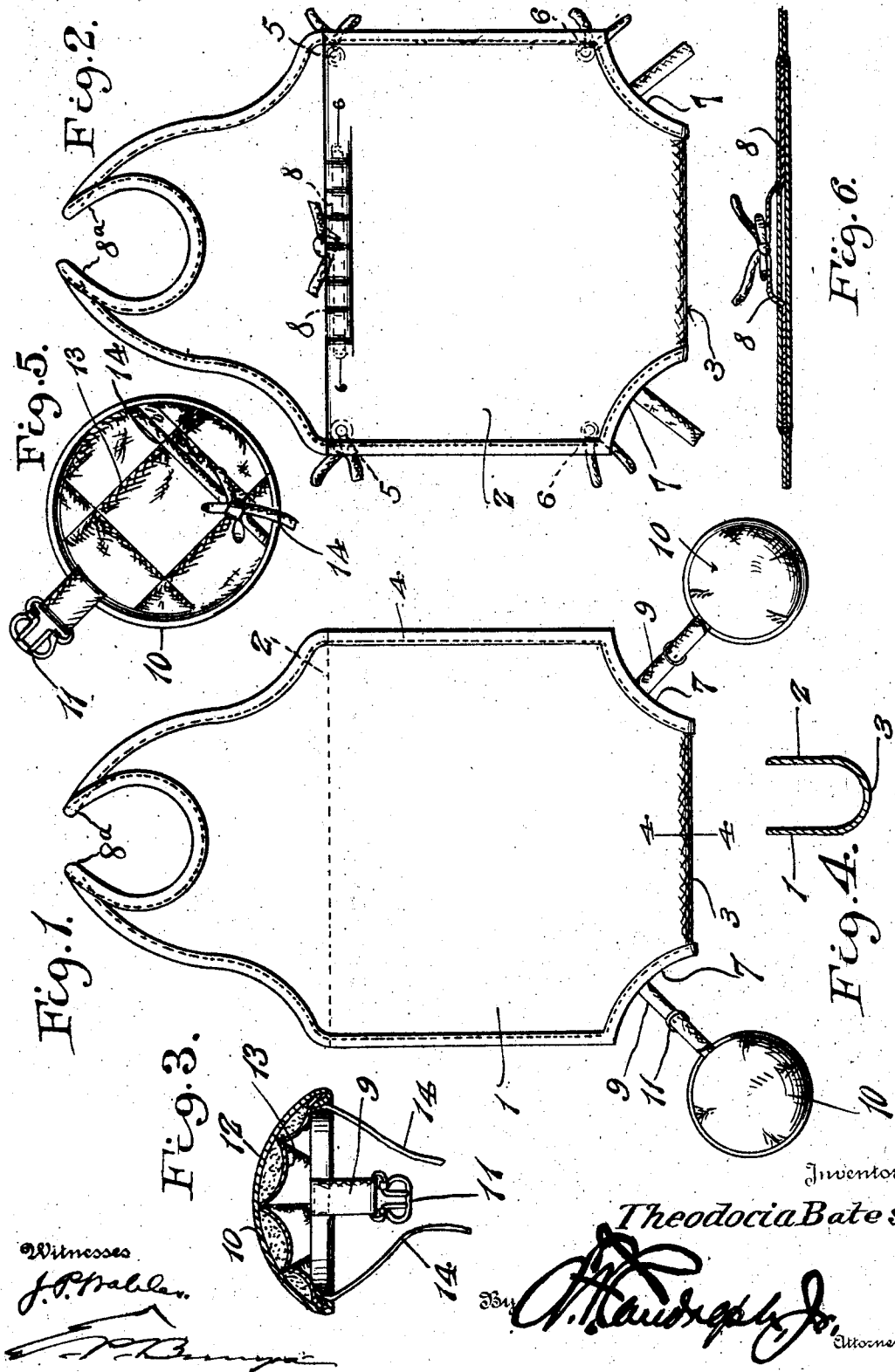


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODOCIA BATES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sasakwa, in the county of Seminole and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Baby Rompers or Creepers; and I do hereby 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.

This invention relates to baby rompers or creepers and the principal object of the invention is to provide a garment of simple construction to be placed upon a baby before it can walk, and to provide knee caps or pads attached to the garment for preventing the wearing out of the stockings or injuring the knees of the baby.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a baby creeper made in accordance with this invention, Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same, Fig. 3 is a sectional view through one of the knee caps or pads, Fig. 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, Fig. 5 is a view looking at the inner side of one of the knee caps or pads, and Fig. 6 is a detail sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates the front portion of the creeper, and 2 is the back portion thereof, said two portions being connected together by integral folded or doubled portions 3 between the legs of the wearer. The creeper is preferably made of a water-proof fabric, and is provided with a suitable binding 4. The back portion 2 is connected to the front portion 1 by cords or tapes 5 near the shoulders and by similar cords or tapes 6 near the leg openings 7. At the neck the two members 8^a are adapted to be passed around the neck and may be pinned together or tied with a tape, if desired. The back 2 may be provided with draw-strings or tapes 8 to make the garment fit the child at the back. Con-

nected to the front portion 1 of the garment at the leg openings 7 are elastic straps 9, and the knee caps or pads 10 are connected to the strap or webbing 9 by means of buckles 11 connected to the pads 10. The pads 10 may each comprise a leather or rubber cover 12 and suitable padding 13 in the pads, and a cord or tape 14 passing across the cap for connection to the leg of the child.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that the creeper is made of a single piece of water-proof fabric and can be readily cleaned, while the knee caps or pads can be removed from the garment when cleaning is necessary. The knee pads will take the wear that usually occurs upon the stockings of the child and will prevent the child from injuring the knees.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A garment for creeping children comprising a front and back portion connected together by a tape, said back portion having a draw-string in the upper edge thereof, and said garment having elastic straps connected at the leg openings thereof, and pads provided with straps and buckles for adjustment to the first named straps, said pads comprising a cover, padding, and tapes for securing the pads to the legs of the child.

2. A garment for creeping children comprising a front and back portion connected together by a tape, a neck portion, said garment having elastic straps connected to the front portion at the leg openings thereof, and knee pads comprising a leather cover, padding inside the cover, a strap having a buckle connected thereto and adapted to engage the elastic straps to permit adjustability of the knee pads.

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

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