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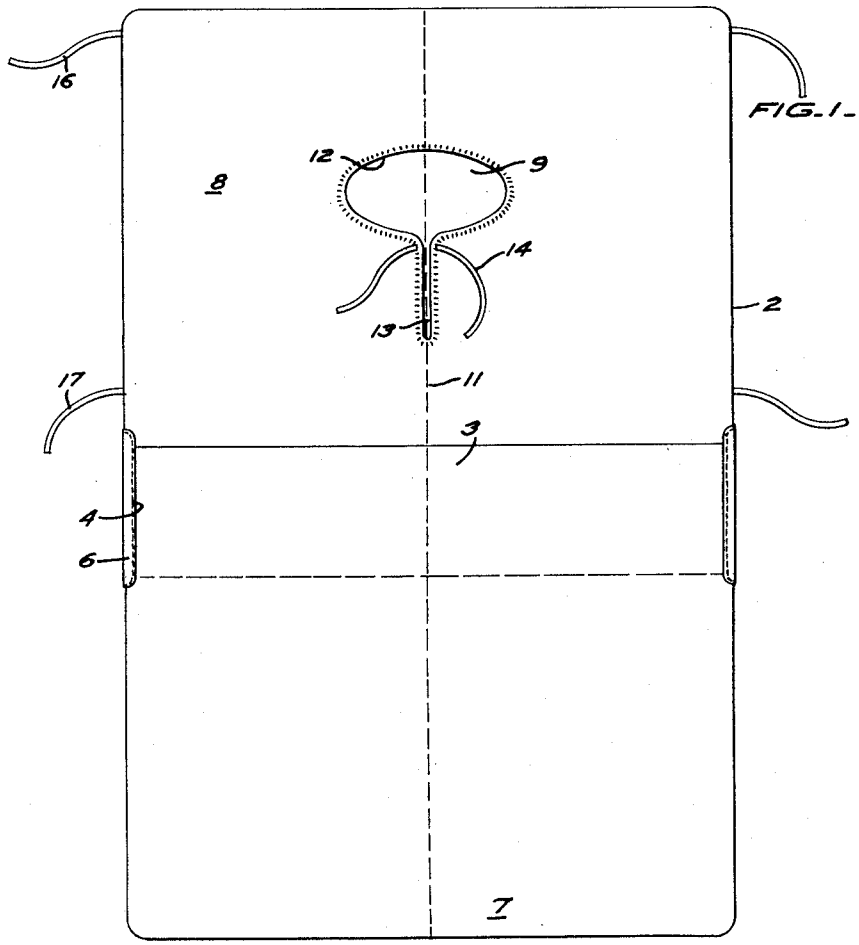
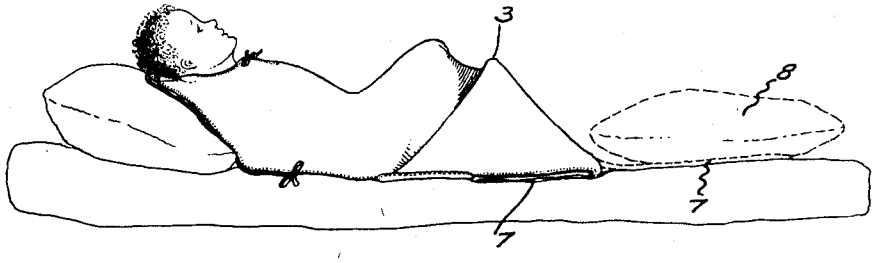


FIG. 1.

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My invention relates to a covering and particularly to a blanket for babies.

An object of my invention is the provision of a baby blanket which provides full protection for the child whether he is sitting up or lying down, and which cannot be thrown or kicked off.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a baby blanket which is readily applied and secured in place. Still another object is the provision of a baby blanket which permits free movement of the baby's legs without being displaced.

My invention possesses other objects and features of advantage, some of which, with the foregoing will be set forth in the following description of my invention. It is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the showing made by the said description, as I may adopt variant forms of the invention within the scope of the claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the blanket of my invention, when laid out flat.

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the blanket in use.

Mothers and nurses find that a most difficult task in the care of a baby is to keep him covered. One of baby's most eloquent means of expression is kicking up his heels. The effect of these movements upon the arrangement of the coverings is obvious. If the baby's feet are covered his hands are out and vice versa. If he is tucked in so tightly that he cannot kick and move, he becomes frightened. If he is old enough to sit up, he frequently shifts from one position to another so that his back and shoulders are uncovered.

My blanket meets all these demands. The baby cannot throw it off with either hands or feet, and he is well protected both when lying down and sitting up, and in addition ample space is provided for his free movement.

My invention comprises a blanket 2 of any material suitable for the purpose, and which is conveniently about twice as long as it is wide, and preferably having one end a little wider than the other altho it may be truly rectangular as shown in Figure 1. A deep S shaped fold 3 extends transversely across the blanket at about its center, and is preferably formed on the upper side thereof, so that the double edge of the fold on the upper side lies nearest the upper edge of the blanket. When folded in this manner, a considerable amount of slack is provided above the legs which permits their free movement without pulling out the edges of the blanket. Because of the direction of the fold no pocket is formed which can catch the baby's feet, and by giving him a foot hold enable him to move the blanket.

Each end of the fold 3 is preferably secured in any suitable manner, such for example as a row of stitches 4. If desired a binding or reinforcing strip 6 may also be secured across the ends of the fold to further strengthen them.

It will be noted that a considerable expanse of blanket remains on each side of the fold. If the baby is lying on a bed or other large area, the lower portion 7 may be anchored in place by placing thereon a pillow or other object 8, as indicated in dotted lines in Figure 2. Should the child be placed in a carriage or crib, the portion 7 may be folded under him, as indicated by the full lines in Figure 2, or it may be tucked under the end of the mattress, in either case serving the purpose of holding the blanket in place.

Disposed in the upper quarter 8 of the blanket, and about midway between the fold and the end of the blanket, is an aperture 9 preferably round or elliptical in form, so that it will comfortably conform to the child's neck. This aperture should preferably be disposed on the longitudinal median line 11 of the blanket, and its edges 12 should be bound in any suitable manner.

Opening out of the aperture and extending toward the fold along the median line 11, is a slit 13 of convenient length, say eight to ten inches, the sides of which should be finished in the same manner as the aperture with which it is continuous. The sides of the slit adjacent the aperture are preferably provided with suitable tapes 14, adapted to be tied together to secure the blanket about the neck of the baby. I have also found it desirable to place tying tapes 16, similar to the tapes 14, adjacent the corners of the upper end of the blanket, with complementary tapes 17 disposed on each side of the portion 8 below the slit and adjacent the fold 3. When these tapes are tied together an envelope or jacket is formed which protects the child's back and shoulders.

When the blanket is to be used, the baby's head is passed thru the opening formed by

the aperture 9 and the slit 13, and the blanket positioned so that the aperture encircles the neck when the slit is closed. The portion of the blanket between the aperture 9 and the upper end is folded under the shoulders and the tapes 16 and 17 on each side tied together so that the envelope or jacket thus formed cannot be displaced, and provides protection to the back and shoulders in any position.

The fold should now lie above the baby's feet so that when he kicks the portion of the fold adjacent the median line 11 opens giving him ample space for free movement. If desired, a plurality of smaller folds may be substituted for a single fold, the result in either case being the same, the provision of slack material to permit unhampered movement.

I claim:

A blanket having intermediate its length a transverse portion folded back over the top of the blanket towards the head thereof to form an S shaped fold, said folded portion being secured at its side edges and unsecured intermediate its edges whereby it is free to expand along the median line of said blanket.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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