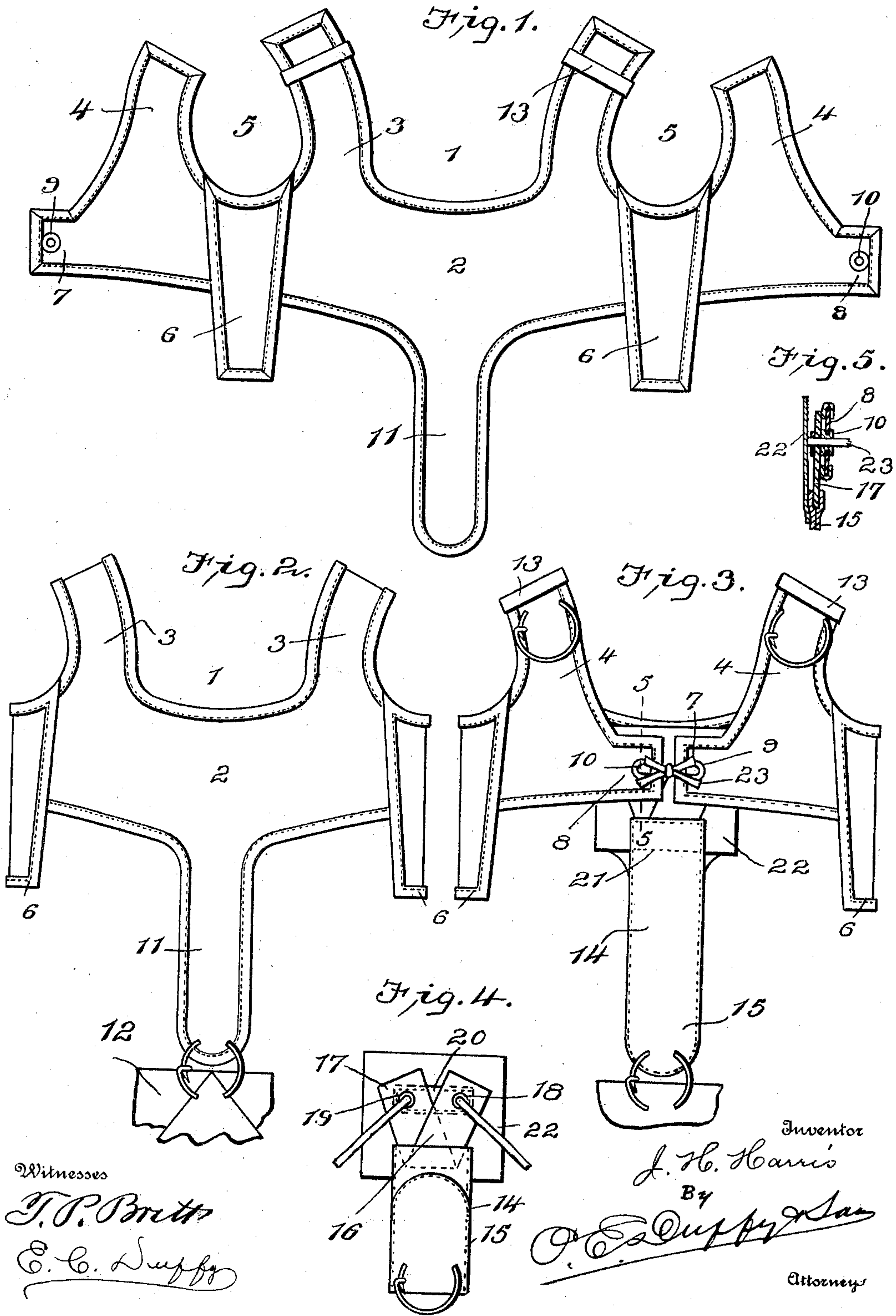


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN HOWARD HARRIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Fitzgerald, in the county of Irwin and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Infants' Waists; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to waists for infants, and has for its object to provide a garment which is simple to make, easy to put on and take off, and which is particularly adapted to support the napkin in a convenient manner and without annoyance to the child.

With this object in view my invention consists in the novel construction of the waist.

My invention also consists in the construction provided for attaching the stockings of the child after it has gotten of an age to do away with the usual napkin, whereby the waist may be put to further use.

My invention also consists in the novel construction providing for the taking off or putting on the garment.

My invention also consists in the detachable rear portion to which the napkin is directly attached, and my invention also consists in certain other novel features of construction and in combination of parts, which will be first fully described and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a plan view of the waist. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the detachable rear elastic section, and Fig. 5 is a vertical section taken on line 5 5 of Fig. 3.

