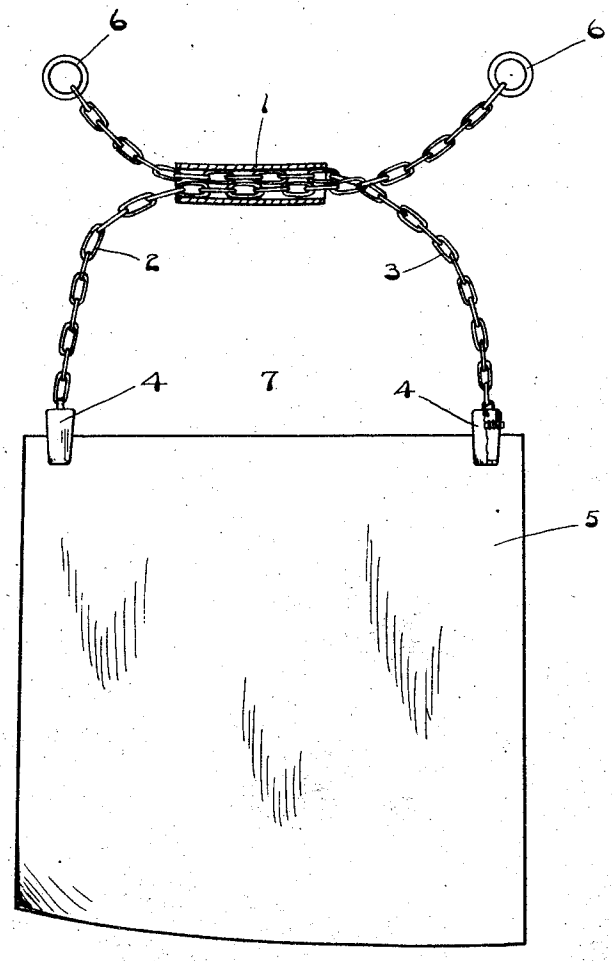
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH N. MAXWELL, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Bib Holder, of which the following is a specification.

An object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient adjustable retaining means for bibs, napkins and the like.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device for the purpose stated wherein the adjustment may be easily and expeditiously made, and the elements so co-operate as to automatically retain the parts in adjusted relationship.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device of the class referred to having a minimum of parts and that is economical of assembly, and comprises elements that are comparatively cheap of production.

These and other objects are attained by the means described herein, and disclosed in the accompanying drawings, in which:

The figure is a view, parts shown in section, of a holder embodying my invention.

My invention comprises a tubular member 1 preferably of a resilient material such as rubber through which a pair of linked chains 2 and 3 extend. Each of the chains carries at one of its ends a suitable snap or fastener 4 for detachable mounting upon a napkin or bib 5. The fastening means 4 may be of any suitable kind for example fasteners such as are commonly employed with men's suspenders. The opposite ends of the chains preferably carry rings 6 of a size such as will preclude the separation of the chains from the tube. The rings also provide a convenient means for grasping the chains for adjustment thereof. By reference to the figure it will be apparent that the chain links will assume a relationship such as to lie within a minimum of space. The tube 1 is preferably of a size such that it is in a normal unstrained condition when the links of the chain lie in the referred to relationship. When it is desired to adjust the distance at which the bib 5 is to be positioned from the neck of a wearer, the chains are pulled through the tube in such manner as to attain the proper spacing between the edge 7 of the bib and the several holder elements for the accommodation of a wearer's neck, the wearer's neck extending through the space intermediate the edge 7 of the bib and the tube 1. When the chains are moved through the tube 1 for adjustment of the device, the tube 1 yieldingly resists movement of the chains, and serves to retain the chains in their adjusted relation.

If desired the tube may be of a flexible material, for example leather, instead of rubber.

What I claim is:

1. In a device of the class described the combination of a resilient tubular member, a pair of chains extending through the tubular member, the chains comprising links of a structure such that when brought into contact they will move laterally of one another when moved longitudinally of one another, the tubular member yieldingly resisting movement of the chains through the tube, and means carried by the chains for holding a bib or the like.

2. In a device of the class described the combination of a pair of relatively movable contacting link chains and resilient means for yieldingly resisting movement of the chains relatively to one another.

3. In a device of the class described the combination of a pair of link chains, a section of rubber tube through which the chains extend, a fastener carried by one end of each of the chains for receiving a bib or the like, the rubber tube and the chain links bearing a relation such that the tube yieldingly resists movement of the chains relatively to one another through the tube.

4. In a device of the class described the combination of a resilient tube and two sections of link chains extending through the tube, the chain sections contacting within the tube and yieldingly withheld from relative movement by the tube.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 2nd day of March, 1923.

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