

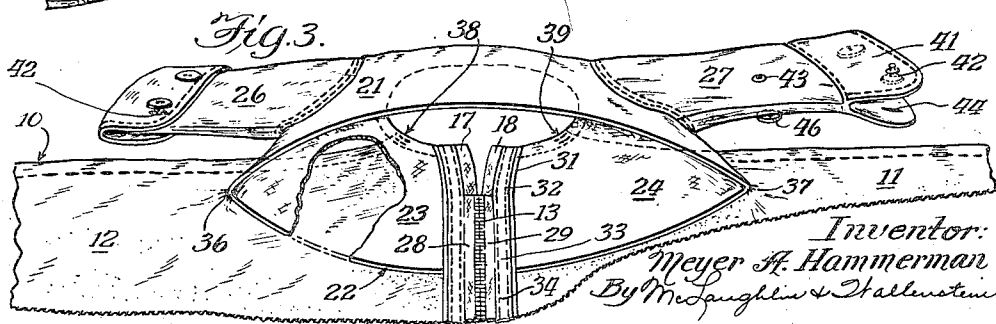
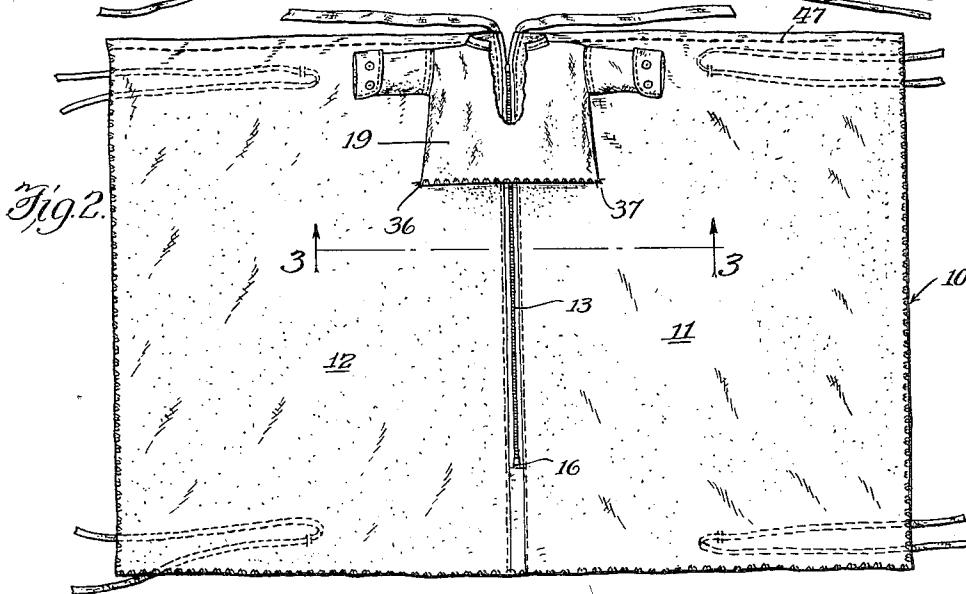
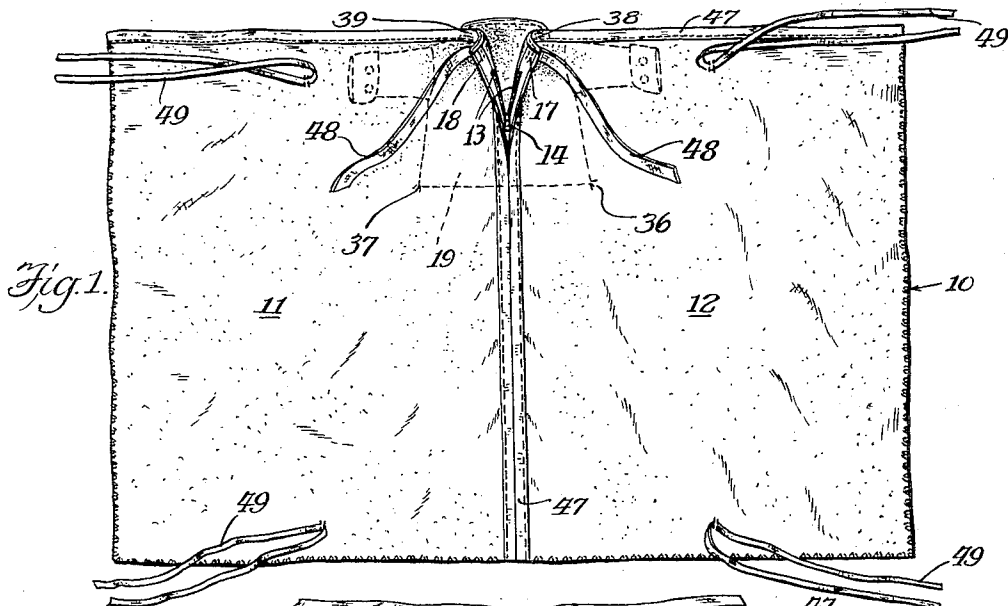
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My invention relates to garments, particularly infants' garments which are in the general form of blankets or bed covers or the like, although the novel features of my invention, as will be seen hereinafter, may be embodied in that type of garment which completely encircles an infant and is closed at the bottom, in other words the so-called sleeping bags.

