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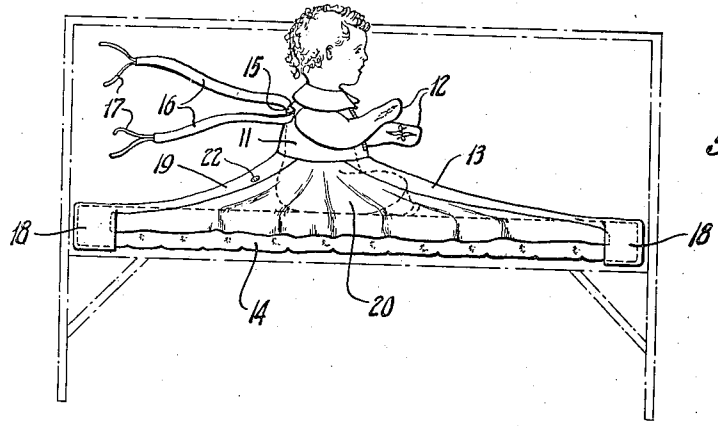

Fig. 1

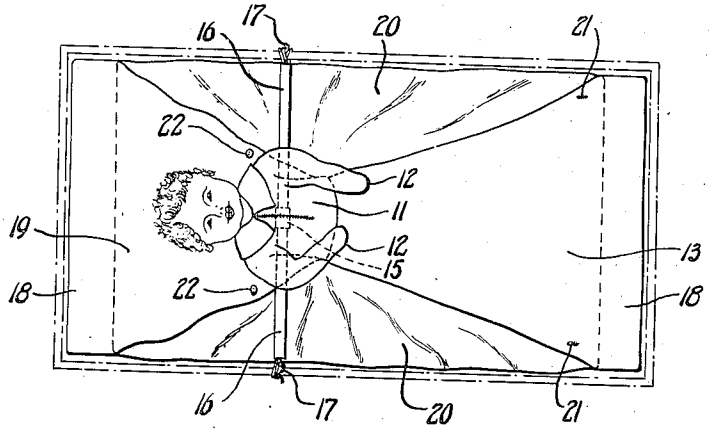

Fig. 2

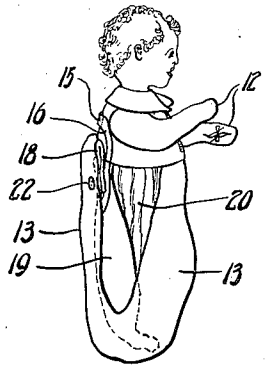

Fig. 3

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This invention relates to infants' garments, and more particularly to infants' garments for use in the infant's crib or carriage.

Objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in part hereinafter and in part will be obvious herefrom, or may be learned by practice with the invention, the same being realized and attained by means of the instrumentalities and combinations pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention consists in the novel parts, constructions, arrangements, combinations and improvements herein shown and described.

The accompanying drawing, referred to herein and constituting a part hereof, illustrates one embodiment of the invention, and together with the description, serves to explain the principles of the invention.

One of the objects of this invention is to provide an infant's crib or carriage garment with means which will solely and efficiently maintain said garment in a smooth and orderly condition despite the action of the infant.

A further object of the invention is to maintain such a garment at all times in a safe and comfortable condition for an infant with a minimum of supervision.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an infant's crib or carriage garment which can be used to retain the infant in a recumbent position.

Another object is to provide a garment which can aid the infant to retain a sitting position in the crib or carriage.

Another object is to provide such a garment which will retain the infant in a substantially central position within the crib or carriage and away from the sides thereof.

A still further object is to provide an infant's crib or carriage garment which will afford complete coverage to the infant whatever the position of the infant in the crib.

Another object is to provide such a garment which may be efficiently folded and secured about the legs of the infant when the infant is removed from the crib or carriage.

Further objects of the invention and novel features of the construction will be apparent from the following specification, when considered together with the accompanying drawing.

In accordance with the present invention the infant's garment consists of a relatively form fitting blouse portion, an apron attached to the front of the blouse portion, another shorter apron attached to the back of the blouse portion, and means for attaching the front and back aprons together and to the blouse portion along each side of the blouse portion and substantially at the waist thereof. Tapes are attached to the blouse portion at a point to lie preferably in the center of the back and between the shoulders thereof, and are adapted to be readily tied to the sides of the crib or carriage.

The front and rear apron portions, or either separately, may be provided with box-like fitted ends suitable to be fitted over an end portion of a crib or carriage mattress.

