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Fig. 1

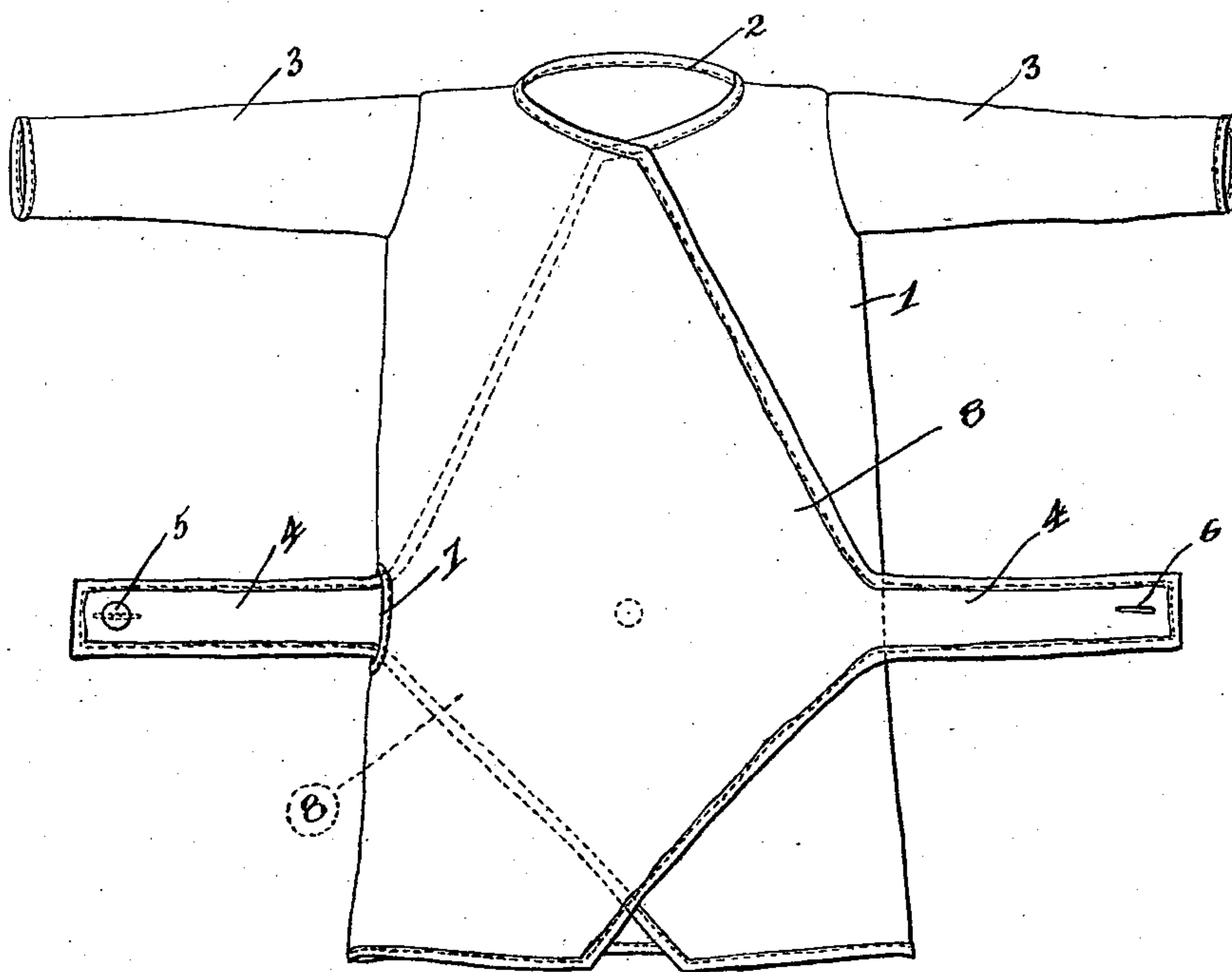


Fig. 2

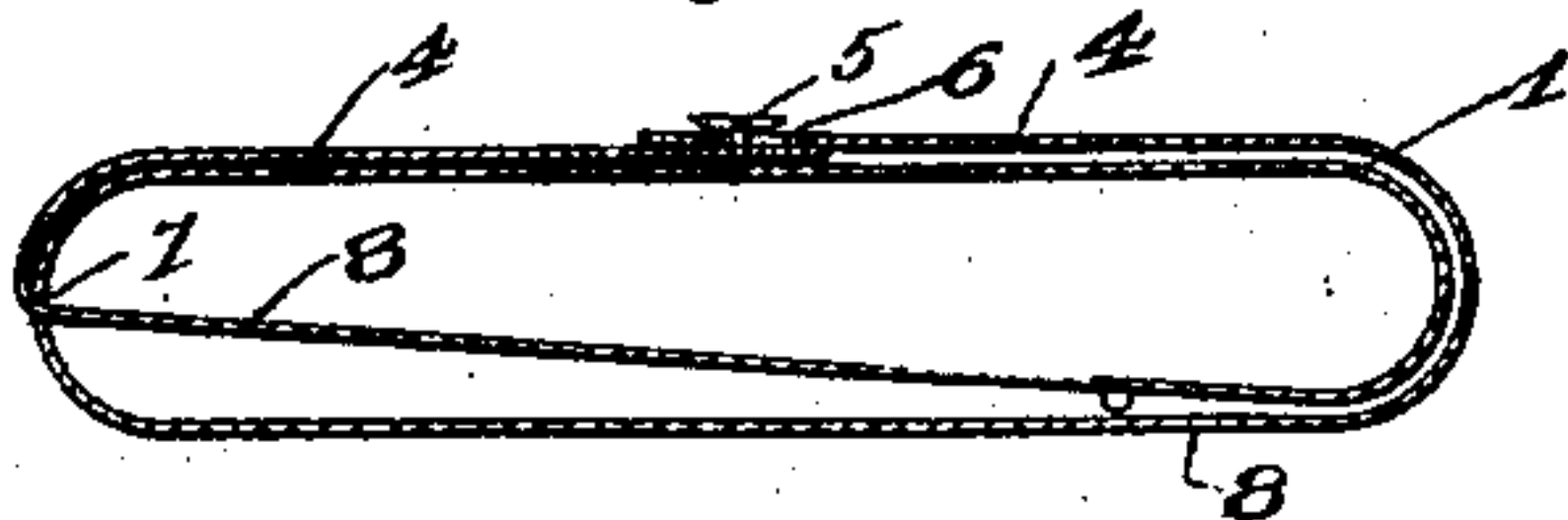
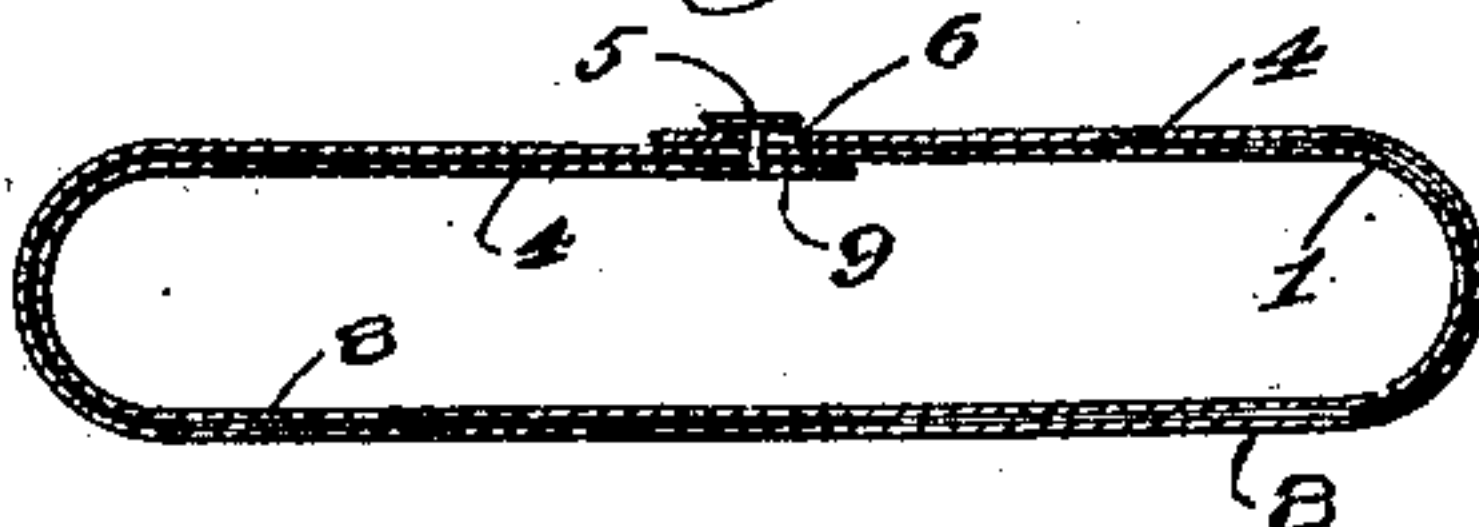


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEE RUBENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have
5 invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable
10 others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a novel construction in undershirts for infants, the objects being to provide a garment of this kind that can be readily put on and fastened, or removed from, an infant; which when in place
15 and fastened will fit nicely and is smooth, and which provides an extra covering or protector for the chest and abdomen.