Infants' garments of numerous types have been disclosed in the prior art for the purpose of providing comfort, warmth and bodily protection and at the same time designed to permit freedom of movement of the infant and avoidance of danger of strangulation. While many of these garments possess certain desirable features, they also are lacking in important matters such as simplicity of construction, cost of manufacture, ease of providing ingress into and egress from the garments and the like.

I have provided a novel garment which avoids various objections to prior art garments, is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, and affords comfort, warmth and protection and relative freedom of movement by the infant without danger of strangulation or the like.

In general, my novel garment comprises a body or blanket portion, preferably made of a single thickness of a suitable fabric material such as cotton, wool, flannel, or the like, although it will be apparent that, if desired, the body or blanket portion may be made of a plurality of thicknesses of material. The body or blanket portion is associated in a novel manner, as hereinafter pointed out in detail, with a vest or jacket portion which is mounted on the back or rear surface of the body or blanket portion. The body or blanket portion is provided, preferably, although not necessarily, medially or centrally of the width thereof, with an opening or slit which is adapted to be closed by a slide or separable fastener or any other desired fastening or closing means. Preferably, the opening or slit terminates at a point spaced from the bottom of the body or blanket portion and the slide fastener or other closing means preferably terminates at a point below the top or upper edge of said body or blanket portion whereby two free corners are left.

The vest or jacket is open at the front thereby providing two front sections, as is the case with conventional vests and jackets. However, the edges of the vest or jacket sections are attached in any suitable manner, as by stitching or the like, to the opposite edges of the opening in the body or blanket portion. The result is that by closing the slide fastener or the like, the opening

in the body or blanket portion is closed and simultaneously therewith the vest or jacket is closed. The vest or jacket portion is also preferably connected to the back side or rear surface of the body or blanket portion at a plurality of places in the upper and lower parts of said vest or jacket portion, as will appear more clearly hereinafter.

Other features of my invention will be clear from a consideration of the accompanying drawing illustrating one embodiment of my invention wherein

Figure 1 is a front view of a garment, in the form of a blanket, made in accordance with my invention, the vest or jacket portion being shown in dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a back view of the garment of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view, partly broken away, taken generally along the line 3-3 of Figure 2, looking in the direction of the arrows, the vest or jacket portion being somewhat expanded to show more clearly the construction, one cuff of the jacket being shown in unbuttoned form to show fully the arrangement of the parts thereof.

As shown in said drawings, the garment of my invention comprises a body or blanket portion of suitable fabric material, preferably generally rectangular in shape as disclosed, and provided with a generally central or medial opening or slit which serves to divide said body or blanket portion into two side flaps or sections 11 and 12. The slit or opening is adapted to be closed by suitable means, preferably a slide or hookless fastener 13 which may be manipulated by a finger piece 14. As is clearly shown in the drawings, the slit or opening does not extend to the bottom of the blanket portion but terminates at a point 16. The slide fastener also does not extend to the top of the blanket portion but terminates at a short distance therebelow, leaving two free corner flaps 17 and 18 which, in part, define the neck portion of a vest or jacket portion later to be described.

On the rear surface or back side of the blanket portion, at the upper end thereof, there is mounted a vest or jacket portion 19 for an infant. This vest or jacket portion which, as shown, lies essentially entirely within the area of the blanket portion, comprises a back 21, a front 22 which comprises two sections 23 and 24, and sleeves 26 and 27. The vest or jacket portion 19 is attached to the back of the blanket portion in a novel manner, as best shown in Figure 3. The interlockable fastening members which com-

prise the slide fastener 13 are attached to tapes 28 and 29. The jacket sections 23 and 24 are attached to the blanket portion adjacent the opposite edges of the slit or opening by two rows of stitches 31 and 32. A tape 33 overlies one edge of the jacket portion and one edge of the tape 29 and two rows of stitches pass therethrough and through the jacket portion. One row of said stitches 32, as previously stated, serves to attach a free edge of the jacket portion to the blanket portion. The other row of stitches 34 serves to attach the tape 29 adjacent the edge of the opening. The manner of attaching the tape 28 along the edge of the section 23 is the same as described with respect to the tape 29. It will be seen, therefore, that, by opening the slide fastener 13, the jacket portion is simultaneously opened, and by closing said slide fastener the jacket portion is simultaneously closed.