Means are provided for securing the apron portions about the legs of the infant when the garment is used out of the crib or carriage.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of a crib or carriage mattress and an infant's garment embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a top view of the mattress and garment shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a side view of the garment shown in Fig. 1, folded and secured for use out of the infant's crib or carriage.

As illustratively shown in Fig. 1, an infant's garment according to the present invention and suitable for use in an infant's crib or carriage may consist of a form-fitted blouse or jacket portion 11, to which suitable sleeves 12 are attached in the ordinary manner, a front apron portion 13 and a shorter rear apron portion 19 attached to the blouse or jacket portion 11 at the front and rear respectively and substantially at the waist thereof, and two connecting blanket portions 20, attached along the front and rear edges to the front and rear apron portions respectively, and along the upper edges to the blouse or jacket portion 11 substantially at the waist thereof, one connecting blanket portion being attached to each side of the blouse or jacket portion.

A tape 16 is attached to the back of the blouse or jacket portion 11 at a point 15, which is preferably in a position on the blouse or jacket portion to lie between the shoulder blades of the infant when the garment is in use, and is provided with easily flexible ends 17 to facilitate tying.

Buttons 22 are provided at positions to lie near each lateral edge of the rear apron portion 19 relatively near the waist of the garment, which may be engaged in button-holes 21, lying at positions near each lateral edge of the front apron portion 13 and relatively near the forward end of said apron portion.

Preferably, box-like end portions 18 are pro-

vided for the front and rear apron portions 13 and 19 respectively of the garment, enclosed on five sides and open on the sixth side thereof, so that when the crib or carriage mattress 14 is fitted into the box-like end portions 18, the front and rear apron portions 13 and 19 respectively and the connection blanket portions 20 are disposed over the top of the mattress 14. It may be seen that either or both of the box-like portions 18 may be constructed either as a separate unit and attached to the front and/or rear apron portions 13 and 19 respectively by any suitable means, or as an integral part of said apron portions.

With the construction shown it will be apparent that when the tape 16 is tied by the flexible ends 17 to the lower portion of the sides of an infant's crib or carriage, the infant wearing the garment will be retained in a recumbent position substantially in the center of the mattress 14 and away from the sides of said crib or carriage.

It will be likewise apparent that when the tape 16 is tied by the flexible ends 17 to the upper portion of the sides of a crib or carriage, the infant wearing the garment will receive aid from said tape 16 in maintaining a sitting position and at the same time be retained substantially in the center of the mattress 14 and away from the sides of said crib or carriage.

It will also be apparent that when the garment shown is fitted in the crib or carriage by slipping the box-like end portion 18 over the mattress 14, the front and rear apron portions 13 and 19 respectively and the connecting blanket portions 20 will at all times lie over said mattress 14 in a smooth and orderly condition without the possibility of the infant becoming uncovered, entangled in the tapes, or smothered by the blanket, and in such a position that the garment will not become wet when the infant wets the bed.

It will further be apparent that when the infant wearing the garment is removed from the crib or carriage, and the front apron portion 13 is folded about the legs and feet of the infant, and made to cover the rear apron portion 19, buttons 22 may be engaged in button-holes 21 by gathering the material to bring the button-holes 21 closer together. It will be seen that the garment then forms a warm, all-over protection for the infant for use out of the crib or carriage.

While the invention has been described with certain particularity, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the invention is of wider application, and is not limited to the particular application described nor to the embodiment illustrated in the drawing. Reference is therefore to be had to the appended claims for a definition of the limits of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An infant's protective garment including a relatively form fitting blouse to cover the upper portion of the infant's body, an apron attached to the front portion of the blouse, a shorter apron attached to the rear of the blouse, said aprons each having a formed box-like fitted end adapted to fit over and enclose the end of a crib or carriage mattress and fastening elements for securing the bottom of the front apron to the top of the rear apron when the aprons are folded under the infant's legs, said fastening elements being positioned adjacent the sides of the bottom end of the front apron and adjacent the sides of the top end of the rear apron, respectively.

2. An infant's garment of a type for use in a crib or carriage comprising in combination a relatively form fitting blouse adapted to cover the infant from the neck to substantially the waist, a tape attached to said blouse at a point in the center of the back and between the shoulder blades of said blouse and adapted to be tied to said crib or carriage, an apron portion attached to the front of said blouse at the waist thereof, a shorter apron attached to the back of said blouse at the waist thereof, one of said apron portions having a formed box-like end adapted to fit over and enclose the end of the crib or carriage mattress, and means for interconnecting the front and rear apron portions, said means and said apron portions covering the major portion of the top of the crib or carriage mattress.

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