

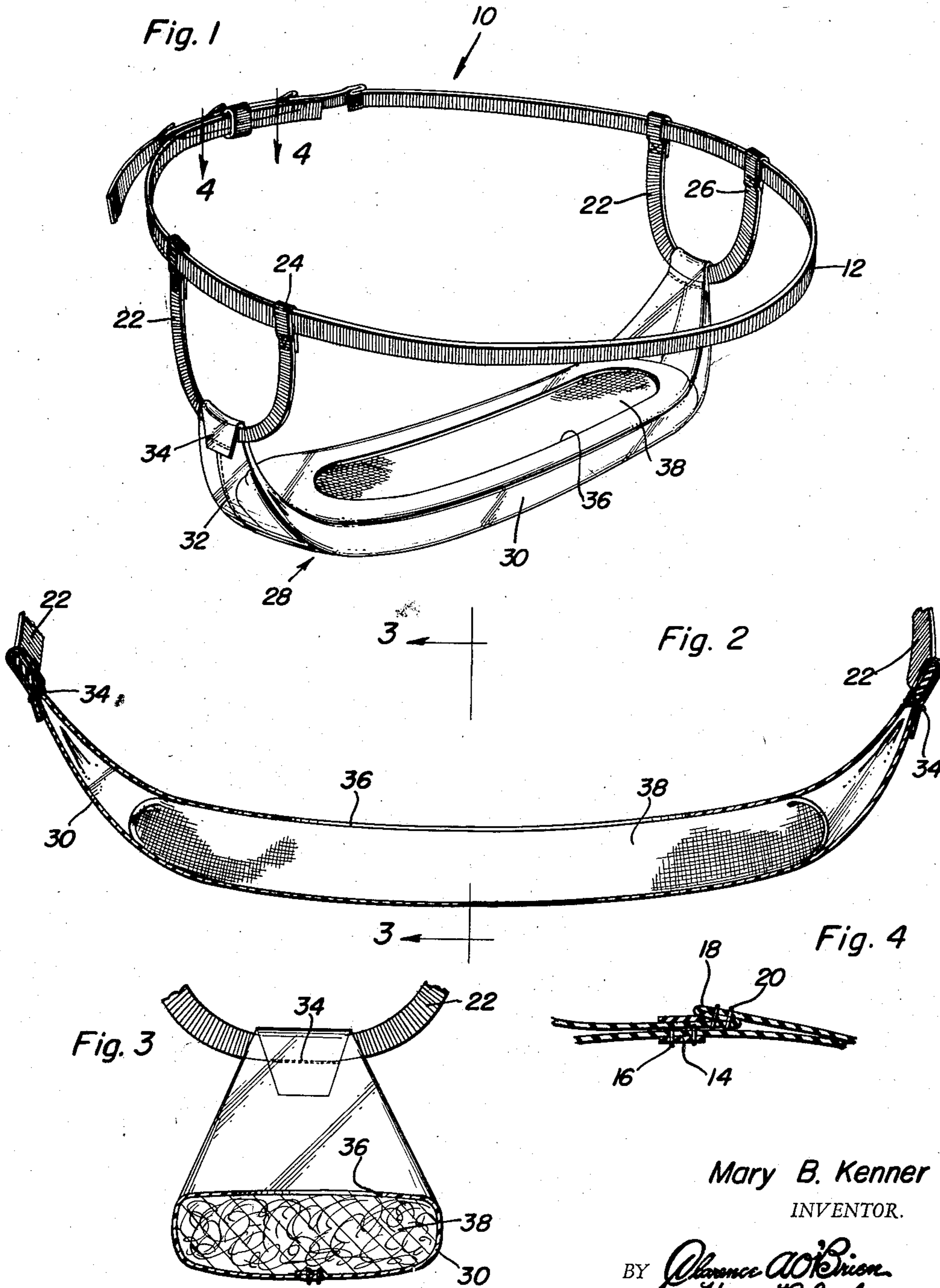
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The present invention generally relates to an article of wearing apparel and more particularly to a sanitary belt provided with a novel holder for a sanitary napkin.

An object of the present invention is to provide a sanitary belt having a waist encircling member with a novel means for adjusting the effective length thereof together with a novel supporting structure for the sanitary napkin.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a sanitary belt in accordance with the preceding object in which the holder for the napkin includes a pocket of waterproof material such as plastic or the like with the pocket having an enlarged opening in the upper surface thereof which provides for insertion and removal of the napkin and also provides the necessary access opening so that the napkin may contact the body of the wearer in the desirable manner.

A further important object of the present invention is to provide a sanitary belt with napkin holder in accordance with the preceding objects which is extremely simple in construction, easy to use, effective for its particular purposes, adjustable, long lasting and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

These together with other objects and advantages which will become subsequently apparent reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the sanitary belt and napkin holder of the present invention;

Figure 2 is a longitudinal sectional view taken through the napkin holder of the present invention;

Figure 3 is a detailed sectional view taken substantially upon a plane passing along section line 3—3 of Figure 2 illustrating further structural details of the napkin holder and the relationship thereof to the napkin; and

Figure 4 is a detailed sectional view illustrating the structure for adjusting the effective length of the waist encircling belt.

