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Fig. 1.

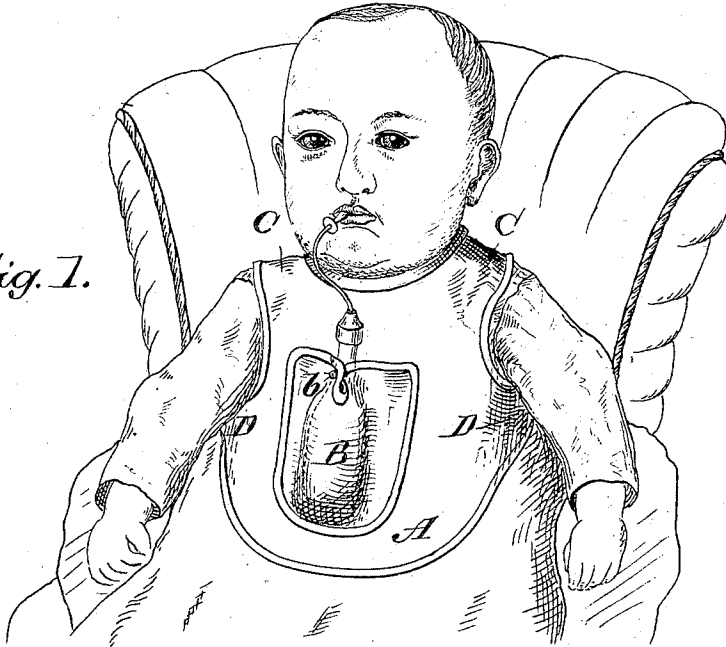
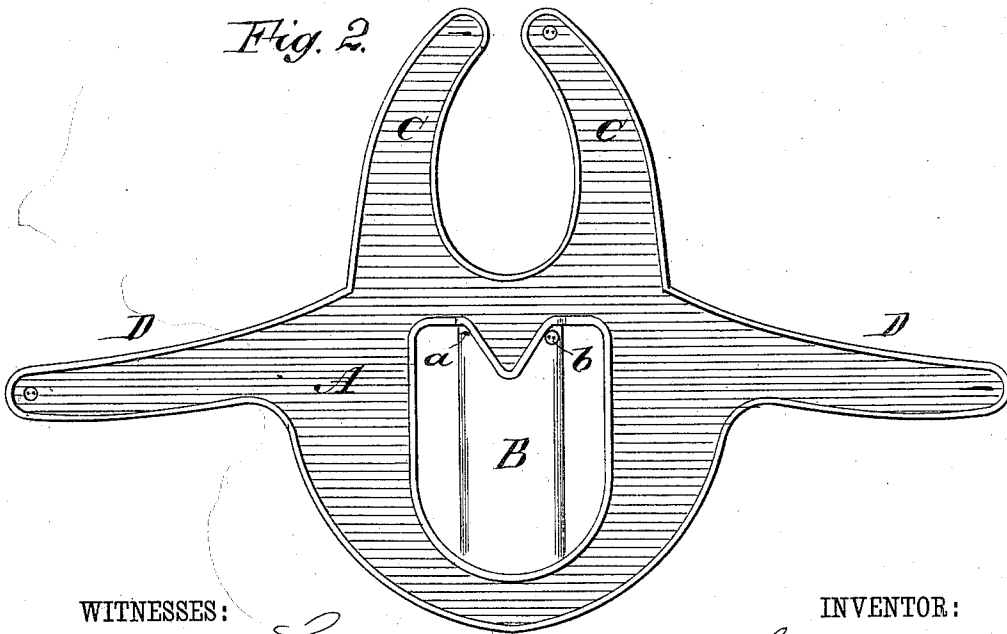


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. KIMBALL, of Franklin, Norfolk county, Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Bib, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved bib for children, which is so constructed that it can hold a nursing-bottle safely and securely while the child is being fed.

The invention consists in an infant's bib provided on its front with a pocket for receiving and holding a nursing-bottle while the infant is being fed, whereby the clothes of the infant will be protected, the bottle will be held conveniently for the infant, and the contents of the bottle are not apt to be spilled nor the bottle apt to be broken.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved bib, showing the manner in which it is used; and Fig. 2 is a front view of the bib.

The bib A, made of rubber, enameled cloth, or any fabric that can be washed readily, is provided on the middle of its front with a vertical pocket, B, adapted to receive a nursing-bottle. The pocket B is provided at its top with a button, *b*, and a button-hole, *a*, or other suitable device for buttoning or fastening the upper parts of the pocket together after the bottle has been placed in the said pocket, to prevent the bottle from slipping out when the child lies down. The bib is provided with

neckbands C and with bands D, which are passed around the body under the arms and partly support the weight of the nursing-bottle, so that the entire weight of the same will not be suspended from the neck. The bib is only to be worn while the child is being fed, and the special purpose of the pocket B is to hold the nursing-bottle. The bib protects the clothes from being wet and soiled, protects the bottle from being upset or broken, and makes it much more convenient to feed the baby.

Any form of nursing-bottle can be secured in the bib as well as the one shown.

I am aware that a bib has been provided with a trough or pocket at its bottom for catching and holding any liquid spilt upon it, and I therefore do not claim such invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A bib provided with a pocket at about the middle of its front for receiving and securely holding a nursing-bottle, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. A bib provided with a pocket for receiving and holding a nursing-bottle, which pocket is provided at its top with a button and button-hole or other device for holding the top of the pocket closed on the bottle, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. A bib provided with a pocket, B, neckbands C, and body-bands D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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