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Fig. 1.

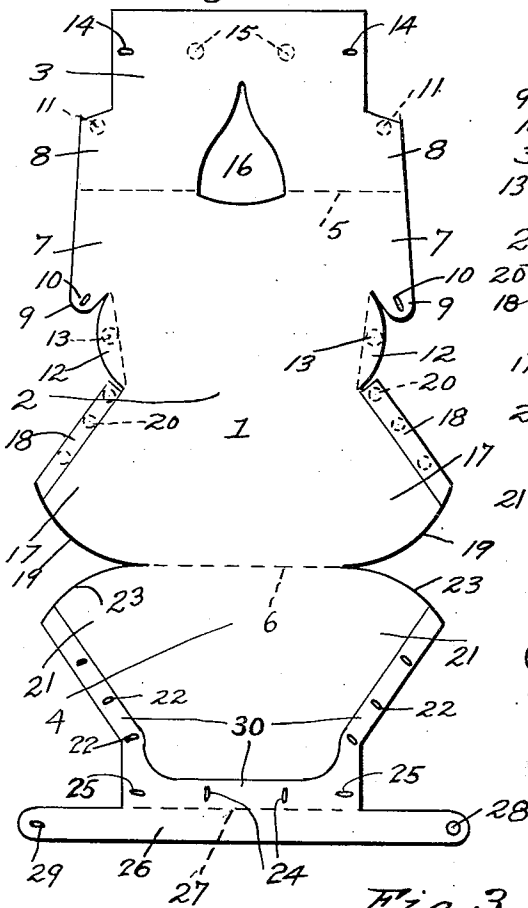


Fig. 2.

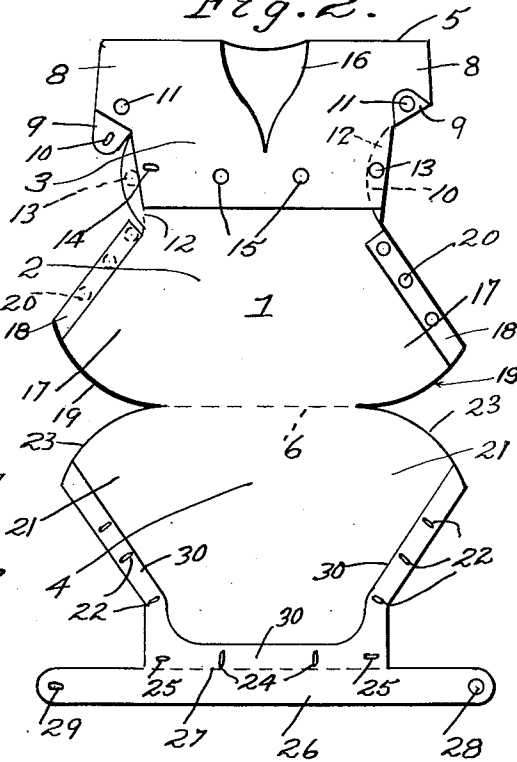
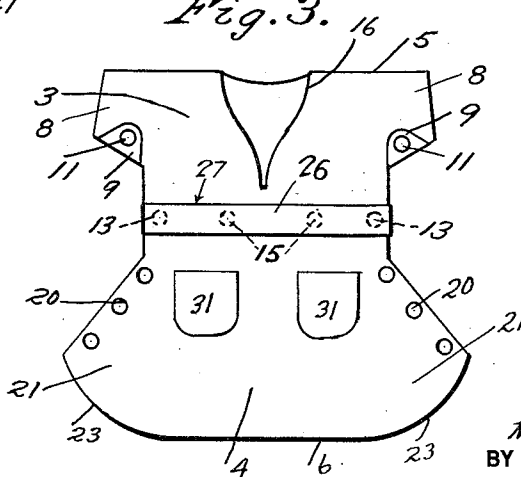


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to children's playing clothes and more particularly to a child's play dress known as a "romper".

The general object of the invention is to provide a child's play dress or "romper" made in one piece of cloth which may be unfolded and laid out flat to be easily laundered and readily folded and fastened upon a child for wear.

Other objects and advantages will appear hereinafter.

The invention is illustrated in the annexed drawing which forms a part of this specification and in which,

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the dress unfolded and laid out flat.

Fig. 2 is a view like Fig. 1 except that the upper front member is folded down into its position for wear.

Fig. 3 is a front view of the dress, the upper flap thereby being folded down, the lower front member being folded up and the parts properly fastened in position for wear.

Corresponding parts are designated by the same reference characters in all the figures.

The dress comprises a single sheet of cloth 1 cut primarily in the form of a back member 2 an upper front member 3 and a lower front member 4. The upper front member 3 folds forwardly upon the back member 2 on the line 5, while the lower front member 4 folds upwardly upon the back member on the line 6.

