

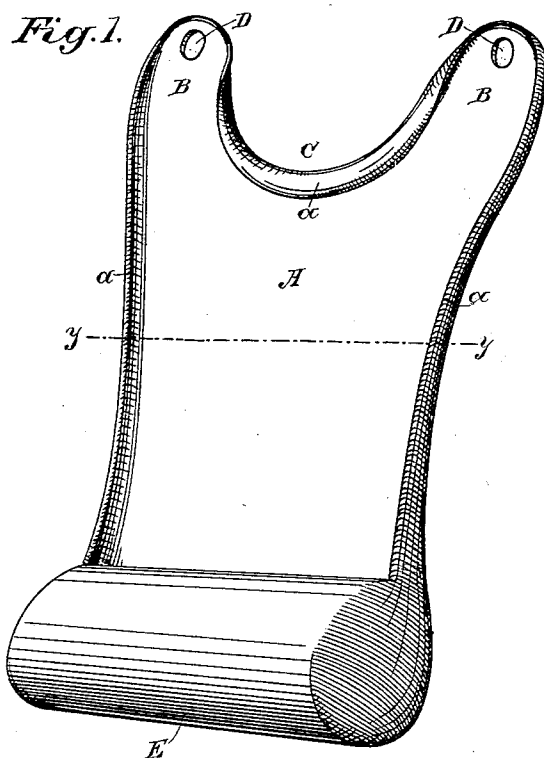
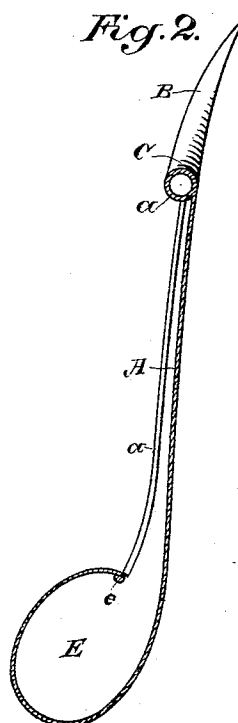
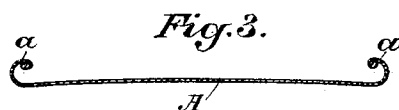
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BLANK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berkeley, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Children's Bibs; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to a bib or device which is especially designed for protecting the clothing of young children while being fed and to receive and conceal any portions of food which may be spilled or dropped.

It consists, essentially, of a rigid single sheet or piece of material having the upper portion concaved to fit about the neck, with attachments by which it can be secured, the sides converging slightly toward each other in the middle portion and curved outwardly, then diverging at the bottom, and in conjunction therewith of a peculiarly-shaped hollow roll continuous with the surface of the bib.

It also consists in details of construction, which will be more fully explained by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a general view of the bib. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal section of the same. Fig. 3 is a lateral section on line *y y* of Fig. 1.

The object of my invention is to make a durable, clean, light, and easily handled and cleansed device for protecting the clothing of young children while they are being fed.

It consists of a sheet A of any suitable material, such as very thin veneer, papier-mâché, metal, celluloid, or any material which may be used for the purpose. This plate is of sufficient size to cover the bosom and front portion of the child and has the extensions B, divergent from the body portion, preferably in exteriorly-curved lines, and the concavity C is formed between these two projections, so that the concavity will fit approximately about the child's neck.

The device is attached by cords or any suitable device passing through holes D, which are made in the upper ends of the extensions B.

The edge is rolled or beaded, as shown at *a*, where it fits around the neck, the bead being of sufficient diameter, and this bead continues around the upper ends of the extensions B, thence down the sides of the part A, merging into the roll or containing device E, which forms the termination and lower end of the structure, as will be hereinafter described. In addition to this the body A is made convex toward the front below the lower part of the curved portion C, while the edges are turned outward in a reverse curve, terminating in the side rolls or beads *a*, as shown in transverse section. These rolls or beads and the curvature are for two purposes, first, to present smooth rounded edges which can by no possibility cut or injure the hands of the infant, and, secondly, by means of the outwardly-turned sides to prevent food from being thrown or spilled outwardly beyond the edges of the bib, the latter acting as a conductor to convey any spilled material downward into the receptacle E.

The roll E is of considerable diameter and curved over, so that its edge *e*, which also terminates in a rounded bead, lies sufficiently near to the front of the part A, while the curvature of the lower portion of this roll is such that any food or other substance spilled into it will pass under the bead E and fall by gravitation into the lower front portion of the roll E, where it will be entirely concealed from view.

The bib thus made is sufficiently rigid, is impermeable to moisture, will thoroughly protect the clothing of the child, and when soiled can easily be washed and cleansed with hot water like other utensils, being thus kept in a clean and sweet condition.

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

1. A child's bib comprising a single rigid impervious sheet having the upper portion concaved to fit about the neck and the lower portion formed with a rigid receiving-roll, said sheet having inwardly-curved sides, the edges of which are rigid and turned upwardly

to form conductors to convey spilled material to the roll.

2. A child's bib consisting of a rigid impervious plate the edges of which are rigid and turned upwardly, and a cylindrical roll connecting the lower portion of the upturned side edges, said plate having a central portion convex and the sides converging toward

the middle and thence diverging toward the roll.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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