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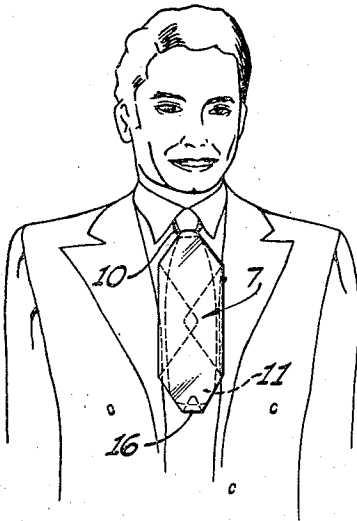


FIG. 1.

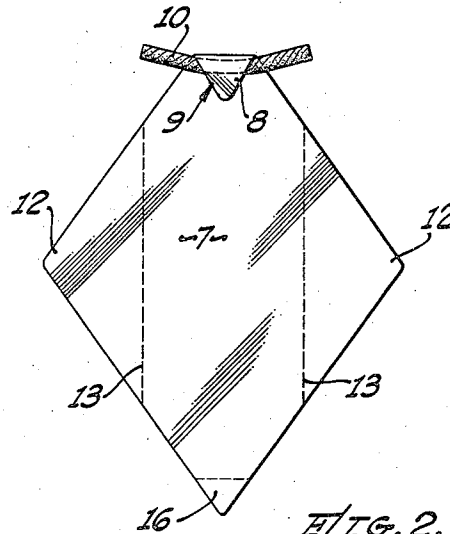


FIG. 2.

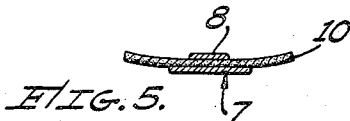


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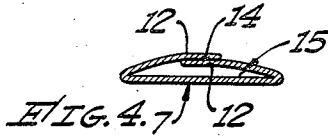


FIG. 4.

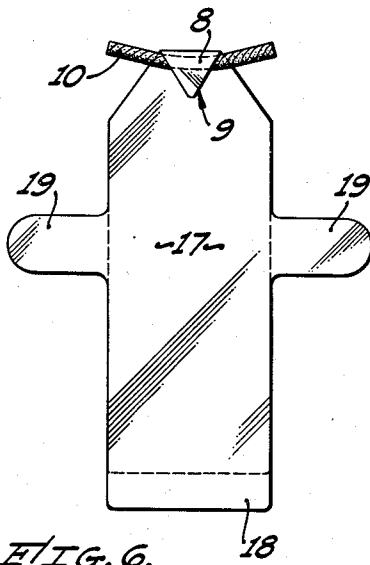


FIG. 6.

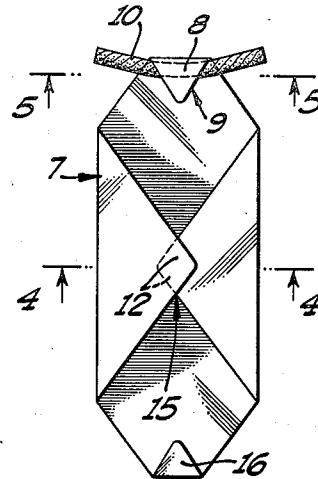


FIG. 3.

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My invention relates broadly to bibs and napkins for the protection of garments against food spillage and staining, and more particularly relates to a bib securable to a garment, and has as a principal object the provision of a protective covering for the necktie and other frontal garments of the wearer, which may be quickly and easily attached in a manner preventing it from subsequently slipping out of place.

Another object of my invention is to provide a bib which while protecting the garments will not obscure or conceal them, and by revealing such garments as a necktie will of itself remain inconspicuous.

A further object of my invention is to provide a bib which may be attached to a necktie so as to be supported thereby and which will further engage the necktie or other garment of the wearer at a point distant from the point of attachment so as to be held in protective alinement with such garments.

I will describe one embodiment of my invention and a modification thereof, capable of carrying out the aforesaid and other objects, and will then point out the novel features of my invention in my claims.

In the accompanying drawings,

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a bib according to my invention showing its application to a four-in-hand necktie;

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view on an enlarged scale showing the bib with the attaching means in place but otherwise unfolded;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing the bib folded and ready for use;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view on the line 5-5 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 6 is a view similar to Fig. 2 of a bib according to my invention wherein the shape of the bib is modified.

Having reference to the details of the drawings, my invention comprises a sheet 7 of water-resistant and transparent material such as Cellophane, which may conveniently be diamond shaped as shown in Fig. 2. One corner 8 of the sheet 7 is folded back on itself and its tip is secured to the body of the sheet by a suitable adhesive to form a bight 9, through which extends a strip 10 of pliable material capable of being easily bent to desired shapes and of then holding said shapes. The strip 10 may suitably be a flat strip of pliable metal, or a soft wire, and may be coated or covered as desired to prevent

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rusting and to render it inconspicuous. The ends of the strip 10 extend outwardly from the bight 9 sufficiently to permit them to be bent around the knot of a necktie 11, or to be hooked over the neckband of the tie or over a collar.

