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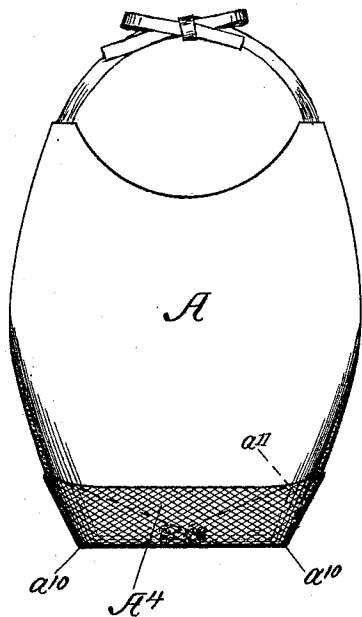


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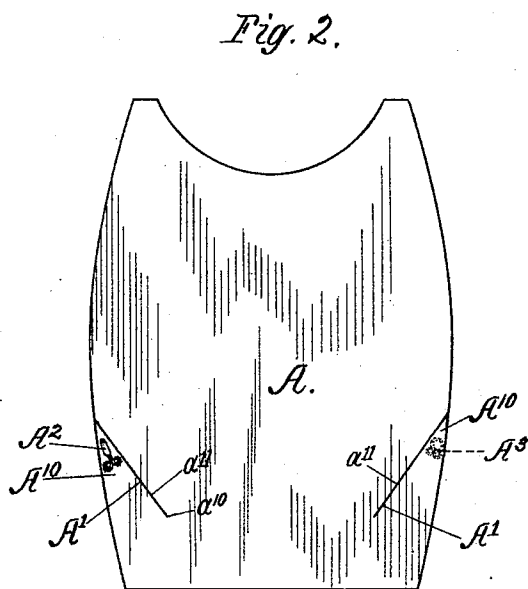


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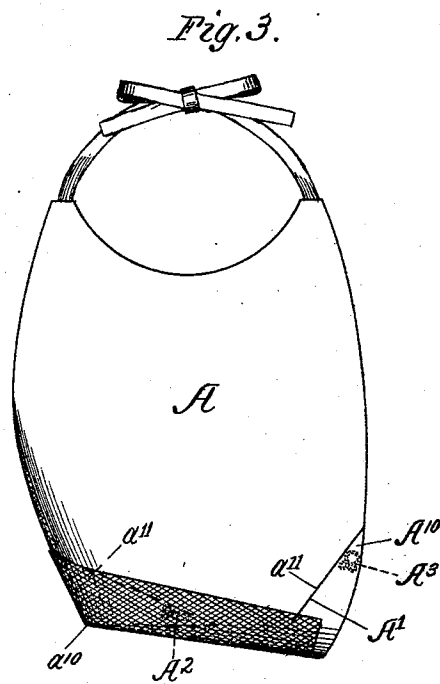


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. POLLITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Child's Bib, which are fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

10 In the drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of the bib in condition for use. Fig. 2 is a plan of the blank or unfolded bib, cut in such manner as to adapt it to be folded up to form the pocket. Fig. 3 is a view of the bib with one corner folded and the other unfolded, showing the manner of forming the pocket.

15 A is the blank sheet or piece of flexible fabric, preferably waterproofed and thereby slightly stiffened so as to hold the form of the pocket without too readily collapsing. The pocket is formed by cutting the slits A' A', diagonally in the oppositelateral edges near the bottom, and drawing the flaps A¹⁰ A¹⁰, thus formed, back behind the bottom, and joining them together in the rear. A hook and eye A² A³ may be used as a means for thus joining the ends of the lugs A¹⁰. When the material is such as described,—waterproof fabric somewhat stiffened by the waterproofing, as, for example, light grades of oil-cloth or rubber-proofed cloth,—the pocket A⁴, thus formed, will be found to be substantially water-tight at the corner a¹⁰, which is the end of the slit made to form the flaps A¹⁰, and at the edge a¹¹ of the body, where it laps in front of the lugs A¹⁰, or, at least, there will be formed sufficiently close junction at this lapping edge for a sufficient distance up from the corner a¹⁰ to retain drippings to such an extent and for such length of time as may be necessary

to effect the purpose of the device and prevent the soiling of the clothing. As a further assistance to the same result, a piece of absorbent material, as a fine sponge, may be placed in the bottom of the pocket, over its entire length, and with this addition, the device becomes practically a complete protection. The connection between the lugs A¹⁰ at the back being unfastened, the bib may be laid flat and perfectly cleansed.

I do not limit myself to the precise form or position of the slits, nor to the mode of connecting the flaps by hook and eye, nor to the use of waterproof material, though I deem each of these features specifically desirable and design to claim them specifically.

I claim—

1. A child's bib composed of sheet fabric having slits or gashes commencing at the lateral edges and terminating a short distance from the lower end, and from the lateral edges respectively, to form flaps adapted to extend behind the body portion when the portion below the slits or gashes is folded up forwardly, said flaps being disengageably connected together behind the body portion: substantially as set forth.

2. A child's bib composed of sheet fabric slit in converging lines from the lateral edges downward toward the middle, and having the flaps thus formed lapped behind the body and connected: substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, at Chicago, Illinois, in the presence of two witnesses, this 14th day of June, 1892.

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