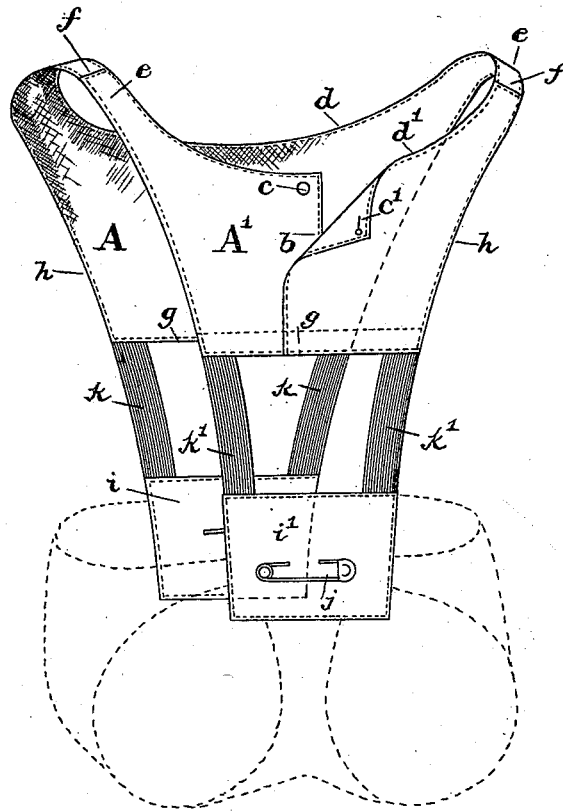


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. FOX, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Diaper-Suspenders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to a suspender for infants' diapers.

10 The object of the invention is to provide a suspender to support the diaper that will hang from the shoulders and not slip off, that will not surround or encumber the body, and that will not bind or restrict the movements of the
15 body.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which the suspender is shown in perspective.

The suspender comprises a tapered back
20 section A, broadest across its upper edge and narrowest below, and which is intended to cover the shoulder-blades of the infant, and a front section A' of like shape to cover the breast of the infant, said front section hav-
25 ing a central vertical fly or placket-opening b, which opens only at the top edge and is secured by a button c and buttonhole c'. The back and front sections are made of cotton cloth or other suitable fabric to afford pro-
30 tection to the infant and have upper curved edges d d', forming a low neck, and the two sections are connected only by shoulder-straps e, united by a seam f. It will be seen this construction affords a "spring" at the shoul-
35 der-straps that causes the suspender to fit the sloping shoulders of an infant. Both back and front sections are broadest across the shoulders and are narrowest below and have a horizontal lower edge g, and the side edges
40 h incline from the shoulder-straps down to said lower edge. An important feature is that the back and front sections are entirely unconnected at the sides, whereby the device is adapted to set properly on the bodies of dif-
45 ferent-sized infants without adjustment and the side motion of the infant will be unre-

restricted. Lower end tabs i i', wholly independent of each other, one for the back and the other for the front, are for safety-pins j, by means of which the diaper is attached. These tabs are
50 connected with the lower edge of the back and front sections by two elastic straps k at the back and k' at the front.

The diaper is supported directly by the tabs i. It will be seen that the support is from
55 the child's shoulders, that no band or belt surrounds the body, that side motion is unrestricted, and that the short elastic straps k make provision for retaining the diaper well
60 up without discomfort when moving the body.

This diaper-suspender is very efficient and useful for infants when learning to walk and obviates the objection of tightening the diaper around the infant's body, as is necessary when
65 a suspender is not used.

I do not wish to be understood as claiming a supporter or waist wherein the body portion surrounds the body of the infant below the
70 arms, as my invention is an improvement on such structures and is designed to leave the body and hips of the infant entirely free from any confining bands.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

75 As an improved article of manufacture, an infant's diaper-support formed of fabric and having shoulder-straps merging at front and back into independent downwardly-tapering front and back sections forming a chest-pro-
80 tector, said sections having elastic straps secured to their apices and independent front and rear imperforate pinning-tabs of inelastic fabric secured to and entirely supported by the lower ends of the elastic straps; sub-
85 stantially as described.

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

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