The lateral corners 12 of the sheet 7 are folded as on dotted lines 13, so that their tips overlap, and are secured to each other by an adhesive 14, preferably of the quick-drying variety of medium strength such as is used to seal Cellophane bags and which will permit the corners 12 to be detached from each other when desired. The folded corners 12 thus form a sleeve 15 between the bight 9 and the opposite or lower corner of the bib, and transversely axial to the bight 9.

The corner 16 is also folded back on itself and secured by adhesive to the body of the bib, to avoid an extended point which might force the bib out of position when the wearer bends forward, and to stiffen the lower end of the bib laterally, as the sleeve 15 and bight 9 do medianly and at the upper end. The bight made by the corner 16 may appropriately also be in the form of a sleeve suitable for carrying printed strips of advertising matter (not shown) which of course will be visible through the transparent bib.

In the modified form illustrated in Fig. 6, the sheet 17 has a body portion conforming generally in width to the desired width of the bib and having an upper corner 8 folded and adhesively secured to form a bight 9 holding a strip 10, as in my preferred form. The lower margin 18 is also folded in the manner of the corner 16. Medianly on the lateral margins of the sheet 7 are tabs 19 foldable to overlap each other and to be adhesively secured to form a central sleeve similar to sleeve 15.

If the wearer is wearing a four-in-hand or ascot type tie, he may attach the bib by drawing the ends of his tie through the sleeve 15, with the corners 12 rearwardly placed against his shirt so that the tie is fully protected by the central part of sheet 7, and may then press the ends of the strip 10 around or just below the knot of the tie. The bib will then be supported by the strip 10 at its upper end and will at all times cover the tie 11 and will be maintained in alinement to cover the shirt and the front of the wearer's coat by the sleeve 15 and the weight of the tie therewithin.

If the wearer is wearing a bow tie, the ends of the strip 10 may be clamped around the knot of the tie or hooked over the neckband

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thereof or over the collar. The corners 12 or tabs 19 may then be detached from each other and one of them may be inserted between the selvages of the shirt front to hold the bib in alinement.

It is to be understood that modifications may be made in the forms of bib as herein described without departing from the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A bib for the protection of clothing comprising: a sheet of transparent water-repellant material, having outwardly angulated lateral margins folded so as to overlap and secured detachably to each other and co-acting with the medial portion of said sheet to form a sleeve, and having end portions folded and secured to said medial portion forming bights transverse to the axis of said sleeve, and a strip of pliable metallic material extending through one of said bights having end portions adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with a garment.

2. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a sheet of transparent water-repellant material, having outwardly angulated lateral margins folded so as to overlap and secured detachably to each other and co-acting with the medial portion of said sheet to form a sleeve and having an end portion folded and secured to said medial portion forming a bight; and a narrow elongated pliable member extending through said bight having end portions adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with a garment.

3. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a sheet of transparent water-repellant material, having outwardly angulated lateral margins folded so as to overlap and secured to each other and co-acting with the medial portion of said sheet to form a sleeve and having an end portion folded and secured to said medial portion forming a bight; and a narrow elongated pliable member extending through said bight having end portions adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with a garment.

4. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a body of sheet material having outwardly angulated lateral margins folded overlappingly and joined at their overlapping portions to co-act with the medial portion of said body to form a sleeve adapted to enclose the ends

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of a four-in-hand necktie; said body having an end portion folded and secured to said medial portion to form a bight; and a narrow elongated pliable member extending through said bight having end portions adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with the upper portion of said necktie.

5. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a diamond shaped sheet of transparent material having one pair of opposed corners folded overlappingly and joined at their overlapping portions to co-act with the medial portion of said sheet to form a flat sleeve adapted to enclose the ends of a four-in-hand necktie; and a narrow elongated pliable member secured to said sheet adjacent another corner thereof and having end portions extending outwardly beyond the margins of said sheet and adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with the upper portion of said necktie.

6. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a sheet of transparent material and of substantially oblong shape; a narrow elongated pliable member secured to said sheet adjacent one end thereof and having end portions extending outwardly beyond the margins of said sheet and adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with the upper portion of a four-in-hand necktie; and tabs on the lateral margins of said sheet folded overlappingly and joined at their overlapping portions to coact with said sheet to form an encasement for the lower portion of said necktie, whereby said bib is held in alinement with said necktie.

7. A bib for the protection of clothing, comprising a sheet of transparent water-repellant material, having outwardly angulated lateral margins folded so as to overlap and secured detachably to each other and co-acting with the medial portion of said sheet to form a sleeve and having an end portion folded and secured to said medial portion to form a sleeve for the carrying of printed slips of advertising matter therein; and a narrow elongated pliable member extending through another end portion folded and secured to said medial portion forming a bight, said pliable member having end portions adapted to be pressed into holding engagement with a garment.

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