Referring now specifically to the drawings, the numeral 10 generally designates the sanitary belt and napkin holder of the present invention which includes a generally elongated waist encircling strap or band 12 which is constructed of resilient material. Adjacent one end of the band 12, there is provided a resilient loop 14 having a portion thereof secured to the belt 12 as by stitching 16. The other free end of the belt or strap 12 is provided with a plurality of reversely bent portions 18 secured in reverse bent relation by stitching 20 with the reverse bends 18 forming a plurality of longitudinally spaced abutments as clearly shown in Figures 1 and 4. These abutments provide adjustment for the effective length of the waist encircling strap or band 12 so that the same may be worn by persons having different waist measurements. When it is desired to re-

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lease the catch mechanism, it is only necessary to stretch the free portion of the loop 14 sufficient that it slides over the abutment formed by the reverse bend 18. When it is desired to tighten the belt 12, it is only necessary to grasp the free end thereof having the reverse bends 18 stitched therein and pull in relation to the loop 14. This will cause the loop 14 to ride up over the outer or smooth surface of the reverse bend 18 and then drop downwardly behind the abutment formed thereby. It is noted that the stitching 20 is spaced from the free end of the reverse bend 18 so that the loop 14 may normally be lodged under the free end of the reverse bend 18 thus preventing accidental disengagement of the loop 14 in relation to the reverse bend 18 thereby providing an effective adjustment for the belt 12 and providing an adjustment which is dependable and foolproof.

Attached to the belt 12 is a pair of U-shaped supporting members 22 having the free ends thereof movably supported on the belt 12 by encircling loops 24 formed by stitching 26 whereby the U-shaped supporting members 22 are longitudinally adjustable in the waist encircling belt or strap 12 thereby properly positioning the U-shaped supporting members 22 in relation to the person wearing the belt.

Attached to and extending between the U-shaped supporting members 22 which are of the same material as the waist encircling belt 12 is a napkin holder generally designated by the numeral 28.

The holder 28 is generally in the form of an elongated hollow pocket member generally defining an envelope designated by the numeral 30. The envelope 30 is defined by a tubular member which may be formed by joining the edges of a sheet of material together by stitching designated by the numeral 32. The envelope preferably is constructed of plastic material which may be heat sealed as well as stitched. The open ends of the envelope 30 are illustrated as being folded over the U-shaped support members 22 and secured thereto by stitching 34 which permits sliding movement of the envelope 30 in relation to the support members 22 for centralizing the holder 28. The upper surface of the envelope 30 is provided with an enlarged and elongated opening 36 for insertion of the napkin or catamenial pad 38 and for providing access of the pad to body secretions for the purpose of absorbing the same. It is pointed out that the holder 28 could be employed with conventional type sanitary belts with the ends of the envelope 30 being left open and the usual attaching ends of the sanitary napkin 38 being extended outwardly through the ends of the holder whereby the ends of the sanitary napkin can be secured to the conventional sanitary belt in the usual manner thus providing a moisture proof holder or cover for the napkin. The envelope 30 is preferably provided with a thin and readily flexible plastic material which may be transparent or colored any desired color and may also be provided with deodorant or perfume material therein.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A sanitary belt comprising an elongated and relatively narrow waist encircling belt, means adjustably securing the free ends of the belt together, a pair of support means adjustably mounted on said belt, and a sanitary napkin holder extending between said support means,

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said means adjustably securing the ends of the belt together including a resilient loop secured to one end of the belt, the other end of said belt having a plurality of reverse bends formed therein for providing a plurality of longitudinally spaced abutments for association with the resilient loop whereby the effective length of the waist encircling belt may be varied.

2. A waist encircling belt for use as a sanitary belt comprising an elongated waist encircling member, a resilient loop secured to one end of said member, the other end of said member having a plurality of reverse bends formed therein with the reverse bends having a free edge forming an abutment facing the other end of the belt whereby an abutment engaging an edge of the loop will prevent withdrawal of the belt end having the abutments thereon.

3. The combination of claim 1 wherein the stitching forming the abutments is spaced from the edge thereof thus providing for partial insertion of the loop between the abutments and the belt for preventing accidental disengagement of the loop and abutment.

4. A sanitary belt comprising an elongated and relatively narrow waist encircling belt, means adjustably securing the free ends of the belt together, a pair of support

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means adjustably mounted on said belt, and a sanitary napkin holder extending between said support means, said means adjustably securing the ends of the belt together including a resilient loop secured to one end of the belt, the other end of said belt having a plurality of reverse bends formed therein for providing a plurality of longitudinally spaced abutments for association with the resilient loop whereby the effective length of the waist encircling belt may be varied, said napkin holder including an elongated envelope of moisture proof material, the ends of said envelope being secured to said support means, the upper surface of said envelope having an elongated opening therein for providing access of a napkin in the holder to the body secretion and for facilitating insertion and removal of the sanitary napkin.

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