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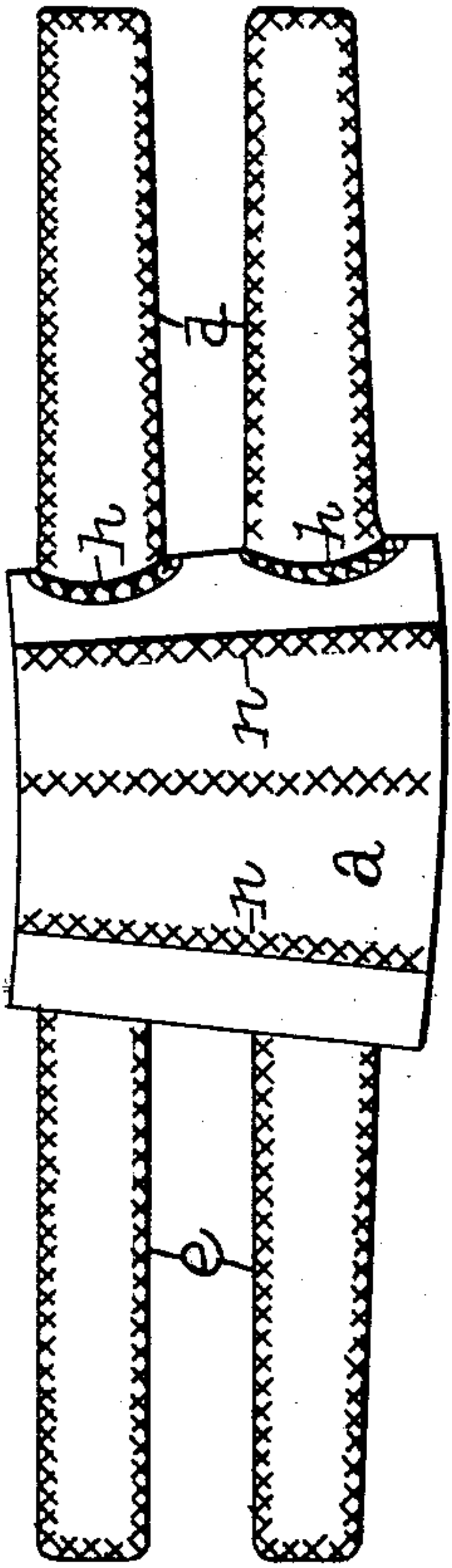


Fig. 2.

