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Fig. 1.

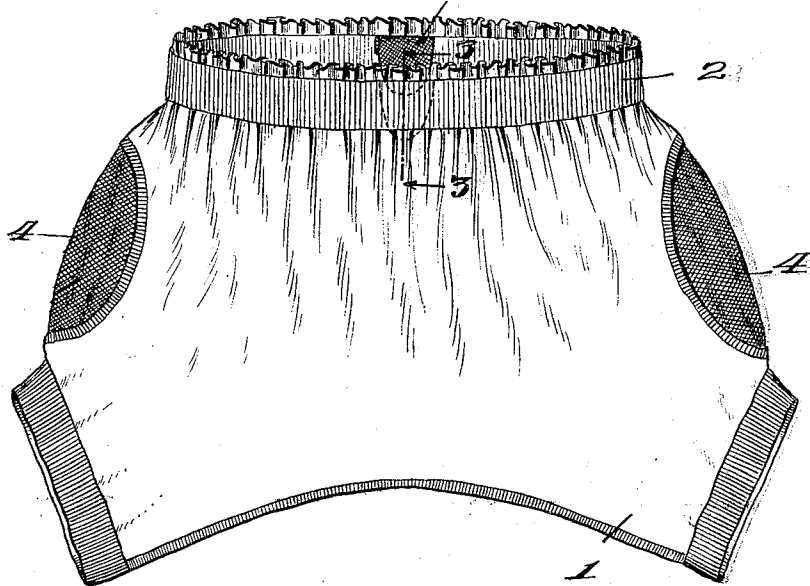


Fig. 3.

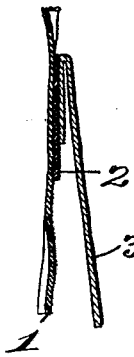
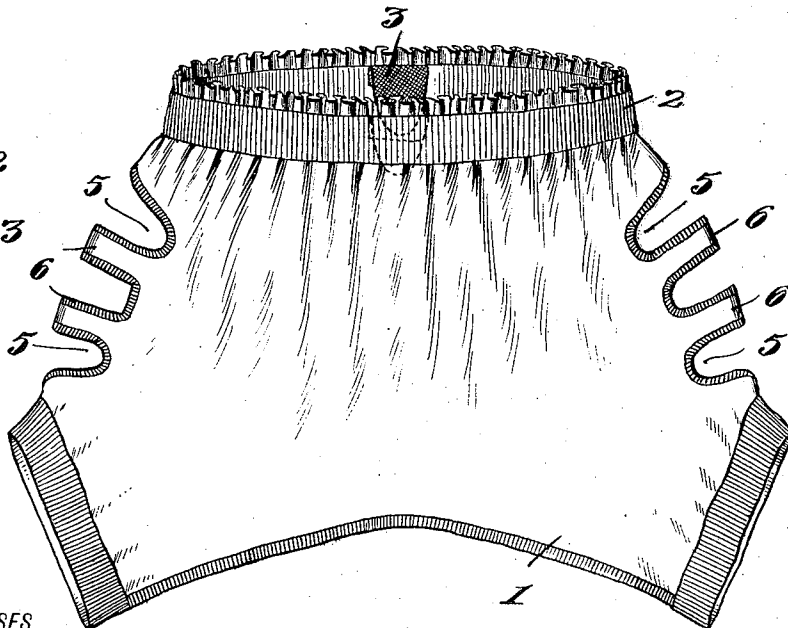


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KURT HEITLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Garment-Protector, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

It is a well-known fact that various devices have been patented with a view of protecting the garments of ladies during the menstrual period, such device usually including a rubber casing which was to encircle the limbs and abdomen of the wearer.

Similar devices have been constructed with a view to protecting the garments of infants from moisture which impregnated the usual diapers and soiled the clothes.

Devices of this nature have, as aforesaid, usually been constructed of a waterproof material, such as sheet rubber, and have proven very uncomfortable to the wearer after having been applied for a certain length of time, due to the fact that in addition to preventing the escape of waste fluids they have prevented respiration of the pores of the skin and also have prevented a free circulation of air around the parts to which the garment was applied.

In an endeavor to overcome this objection, I have constructed a sanitary garment, which is equally applicable to infants or to grown persons of the female sex, which will permit a sufficient quantity of air to come in contact with the parts enveloped by the garment, permit the evaporation of perspiration and eliminate any danger of a clogging of the pores, although preventing the escape of any discharge fluids.

My invention has, further, in mind the construction of a sanitary garment which, while embodying these desirable features, may be manufactured in a number of artistic designs which shall be pleasing to the eye and, consequently, attractive to the users.

Reference is had to the attached sheet of drawings which illustrates practical embodiments of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a sanitary garment constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a second form of garment con-

structed with the aforementioned objects in mind; and

Fig. 3 is a sectional view along line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

In these various views like reference numerals designate similar parts, and the reference numeral 1 indicates the body of a garment, constructed of any suitable waterproof material, which is provided with any convenient form of belt 2. Associated with the inner face of the belt, at a position intermediate the side of the same, are tabs 3 adapted to have secured to them by any practical means, such as pins, etc., the ends of a sanitary cloth.

Along the side edges of the garment, and at a point in the same adapted to overlie the hips and thighs of the wearer, the garment, as is shown in Fig. 1, is cut out, and in lieu of such cut-out portion an insert 4 of porous cloth, such as silk, etc., may be applied. In this connection I particularly bear in mind, when providing this insert, that the body of the garment 1 and the insert should be made of harmonizing colors so as to provide a finished device which will be pleasing to the eye.

It will be seen upon reference to Fig. 2 that the cloth insert 4 may be entirely dispensed with and in lieu of cutting out the portion of the garment along the side edges of the same in the manner above specified, a series of notches may be cut, as is indicated at the reference numeral 5, thus providing a number of straps 6 which will engage the body of the wearer and retain the garment in applied position, although the air is at liberty to circulate through the same.

From the above it will be seen that I have constructed a sanitary garment which will effectually protect the outer garments of the wearer from being soiled but which will, nevertheless, reduce to a minimum the detrimental features of garments heretofore constructed with this object in mind.

Obviously, various changes might be resorted to in the arrangement of the openings, in their size and design, together with providing such openings at any desired points in the garment.

I claim:

1. A garment, including trunk and limb-

encircling portions, said garment being cut out along certain parts of the side edges of said limb portions, whereby to provide a number of openings spaced from one another by means of integral straps.

5 2. A garment, comprising a body including trunk and limb encircling portions, said

garment being formed with a number of cut-out portions adjacent its side edges, whereby to provide openings, through the body of 10 said garment, entirely inclosed by an integral portion of said body.

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