig. 2;

Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view of the upper end portion of the garment showing the manner in which the band and shoulder straps are secured thereto; and,

Fig. 6 is a detail view of the upper portion of the garment showing the shoulder straps in crossed position.

The preferred embodiment of the invention illustrated herein comprises a sack 1, preferably of rectangular form, of sufficient size and length loosely to surround a baby's body and legs and to permit full freedom of movement of the legs and having an open upper end through which the baby's body may be introduced into the sack, provided with means for constricting the open upper end sufficiently to fit the baby's chest comfortably and provided with means for retaining the upper end in close proximity to the baby's armpits.

The lower end 2 of the garment is closed by stitching or in any suitable manner to prevent the access of currents of air to the baby's legs or body.

The open upper end 3 of the garment desirably is provided with a hem 4 and is bound by a reenforcing band 5 having inturned ends and stitched along the upper and lower edges to the garment.

The upper end is provided with suitable means to constrict or contract it sufficiently to fit comfortably upon the baby's chest, such, for example, as by the provision of a releasable plait or plaits provided with a cooperating button and buttonholes.

In the preferred construction shown the upper end is provided with buttons 6 and 7 attached to the band 5 at equal distances from the center of the front and the upper end portion of the sack and the band are provided with buttonholes 8 and 9 preferably equally spaced from the button 6 and from each other and similar buttonholes 10 and 11 equally spaced from the button 7 and from each other as illustrated in Fig. 2.

When the garment is placed upon the baby the upper end portion is folded to form plaits 12 and 13 as illustrated in Fig. 3 with the buttonholes 9 and 8 and the buttonholes 11 and 10 superimposed and the buttons 6 and 7 introduced respectively through the superimposed buttonholes thereby detachably securing the plaits together. The upper end may be thus plaited in any suitable manner to cause the upper end of the sack comfortably to fit beneath the baby's armpits.

Suitable means are provided for retaining the garment upon the baby's body in such manner that the upper end thereof may be held in proximity to the baby's armpits. In the preferred construction shoulder straps 14 and 15 are so secured to the upper end of the garment as to retain the garment in proper position and to be readily released to enable the garment to be readily removed.

In the preferred construction illustrated one end of each shoulder strap is secured in the proper place between the band and the hem 4 of the upper end of the back of the garment and the free ends of the shoulder straps are provided with buttonholes 16 adapted to engage the but-

tons 6 and 7 respectively. The shoulder straps 14 and 15 may be passed over the shoulders in parallelism and connected at their free ends to the buttons 6 and 7 respectively as shown in Fig. 1, or may be made of suitable length to enable them to be crossed and connected respectively to the buttons 7 and 6 as shown in Fig. 6 with the crossing either behind the baby's back or in front of the baby's chest as may be desired.

When the garment is thus secured upon the baby the baby's arms can be moved freely so that it can play with toys or use the arms in turning from one position to another, and the baby's legs can be freely exercised while protected against the drafts of air.

The garment may be made of any suitable soft flexible material, such as flannelette or flannel, of a thickness or quality suitable to the atmospheric condition and temperature of the room in which the baby is placed.

By reason of the present invention therefore the baby is permitted complete freedom of movement enabling it to play with toys, to change from one position to another with the assistance of its arms, thereby greatly minimizing the care of the parents or nurse which otherwise is required where movements of the baby are restrained as is customary in usual types of garments.

If desired the lower end of the sack or garment instead of being permanently closed by stitching may be releasably closed by a zipper or other suitable constriction which will exclude the admission of air and which may be opened to permit access to the baby's body without removing the garment.

It will be understood that the particular embodiment of the invention shown and described herein is of an illustrative character and is not restrictive and that various modifications in form and arrangement of parts may be made within the spirit and scope of the following claims.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is:

1. A baby's adjustable play and sleeping garment comprising a sack of sufficient size loosely to surround the baby's body and having a closed lower end and a continuous open upper end having a front portion provided with buttons equally spaced from the center thereof and with a plurality of buttonholes on each side of said center suitably spaced from the adjacent button and from each other adapted when selected buttonholes are superimposed and engaged by the adjacent button to form releasable plaits to constrict said upper end sufficiently comfortably to fit the baby's chest, and suitably spaced shoulder straps fastened to the rear portion of said upper end and having at their free ends buttonholes detachably to engage the respective buttons and so located in said shoulder strap as to retain the upper end of said sack in close proximity to the baby's armpits.

2. A baby's adjustable play and sleeping garment comprising a rectangular sack of soft flexible fabric having a closed lower end and a continuous open upper end provided with a binding band, the front portion of said upper end being provided with buttons widely spaced from the center thereof, sets of alined buttonholes intermediate of the respective buttons and the center of said front spaced from the adjacent button and from each other adapted when a plurality of buttonholes of the respective sets are superimposed and engaged by the adjacent button to form plaits to constrict said upper end sufficiently comfortably to fit the baby's chest, and suitably spaced shoulder straps fastened to the rear portion of said upper end and having at their free ends buttonholes detachably to engage the respective plait-retaining buttons and so located in said shoulder straps as to retain said upper end in close proximity to the baby's armpits.

3. A baby's adjustable play and sleeping garment comprising a rectangular sack of soft flexible fabric having a closed lower end and a continuous open upper end provided with a binding band, the front portion of said upper end being provided with buttons widely spaced from the center thereof, sets of alined buttonholes intermediate of the respective buttons and the center of said front equally spaced from the respective buttons and from each other adapted when a plurality of buttonholes of each set are superimposed and engaged by the respective buttons to form plaits to constrict said upper end sufficiently comfortably to fit the baby's chest, and suitably spaced shoulder straps fastened to the rear portion of said upper end and having at their free ends buttonholes detachably to engage the respective plait-retaining buttons, the shoulder straps being of sufficient length to enable them to be crossed when buttoned to the plaits and so located as to retain said upper end in close proximity to the baby's armpits.

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