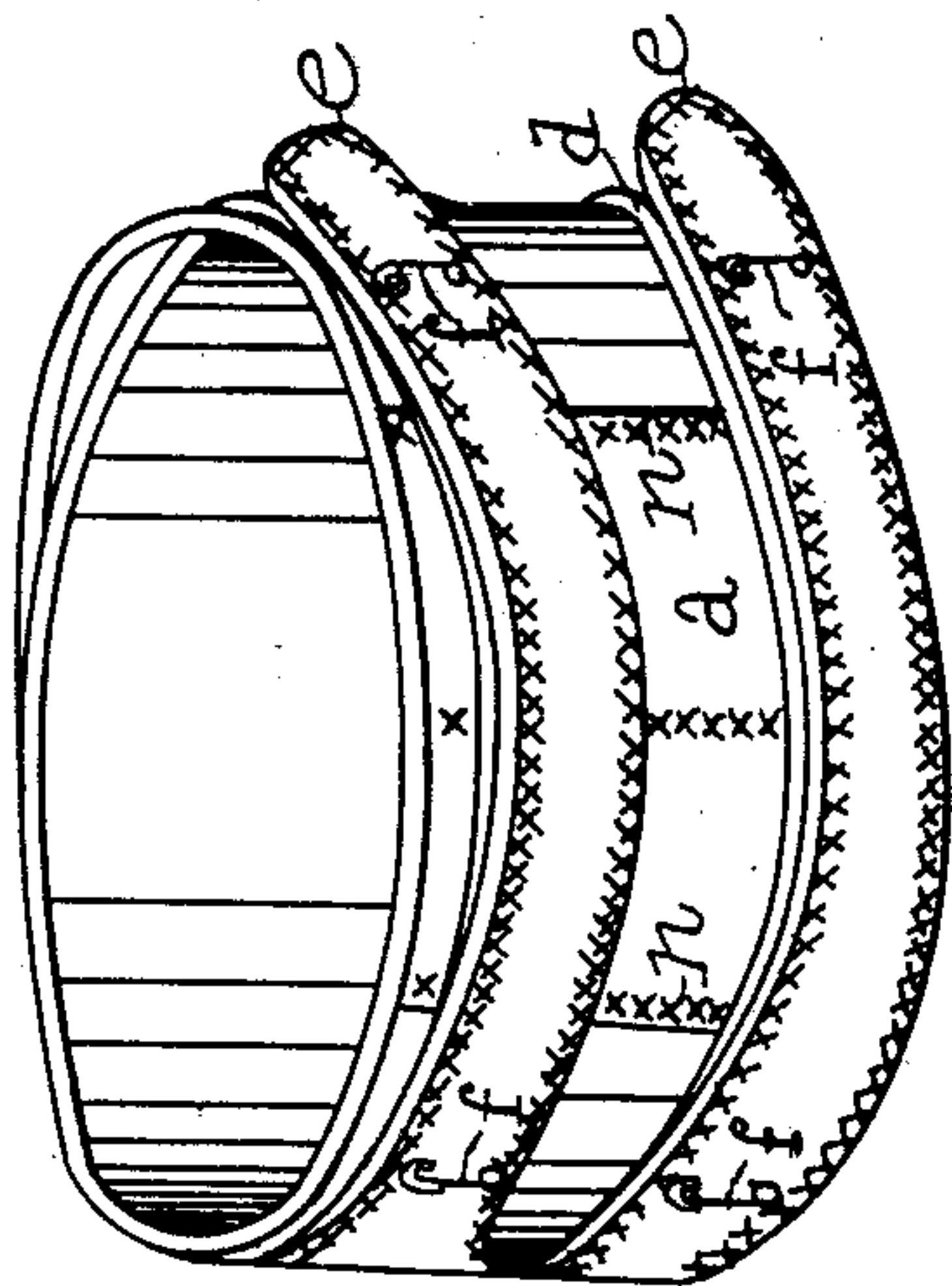


Fig. 3.

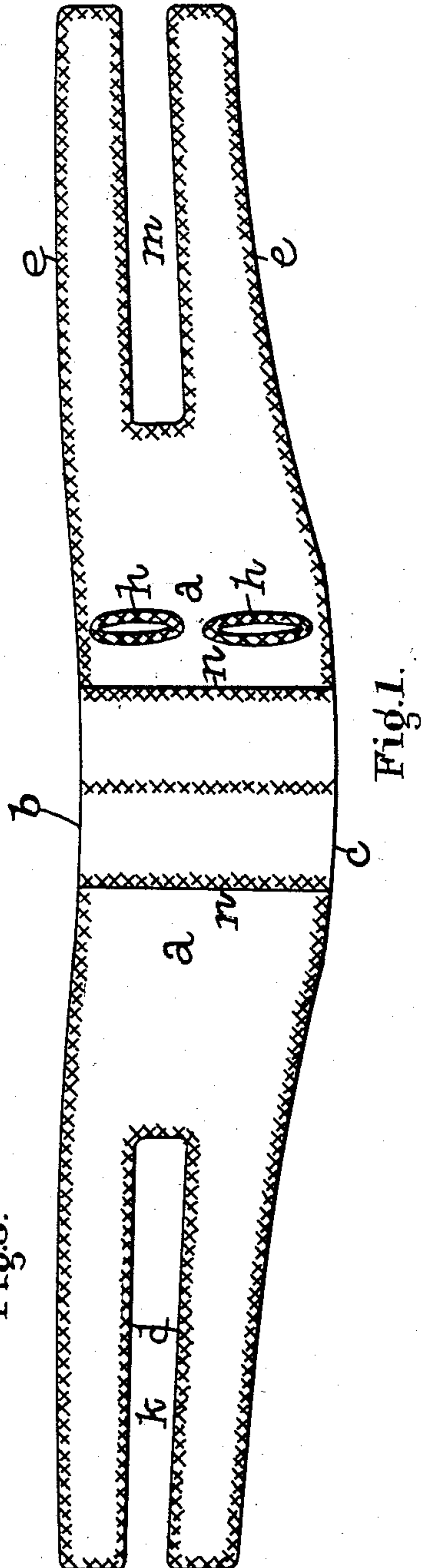


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANE GUNDEL, a citizen of the United States, residing in Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Infants' Bands, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

