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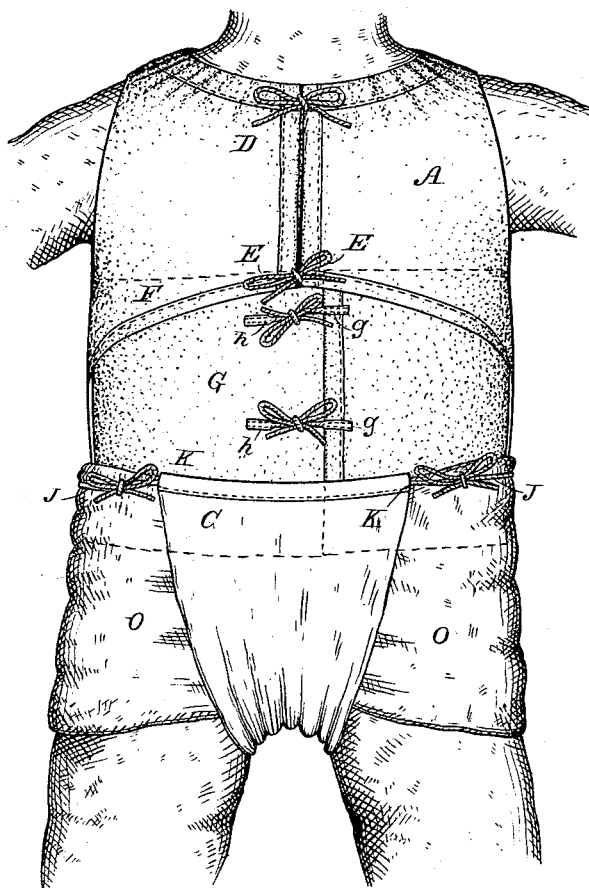
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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

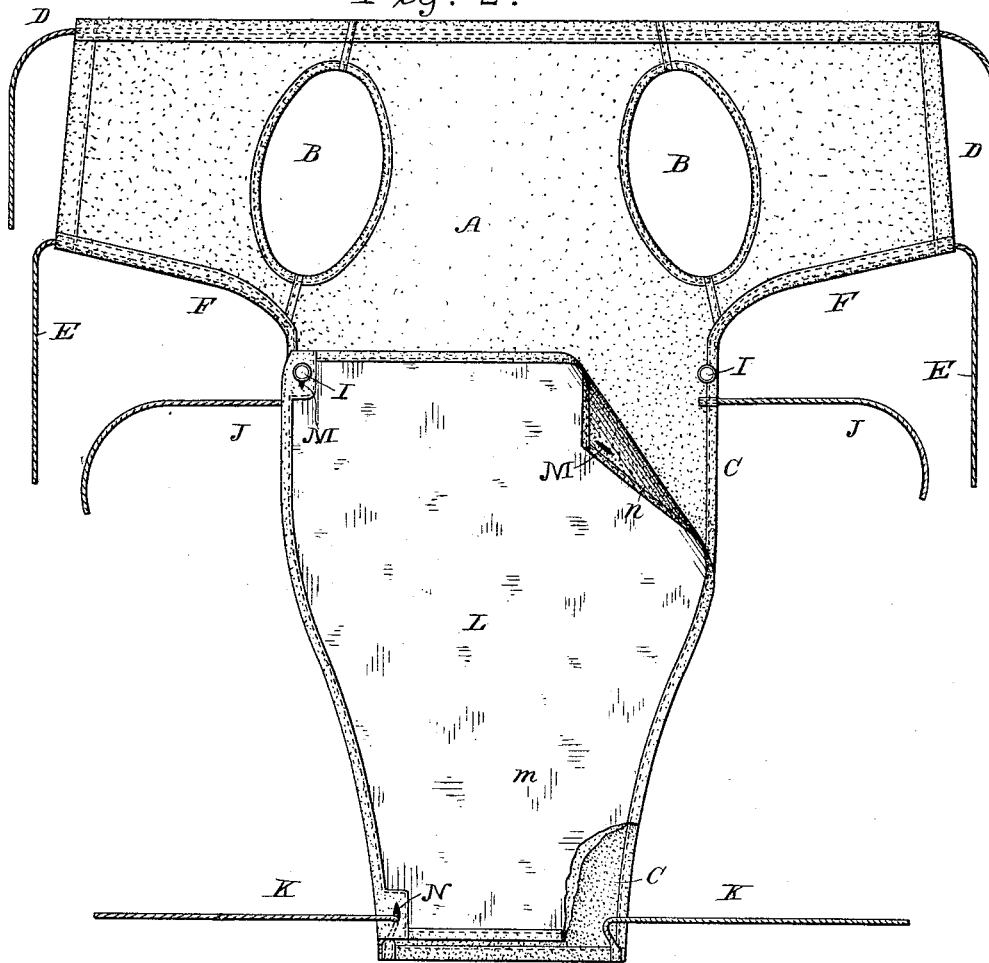
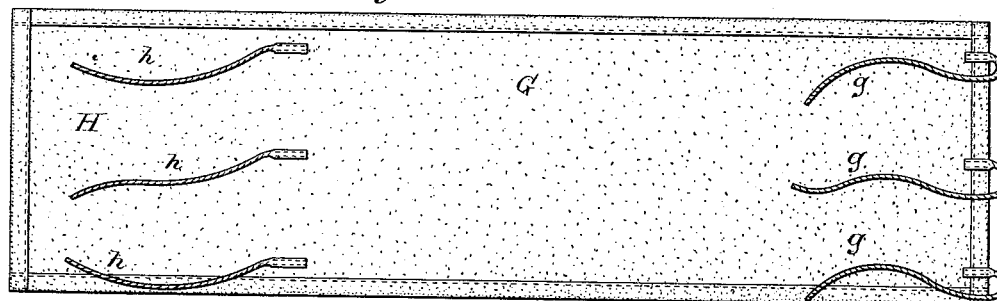


Fig. 3.