The invention consists in the features of
20 construction hereinafter fully described and specifically claimed.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a front view of the garment. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the
25 same at about the waist line, and Fig. 3 is a sectional view, at about the waist line, of a modified construction embodying my invention.

Referring now to said drawings, 1 indicates
30 the main body portion of the garment provided in the usual manner with the neck 2 and arms 3. The open portion of the garment is not provided with fastening devices in the usual manner, but each side or edge of the
35 open portion is provided with a strap or band 4 of sufficient length to extend from the open edge around the body to about the middle of the back. In the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2 one of these straps or bands 4 is provided with a button 5 and the other with a
40 hole 6, said button and hole being located near the outer ends of the straps or bands, and also in said Figs. 1 and 2 an opening 7 is made in the body of the garment at about the
45 waist line, to permit one of the straps or bands 4 to pass therethrough. Therefore, when putting on a garment of this construction it is placed on the body in the usual manner and then one of the straps or bands 4 is passed
50 through the opening 7, while the other strap

or band 4 laps over the side of the garment to which is attached this strap or band which passes through the opening 7. In Fig. 1 the garment is shown in this position. The said straps or bands 4 are then carried around the
55 body and then fastened together. It will thus be seen that the garment is secured to the body by making one fastening only and is especially useful as an infant's under-garment, because it avoids the trouble that is experienced in putting an undershirt provided
60 with several buttons on a very small child, because the buttons are usually very difficult to button up upon small and active children, as will be obvious. It also avoids the "gaping" of the garment between the buttons, which usually occurs with the undershirt of a small child.

It is obvious that other means of fastening the bands 4 can be employed, and in dotted
70 lines in Fig. 1 I have shown a buttonhole in place of the button 5 and a button on the back of the garment. It is further obvious that I can employ various other means for this purpose, without departing from the spirit of my
75 invention.

The open edges of the garment are provided with extensions 8 to which the straps or bands 4 are attached, as shown in Fig. 1. In this way it will be seen that when the garment is
80 worn these extensions overlapping each other and the body of the garment provide a double thickness at such portion, and form a chest and stomach protector.

The overlapping extensions 8 of the under-
85 shirt form a special feature of my invention in connection with the means for fastening the garment. For instance, the extensions meet and overlap at about the neck band and extend approximately to the bottom of the garment. It thus forms a covering of extra thickness for the chest and abdomen of an infant, which are the most vital parts. Another important advantage is that the garment can be
90 easily and quickly placed upon, or removed from an infant and obviates the necessity of drawing it on over the child's head as is usual, and again, the smoothness with which it fits and is held in position is a marked feature of
95 improvement.

I am aware of United States Letters Patent No. 326,553 for children's underwaists and of French patent to Pelte *et al.*, No. 188,977, of February 25, 1888, for corsets and which are distinguished from my invention by the fact that they are for a different kind of garment which has no arms, neck nor chest or abdominal protector. I am also aware of garments having chest protectors of various shapes and arrangements but none that is similar to that forming the subject of this invention.

It is obvious that my invention can be variously modified, and I have shown in Fig. 3 one of the various modifications that can be made. In said Fig. 3 I obviate the necessity of making an opening 7 in the body of the garment and place a button 5 on the end of one of the straps or bands, which strap or band is passed around the body inside the garment. A buttonhole 9 is made in the back of the garment and this button 5 which is on the outside of said strap or band is passed through said buttonhole 9. Then the other

strap or band is passed around the body and buttoned to the button 5, as will be obvious. 25

I claim as my invention—

As a new article of manufacture, an undershirt for infants, comprising a body portion open in front and having a neck and shoulder portion and arms, extensions 8 at the open front portion of the garment extending from the neck portion and the lower end portion of the garment laterally to overlap the front portions of the garment, and straps or bands connected to the ends thereof and of length to reach the rear portion of the garment and to be there fastened, the body of the garment having an aperture to permit the fastening of the straps or bands, substantially as described. 35 40

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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