10 This invention relates to a supporting band especially designed and adapted for use on infants at birth and early childhood, and has for its object to provide a band, which can be quickly and easily applied,
15 which forms a firm support for the belly or abdomen of the child and which lies smooth and is not liable to get out of place, thereby avoiding discomfort to the child from this source. To this end, the band is
20 composed of a center or body portion, preferably curved at its upper and lower edges and of a length sufficient to encircle the body of the infant, and having extended from each end two tabs or arms, which are separated from each other for a purpose as will
25 be described, and having between one set of arms and the center of the body portion two slits or openings of a length substantially equal to or greater than the width of the
30 said arms, so that the arms at one end of the body portion can be passed through said slits or openings and lie flat without puckering or forming ridges.

These and other features of this invention will be pointed out in the claim at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a developed view of a supporting band embodying this invention. Fig. 2, an elevation of the band showing one set of
40 tabs or arms as passed through the slits or openings, and Fig. 3, an elevation of the band in its operative condition or position.

Referring to the drawings, *a* represents the center or body portion of a supporting
45 band embodying this invention, which may be of any suitable fabric, such as flannel or knitted or woven material.

The body portion *a* is made of a length sufficient to encircle or substantially encircle
50 the body of the infant, and of a height or width to firmly support the abdomen or belly and is preferably provided with curved upper and lower edges *b*, *c*, so as to conform to and support the abdomen.

55 The body portion *a* has extended from its opposite ends two sets of tabs or arms

d, *e*, which are made of sufficient length to be overlapped and secured together at the front by safety pins *f* or other suitable fastening devices. The body portion *a* is also
60 provided with two slits or openings *h*, which are located intermediate one set of arms as *e* and the center of the body portion *a* and each is made of a length substantially equal to the width of the tabs or arms *d*, so that
65 the arms may be passed through said slits or openings and lie flat without puckering or folding, for which purpose the arms *d* are separated from each other by a substantial space *k* so as to make them of a width
70 substantially equal to the length of the opening.

The arms *d* after passing through the openings *h* as represented in Fig. 2, are brought forward across the front of the
75 body portion and the tabs or arms *e* after being carried behind the back of the body portion (see Fig. 2), are then carried across the front of the body portion and overlap the tabs or arms *d* to which they are secured
80 on opposite sides of the center of the body portion by the two sets of safety pins *f* or other fastening devices.

The tabs or arms *e* are separated from each other by a space *m* substantially equal
85 in width to the space *k* so that the arms *e* may be superimposed upon the arms *d* and present a neat and finished appearance at the front of the band.

If desired the body portion may be reinforced at its front portion by a double
90 layer of the fabric indicated by the parallel lines *n*.

In operation the band in its developed form is applied to the abdomen of the infant,
95 and the arms or tabs *d* are passed around the back of the infant and through the slits or openings *h*, and drawn through the same, and the tabs or arms *e* are then carried around the back of the infant in the opposite
100 direction after the manner represented in Fig. 2. The tabs or arms *d* are then carried across the front of the infant in one direction, namely, to the left in Fig. 2, and the tabs or arms *e* are carried across the front
105 of the infant in the opposite direction or toward the right in Fig. 2 and so as to overlap the arms *d*, after which both arms are secured together by the safety pins *f* or by
110 any other suitable fastening devices.

The curved upper and lower edges *b*, *c*, of the body portion enable the latter to con-

form snugly and nicely to the shape of the abdomen, and avoid interference with the respiration of the infant.

By making slits or openings *h* in the body portion substantially in line with the tabs or arms *d*, *e*, and of a width equal to or greater than said arms, the latter are enabled to lie flat or smooth and avoid folding or forming ridges when the band is drawn snugly around the body, and the said arms are capable of being made wide enough to act as a support.

The arms *d*, *e* are shown as overlapped, but it is not desired to limit the invention in this respect, as the upper set of the arms may be crossed diagonally and be secured to the lower set, which enables additional support to be obtained over the umbilicus or naval.

20 Claim.

An infant's band, comprising a body por-

tion adapted to fit the abdomen and encircle the back of the wearer, arms formed integral with said body portion and projecting from the upper and lower edges at each side thereof, said arms being disposed so as to form a substantial space between the same, said body portion having spaced transversely extending openings near the center of the band, and in line with and substantially equal in length to the width of said arms, through which said arms on one side of the body portion, are adapted to be passed in a flat condition, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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