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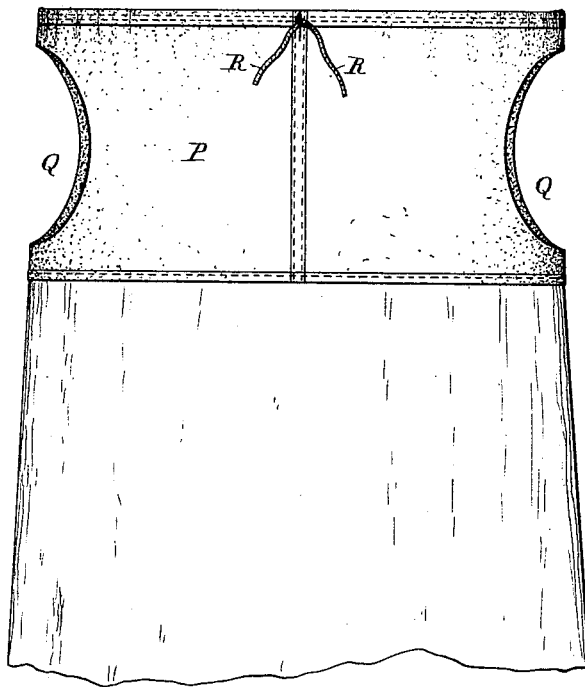
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARION W. AGNEW, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Infants' Under-Garments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in under-garments for infants, of the class which are promotive of comfort, health, and cleanliness.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a diagrammatic view, designed to show an application of the invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the main garment spread open, with the water-proof protector or lining partially separated therefrom. Fig. 3 represents the body-band, and Fig. 4 the petticoat-waist, used with my invention.

The main garment, preferably of linen or cotton, is formed with the upper body portion or waist, A, having very large armholes B B, and with the narrowed back extension or partial skirt, C, for supporting and securing a diaper in place. This back extension, as shown, is narrowest at its lower end and widest at and adjacent to its junction with the waist. The garment opens in front its entire length, and a gathering-string, D, above the armholes, serves to secure the garment about the neck or above the shoulders by tying the ends of the string together, and two gathering-strings, E E, are provided beneath the armholes at the cut-away curved portions F F of the garment. These strings are brought together and tied, (see Fig. 1,) to secure the garment in front above the abdomen, thus admitting of ready access to the woolen body-band G. The body-band G is provided with securing strings *g h*, which, as shown, are six in number—three strings, *g*, at one end, and three strings, *h*, at some distance from the opposite end, the portion H at this end beyond the strings constituting a flap to be lapped by the other end, to avoid leaving an opening between the ends of the band. At or near the opposite edges of the upper part of the back extension—that is to say, at about its junction with the waist—buttons I I are attached, and close to these buttons are arranged securing-strings J J. Other securing-strings, K K, are attached to or near the opposite edges of the end of the back extension. A water-proof

protector or inner lining, L, for the back extension is shaped correspondingly therewith, and detachably secured in place by means of button-holes M M, to receive the buttons I I, and holes N N, through which pass the strings K K. The detachable water-proof lining is preferably made of rubber-faced cloth, the side *m* being of rubber, and the side *n* of cloth; but the lining may be made of other suitable water-proof material.

From the above description, and by reference to Fig. 1 of the drawings, it will be seen that when the diaper O, folded as usual, is in place with the ends of the triangle gathered together in front in the ordinary way, it will be held securely by the back extension, the end of which is brought up in front and secured by tying the strings K K to their respectively corresponding strings, J and J. These strings and those by which the main garment and the body-band are secured in place, being tied in bow-knots, provide for the ready unfastening and removal of the garments, while injuries frequently resulting from the use of pins are prevented. It will also be seen that the outer garments may be kept clean and dry, that the diapers may be readily changed, and that the water-proof lining may be detached for washing, &c., or one substituted for another.

Instead of using petticoat-waists tightly pinned about the infant in the usual way, which would prevent convenient use of the main garment by confining the upper portion of the back extension and interfering with ready change of diapers, I employ the loose-fitting petticoat-waist P, with very large armholes Q Q, having no front or back opening, and secured above the shoulders of the infant by the gathering-string R.

I do not broadly claim either a diaper cover or protector by the use of which pins are dispensed with, or a detachable diaper cover or protector, or a water-proof diaper cover or protector, as these, unqualifiedly considered, are older than my invention.

I claim, as of my own invention—

1. The infant's garment having the body portion or waist with large armholes, the back extension, the gathering-string above the armholes, the gathering-strings beneath the armholes, and the securing-strings J J and K K

of the back extension, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. The combination, with the garment formed with the open-front body portion or waist, the large armholes, and the diaper-supporting back extension, of the water-proof lining shaped correspondingly with said extension and detachably secured thereto, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination, with the infant's garment having the open-front body portion or waist, the armholes, the gathering-strings above and beneath the armholes, the diaper-

supporting back extension, and the securing-strings J J and K K, of the water-proof lining detachably fastened in place by said securing-strings, and by being buttoned to the back extension, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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