The jacket portion is also preferably connected to the back of the blanket portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of the jacket portion. In the drawings, the lower part of the jacket is stitched to the blanket portion at points 36 and 37 and the upper part is stitched at the points 38 and 39.

The jacket sleeves 26 and 27 are each provided with a double cuff, as best shown in Figure 3, comprising a cuff 41 which is provided with a male snap member 42 which cooperates with a female snap member 43 on the sleeve. Buttonholes 44 are provided in the cuff and, when the cuff is folded back, buttons 46 on the sleeve pass therethrough. The buttons and snap fastener serve to hold the cuff in folded relation.

The blanket is provided with decorative binding or trimming ribbon 47 which is sewn in place, said binding or trimming which is adjacent the slit or opening in the blanket serving to conceal the slide fastener. Ribbons 48 are provided at the free corners 17 and 18 and may be tied into a bow or decorative knot while closing the neck portion of the blanket more closely about the neck of an infant, if desired. The strings 49 serve as a means to secure the blanket to bed posts or the like.

It will be seen, therefore, that I have provided a novel and inexpensive garment which may be utilized with great convenience. While I have illustrated my invention in connection with a blanket, which represents the most important embodiment, the novel teachings of my invention may be embodied in garments of the sleeping bag type which comprise a closed bottom bag which completely encircles an infant.

It will be understood that various changes may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention. My invention is, therefore, not to be limited other than by the scope of the claims.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having an opening along its length, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said

blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

2. A garment for a child comprising a body portion of extended width and length exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said body portion having an opening along its length, means for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said body portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said body portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said body portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said body portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said body portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

3. A garment comprising a blanket portion of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having an opening along its length, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, the material of said blanket portion at the top thereof in part defining a collar, said collar being substantially adjacent the top edge of said blanket portion, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed.

4. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of extended width and length exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having an opening along its length, a sliding fastener for closing said opening, a jacket portion provided with sleeves and having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed.

5. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having an opening along its length, a sliding fastener for closing said opening, a jacket portion having a front opening, the material of said blanket portion at the top thereof in part defining a collar, said collar being substantially adjacent the top edge of said

blanket portion, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed.

6. A garment for a child comprising a body portion of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said body portion having an opening along its length, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said body portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said body portion at the upper end thereof, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said body portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said body portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

7. A garment for a child comprising a body portion, having a front and a rear surface, said body portion being of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body and having a generally central opening along its length, a fastener for closing said opening, a jacket portion provided with sleeves and having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the rear surface of said body portion at the upper end thereof, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the rear surface of said body portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed.

8. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of a single thickness of a suitable fabric material and of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having a generally centrally disposed opening along its length but terminating short of the bottom of said blanket portion, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

9. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of a single thickness of a suitable fabric material and of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having a generally

centrally disposed opening along its length but terminating short of the bottom of said blanket portion, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being stitched to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite points adjacent the neck of said jacket portion.

10. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion of generally rectangular shape, made of a single thickness of suitable fabric material, and of extended width and length substantially exceeding the dimensions of a child's body, said blanket portion having a medial opening along its length but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein by stitching, said stitching serving also to attach the stringers of said slide fastener to said last mentioned edges, the arrangement being such that, upon closing said opening by means of said slide fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

11. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion having an opening along its length dividing the same into two sections, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, the material of said blanket portion at the top thereof in part defining a collar, said collar being substantially adjacent the top edge of said blanket portion, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially entirely within the area of said blanket portion, each of the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to a section on the back side of said blanket portion whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said sliding fastener, the open front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed.

12. A garment for a child comprising a blanket portion having an opening along its length dividing the same into two sections, a sliding fastener for closing said opening but terminating at a point below the upper edge of said blanket portion thereby leaving two free corners thereof, a jacket portion having a front opening, said jacket portion being mounted on the back side of said blanket portion at the upper end thereof, said jacket portion lying substantially en-

5 tirely within the area of said blanket portion, each of the open front edges of said jacket portion being attached to a section on the back side of said blanket portion at opposite edges of the opening therein whereby, upon closing said opening by means of said sliding fastener, the open

front of said jacket portion will be simultaneously closed, said jacket portion also being attached to the back side of said blanket portion at a plurality of places at the upper and lower parts of said jacket portion.

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