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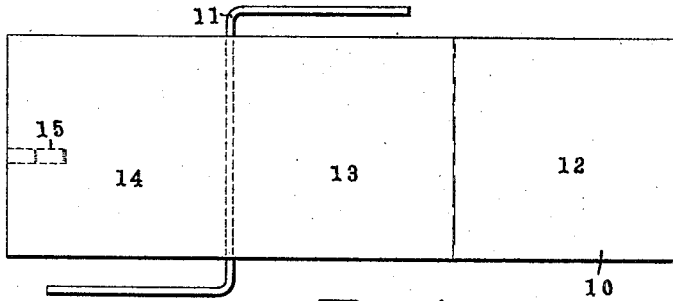


Fig. 1

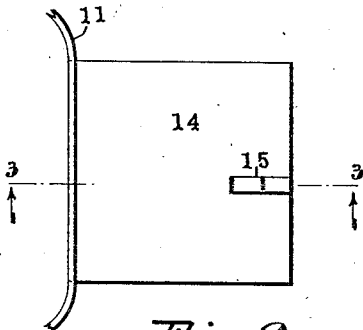


Fig. 2

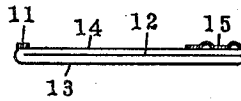


Fig. 3

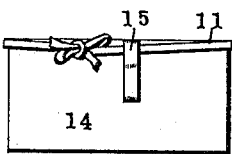


Fig. 4

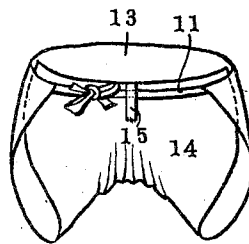


Fig. 5

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS MILLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a garment and more particularly a nether garment in the nature of a diaper.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a device of the character described which lends itself more readily to laundering than articles of this type as generally heretofore proposed.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a diaper the parts of which may be manipulated to furnish an article adaptable to various conditions.

A still further object resides in the construction of a garment of the nature described which may be applied to the body without necessarily using retaining means such as, for example, safety pins, etc., aside from the fact that in such application, the garment may be readily manipulated and caused to conform to the contour of the parts.

An additional object is that of providing a garment which will efficiently perform the purposes for which it is intended and which will also be economically and readily manufactured.

Other objects of the invention will in part be obvious and will in part appear hereinafter.

The invention accordingly comprises a garment possessing the features, properties, and the relation of elements which will be exemplified in the article hereinafter described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the claims.

For a fuller understanding of the nature and objects of the invention reference should be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a face view of a strip and associated parts, by means of which the objects of the present invention may be accomplished,

Fig. 2 shows the strip folded upon itself to provide a pad,

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken along the lines 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 shows the second stage of the folding operation, and

Fig. 5 illustrates the article as applied to the body.

Referring to Fig. 1, it will be seen in the present embodiment of the invention that there has been illustrated a strip 10, which may be made of any suitable material and which is of rectangular shape, its length being materially greater than its width.

In its preferred form the garment comprises a long rectangular sheet of flexible washable material, which is preferably without padding and may be designated as single ply material, adapted to be folded to form a pad comprising three superposed panels 12, 13 and 14, for use, and to be unfolded again for purposes of cleaning and drying.

This pad has attached thereto cords or tapes 11 at opposite sides of one edge and a loop or keeper 15 at the center of the opposite edge. In use the pad is folded parallel to the edges mentioned, between the limbs and one cord is run through the loop. Thereupon by drawing up the cord the edges are drawn tightly around the trunk and the cooperation of the cord and keeper, retains the garment in place by limiting the movement of the edge, lateral to itself.

In such application, attention being invited to Fig. 5, one section of the pad covers the body from the abdomen downwardly and the free side edges thereof extend around the limbs towards the upper part of the body, and slightly around the trunk. Similarly, the second section of the pad extends from the small of the back downwardly and the side edges of this section also partially encircle the limbs so that together with the side edges of the first section, garment legs are formed. Due to the pull exerted upon the second section by means of the belt, it will be appreciated that the side edges of this section, adjacent their upper ends, are also caused to extend around the body and in so doing, they overlap the side edges of the first section adjacent the upper ends of the latter, whereby a complete garment is formed, and it is obvious that by means of the belt, the free edges of the pad may be drawn snugly to embrace the body so that accidental displacement of the garment is virtually precluded.

It will be understood that a garment of this nature offers a great number of advantages among which is to be numbered the fact that by forming the same of one preferably rectangular strip of material, which is not sewn or otherwise provided with permanent pockets, the garment may be opened up so that it may readily be washed and ironed, it being also noted that during the drying of such garment, the same occupies less space upon the dryer than would be occupied by an ordinary diaper in which the length of all edges is substantially equal.

Also, by virtue of the construction herewith suggested, the strip may be folded in numerous different manners in order to provide a pad of any desirable thickness, aside from the fact that by utilizing a member such as the belt herewith illustrated, the necessity for employing retaining means such as safety pins, is obviated.

Furthermore, due to the belt, the parts of the garment may be moved into that relationship which is most desirable for the proper application of the garment to the parts of the body and also, due to the double loop furnished, it is obvious that garments formed of strips of equal size are adaptable to the bodies of infants of different sizes.

Thus, among others, the objects predicated to this invention are accomplished, and it will be seen that since certain changes may be made in the garment and different embodiments of the invention could be made without departing from the scope thereof, it is intended that all matter contained in the above description or shown in the accompanying drawing shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

It is also to be understood that the following claims are intended to cover all of the

generic and specific features of the invention herein described, and all statements of the scope of the invention which, as a matter of language, might be said to fall therebetween.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A diaper comprising a flexible washable single ply sheet folded to provide a substantially rectangular multiple ply pad, adapted to be folded to embrace the thighs, the outer face of said pad having cords at opposite sides adjacent one edge and a cord keeper adjacent the opposite edge intermediate the sides thereof, said cords being adapted to cooperate with each other to fold said first mentioned edge around the trunk and to cooperate with said keeper to retain said second mentioned edge in place.

2. A diaper comprising a flexible washable single ply sheet folded to provide a substantially rectangular multiple ply pad, the outer face of said pad having cords at opposite sides adjacent one edge adapted to cooperate with each other to fold the pad and draw toward each other the portions of the pad to which the cords are attached, and a cord keeper intermediate said sides adjacent the opposite edge of said pad, adapted to be engaged by the cord and limit the lateral position of the engaged part of the cord in respect to the adjacent edge of the pad intermediate said sides.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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