The back member 2 is formed at its sides with back arm members 7, while the upper front member 3 is formed at its sides with front arm members 8, the back arm members being formed at their lower edges with flaps 9 provided with button holes 10 and there being buttons 11 secured to the outside of the front arm members 8 to which the flaps 9 are buttoned. The back member 2 is formed, at its sides, below the back arm members 7, with side securing flaps 12 to the outside of which are secured buttons 13 for engaging button holes 14 in the upper front member 3 near the side edges thereof. Buttons 15 are secured to the front of the upper front member 3 at the lower edge thereof. In the center of the back member 2 and front member 3 is cut an opening 16, the major portion of said open-

ing being cut in the front member 3. The back member 2 is formed, at its sides, below the flaps 12, with back leg members 17 and with flaps 18 at the side edges of said leg members, the lower edges 19 of said leg members curving upwardly in an outward direction. Buttons 20 are secured to the outside of the flaps 18.

The lower front member 4 is formed at its sides with front leg members 21 which are formed with button holes 22 near the side edges thereof, the lower edges 23 of said leg members being curved outwardly and downwardly when the front member 4 is unfolded as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Button holes 24 and 25 are formed in the lower front member 4 near the lower end thereof as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the button holes 24 extending vertically and the button holes 25 extending horizontally of said member. A belt 26 is formed on the lower end of the lower front member 4 and is adapted to fold over the outside of said member on the dotted line 27, there being a button 28 secured to one end of the belt on the outside thereof, and a button hole 29 formed in the other end of said belt. A facing 30 is secured to the inside of the lower front member 4 along the lower end and side edges of said member and along the side edges of the front leg members 21, which facing forms a reinforcement through which the button holes 22, 24 and 25 are worked. Pockets 31 are formed on the outside of the lower front member.

The operation of my invention is as follows:

The child's head is first inserted, from the inside of the dress, through the opening 16; the back member 2 is let down over the child's back with the back leg members 17 fitting over the back of the upper portion of the child's legs and the lower front member 4 depending from said back member; the flaps 12 are folded over the inside of the back member 1; the upper front member 3 is folded down over the child's breast and over the folded flaps 12 on the line 5 as shown in Fig. 2; the arm flaps 9 are folded over the lower edges of the front arm members 8 and upon said members, and are buttoned to the front

arm members by the buttons 11 through button holes 10, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3; the side edges of the upper front member 3 are buttoned to the side edges of the back member 1 by the buttons 13 on the flaps 12 through button holes 14, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3; the flaps 18 are folded over the inside of back leg members 18 as shown in Fig. 2; the lower front member 4 is then brought forwardly between the child's legs and folded upwardly on line 6 over the front of the lower portion of the child's body and over the lower end of the upper front member 3, the front leg members 21 fitting over the front of the upper portion of the child's legs, and the upper end of the lower front member is buttoned to the lower end of the upper front member by the buttons 15 and 13 through the button holes 24 and 25 respectively; the belt 26 is then folded down over the buttons 13 and 15, hiding the buttons, and the ends of the belt are extended around the child's back and buttoned together by the button 28 through the button hole 29; and the front leg members 21 are buttoned to the rear leg members 17 by the buttons 20 through the button holes 22, the child's legs extending through the openings formed between the lower edges 19 and 23 of the back leg members 17 and the front leg members 21.

The dress may be readily put on the child or taken off the child and laundered.

I do not limit my invention to the exact construction herein disclosed because various changes may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention.

I claim as my invention:

1. A dress formed with a back member, an upper front member, and a lower front member, the front member and back member being formed with an opening through which the child's head is extended, back arm members and front arm members formed respectively on said back member and said upper front member, flaps on the lower edges of said back arm members adapted to extend over the lower edges of said front arm members and fold upon the outside of said front arm members, buttons on said front arm members for engaging button holes in said flaps, flaps along the side edges of said back member, buttons on said side edge flaps for engaging button holes in the side edges of said front upper member, buttons on said front upper member near the lower edge thereof, back leg members on said back member, flaps along the side edges of said back leg members, buttons on said leg member flaps said lower front member being formed to extend between the child's legs and fold upwardly over the lower portion of the child's body, said lower front member being formed with button holes near its upper edge through which the buttons near the lower edge of said upper front member and the buttons on the side edge flaps of said

back member are extended to button the upper edge of said lower front member to the lower edge of said upper front member, front leg members on said lower front member, said front leg members being formed with button holes near their side edges through which the buttons on the flaps of said back leg members are extended to button the side edges of the front and the back leg members together.

2. A dress as characterized by claim 1 including a belt on the lower front member arranged to fold over the buttons on the lower edge of said upper front member and the buttons on the side edge flaps of said back member when the upper edge of said lower front member is secured to said buttons, and means for fastening the ends of the belt together around the waist of the child.

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