Like numerals of reference indicate the same parts throughout the several figures, in which—

1 indicates the waist, which is constructed substantially in the shape illustrated in Fig. 1, consisting of the body portion 2, the front sections 3 of the shoulder-straps, and the rear sections 4 of said straps.

5 indicates the arm-openings, and secured under said openings are the pendent straps 6, to which the stockings are connected in any convenient manner after the child has become of an age to do away with the napkin, or, in fact, during the period in which the napkin is worn if it is desired to put stockings on the child.

The two ends or edges 7 and 8 of the body portion are provided each with an eyelet 9 and 10, and 11 indicates front suspending portion for the napkin.

In Fig. 2 the waist is shown in position as it is worn, the napkin 12 being shown broken away, but secured to the front suspending portion 11 by means of a suitable fastening-pin, the drawing illustrating in this connection a round or circular safety-pin. In order to shorten the napkin, the said supporting portion 11 is turned over upon itself and the fastening-pin secured at a higher point therein.

In Fig. 3, which illustrates particularly the construction in which my invention particularly consists, a rear view of the waist is shown, and the forward and rear portions of the shoulder-straps are shown secured together by a fastening-pin of the character shown in Fig. 2, although my approved fastening means can be substituted. When the shoulder-strap is adjusted to suit the size of the child, the free end of the rear portion is passed under the keeper 13 in order to provide a neat construction.

14 indicates the rear detachable section, which consists of the rear napkin-suspending portions 15, to which is secured, preferably, a piece of elastic webbing 16, turned back upon itself, forming substantially a V. The two ends 16 and 17 of said webbing are each provided with an eyelet 18 and 19, and a reinforcing-strip 20, of tape or other suitable material, is secured to said ends 16 and 17 in order to reinforce the same and to relieve the webbing of the strain on its eyelets and surrounding portions.

Secured to the suspending portion 15 at 21 is the shield 22 in rear of the elastic webbing and which prevents the said webbing, reinforcing-strip 20, and eyelet from coming in contact with the child's back, thereby provid-

ing a perfectly smooth surface which would not annoy the infant and which also protects the elastic webbing from moistening or perspiring, so injurious to elastic webbing.

5 In operation the waist is put on the child, and the rear detachable portion 14 is placed in position. A short, pliable, and soft cord or lacing-string 23, which passes through the eyelets in the elastic webbing and in rear of
10 the reinforcing-strip 20, is passed through the eyelets in the body of the waist, and the string is drawn, so as to make the waist as tight as desired, and then tied. The napkin is then attached to the suspending portions,
15 as shown, and is adjusted to proper length by means of turning up one or both the said suspending portions and attaching the fastening-pin at the desired point.

Having thus set forth my invention, I do
20 not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact construction herein set forth, as various slight changes might be made therein which would fall within the limit and scope of my invention, and I consider myself clearly
25 entitled to all such changes and modifications.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In an infant's waist for the purposes set
30 forth, a body portion provided with divided shoulder-straps, and pendent straps, to which the stockings are connected, a front napkin-suspended portion, eyelets in the said body portion, and a detachable rear portion having
35 a rear napkin-suspending portion and an elastic webbing connected to said suspending portion, said elastic webbing being provided with eyelets, a shield behind said elastic webbing and eyelets, and a lacing-cord adapted to be
40 passed through the said eyelets in said elastic webbing and through the said eyelets in rear

body portion to draw the waist into position and to secure the said detachable portion, substantially as described and for the purposes specified. 45

2. In an infant's waist for the purposes set forth, a body portion and pendent stocking-supporting straps secured thereto, a front napkin-suspending portion, and eyelets in said body portion, a detachable rear portion comprising a rear napkin-suspending portion, an
50 elastic webbing connected thereto provided with eyelets, a shield in rear of said webbing and a lacing-cord adapted to pass through said eyelets in said webbing and through the eye-
55 lets in said body portion to draw the waist into position and to secure the said detachable portion, substantially as described and for the purposes specified.

3. In an infant's waist for the purposes set forth, a body portion having divided shoulder-straps, and pendent stocking-supporting straps, a front napkin-suspending portion, and a detachable rear napkin-suspending portion
60 provided with an elastic webbing, and means for securing said detachable suspending portion to said body portion, substantially as described. 65

4. In an infant's waist, a body portion, a front napkin-suspending portion, and a rear
70 detachable napkin-suspending portion, an elastic webbing connected to said detachable suspending portion, a shield behind said webbing and means for securing said detachable portion to said body portion, substantially as
75 described.

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

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