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Fig. 1.

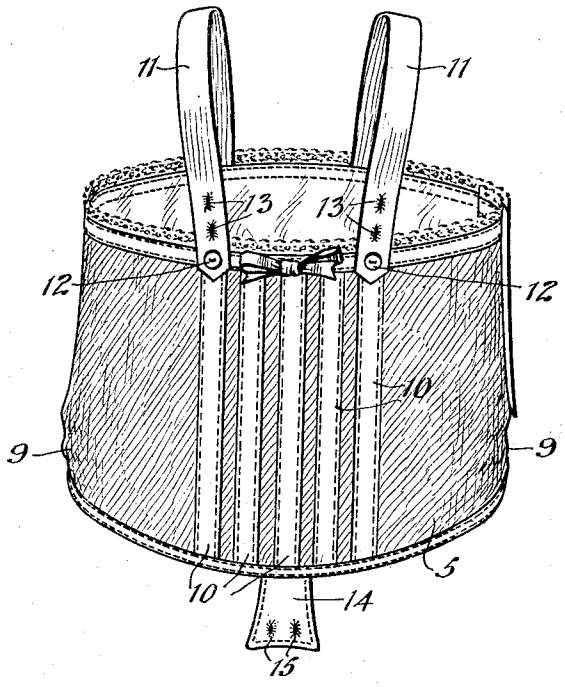
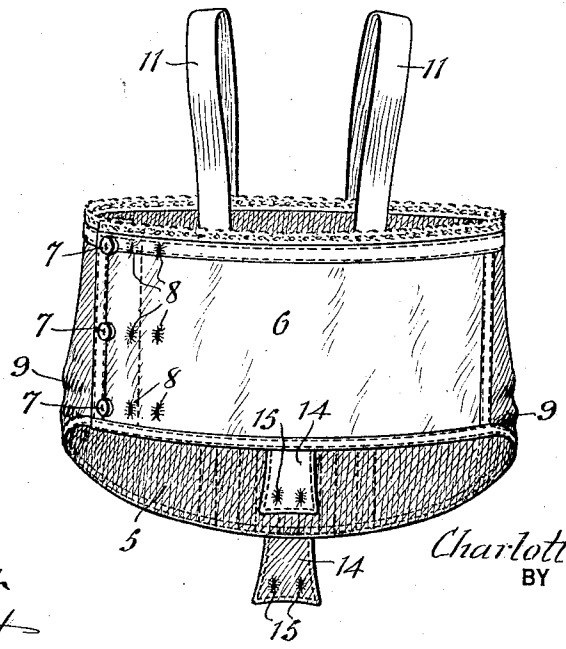


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to infants' accessories, and has particular reference to an improved belly band for an infant.

It is essential to protect the stomach or lower front portion of the abdominal region of an infant against cold air or drafts, and for this reason an article commonly known as a "band" is usually worn by the infant for this purpose. These bands which are now in general use are in the nature of either a length of flannel or similar heat retaining material pinned in place around the body or a sleeveless undershirt having a low cut neck portion which are usually made of a snitted wool material. In warmer seasons, the garment has a tendency to cause discomfort by overheating of the back, often resulting in a prickly heat rash. The present bands are also objectionable in that they are straight cut and do not readily conform to the contour of the infant's body, in addition to the fact that they are not adjustable to compensate for the rapid growth of the infant, thereby necessitating the discarding of the garment within a short space of time and the purchase of new ones of a larger size. These garments also tend to wrinkle horizontally and chafe the tender skin of the infant.

In order to overcome the above recited disadvantages and objections, the present invention aims to provide an improved infant's belly band, which is formed with a front section or panel of wool, flannel or any other suitable heat or warmth retaining material while the rear or back section or panel is of cotton, silk or any other similar non-heat-retaining material in order to avoid overheating of that region of the infant's body which does not require protection.

The invention further comprehends in a band of the character set forth, shoulder supporting straps which are adjustable, together with means on the front portion of the band for resisting the tendency of the same to wrinkle horizontally, and this without unduly stiffening the same or interfering with its flexibility.

Other objects of the invention reside in the simplicity of construction of the band, the economy with which it may be produced and the general efficiency derived therefrom.

With the above recited and other objects in view, reference is had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which there is exhibited one example or embodiment of the invention, while the claims define the actual scope of the same.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the band as viewed from the front.

Figure 2 is a similar view as viewed from the rear.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, the band includes a front section or panel 5 constructed of wool, flannel or any other suitable heat retaining material and a rear section or panel 6 of silk, cotton or any other suitable non-heat retaining material. In practice, the band may be opened at any point but, preferably, the opening will be disposed adjacent one of the sides substantially at the juncture of the back section with the front section and will be joined by separable fastening elements, such as buttons 7 and buttonholes 8. Preferably, a plurality of buttonholes will be used in order to allow for circumferential adjustment to increase and decrease the size or girth of the band. The front section will preferably be gathered at 9 adjacent its lower edge in order to impart a shaping to conform to the front of the abdomen of the infant. In order to resist vertical wrinkling of the band, the front panel or section 5 will preferably be provided with vertical parallel spaced strips 10, preferably of bias tape. In order to provide means for supporting the band, shoulder straps 11 are employed which are secured at one of their ends, preferably to the rear panel or section 6, and which are adjustably connected to the upper edge of the front section or panel 5 by means of buttons 12 and buttonholes 13. The medial portion of the lower edges of the front and rear panels is provided with pending tabs 14 having reinforced openings 15 for the reception of safety pins to attach the diaper thereto.

In use, it is apparent that the front beat

retaining panel or section 5 will protect the lower portion of the abdomen of the infant while the rear non-heat retaining panel or section 6 will prevent overheating of the back. After feeding, the girth of the band may be increased if necessary for comfort, and the band may be adjusted to compensate for growth of the infant. The length of the shoulder straps 11 may be readily increased by selectively buttoning the buttons 12 in the buttonholes 13.

What is claimed is:

1. A belly band for infants including front and rear sections, the front section being constructed of a heat retaining material and of a size to extend from the crotch upwardly to a point below the arms and from a point slightly to the rear of one side to a point slightly to the rear of the other side and formed with a fullness at the medial portion for conforming to the shape of the infant's belly, said medial portion merging into a gathered part at each side edge for causing the front section to conform to the shape of the region which it covers so that the marginal edges intimately contact with said region and means on said front section for resisting the tendency of the same to wrinkle horizontally without unduly stiffening the same.

2. A belly band for infants including front and rear sections, the front section being constructed of a heat retaining material and of a size to extend from the crotch upwardly to a point below the arms and from a point slightly to the rear of one side to a point slightly to the rear of the other side and formed with a fullness at the medial portion for conforming to the shape of the infant's belly, said medial portion merging into a gathered part at each side edge for causing the front section to conform to the shape of the region which it covers so that the marginal edges intimately contact with said region and means on said front section for resisting the tendency of the same to wrinkle horizontally without unduly stiffening the same, said means consisting of a plurality of spaced rows of tape.

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