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Fig. 1

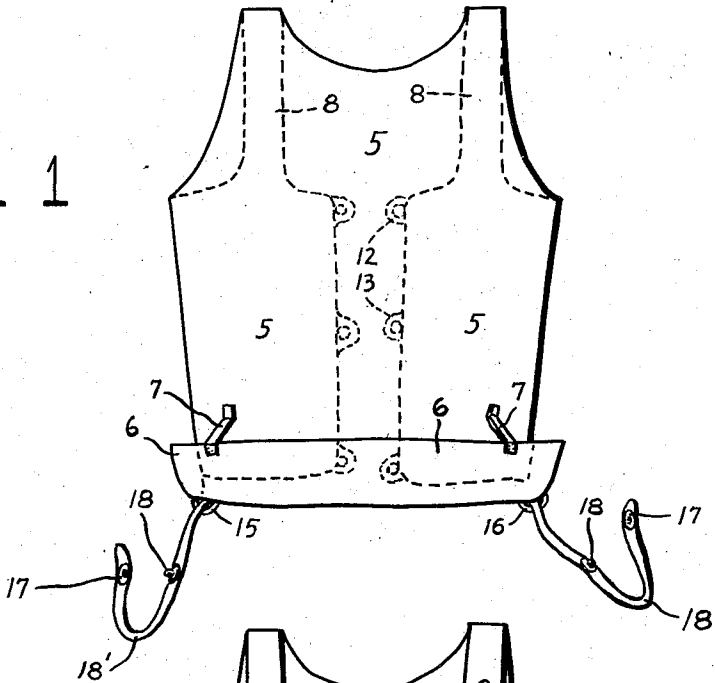
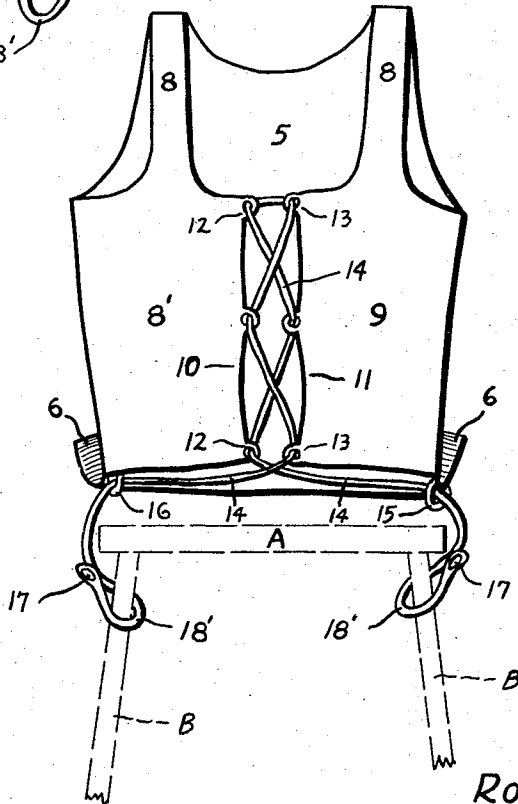


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to bibs for babies and small children, and particularly to such bibs for protecting clothing and for preventing the children from falling from chair seats.

In the ordinary care of babies and small children, while eating from a table it is usual to place the children on high chairs; but such children unless constantly watched, frequently fall from such chairs, and frequently spill and drop portions of food upon their clothing or upon the floor.

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide a simple and easily constructed jacket for slipping over the children, to prevent soiling of the clothes, and dropping of the food upon the floor, and for preventing the children from falling from the chairs. A particular object is to provide a jacket for easily being placed over the clothes of a child, being closed across the breast for a bib, and having an upturned edge along the bottom for a trough for catching any food that may be dropped, the back of such jacket having vertical edges spaced apart, with laces for connecting the vertical edges adjustably, and such laces extended beneath the jacket for attachment to the chair, for preventing the child from falling therefrom.

With these and other objects to be hereinafter stated, I have illustratively exemplified my invention by the accompanying drawings, of which:

Figure 1 is a view of the front of the preferred form of jacket, with a trough along the lower edge thereof and ties extended from the outer lower corners for attachment to a chair.

Figure 2 is a rear view of the same jacket, showing vertical edges spaced apart and connected by lacing, the lower ends thereof being connected to legs of a chair.

Like numerals on the different figures represent like parts.

Numerals 5 indicates the front area of the bib and jacket, which serves to prevent soiling of the regular clothing of a child, and may be easily disposed over the child when eating, and is preferably constructed of material that may be easily cleaned. 6 indicates the upturned edge of the front of the lower edge of the jacket which so provides a trough for catching any crumbs of food that the child may drop. The outer edge of the trough may be connected in spaced relation from the front of the bib by any suitable means, as by narrow strips of plastic 7, spaced apart.

The jacket is supported over the shoulders by continued portions of the bib material or straps

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8, and the rear portion of the jacket is provided with oppositely positioned panels 8' and 9, with the adjacent edges in vertical lines 10 and 11 spaced apart to permit adjustment to conform to the size of the child, and each of the vertical edges is provided with a plurality of eyelets spaced apart from top to bottom, indicated as 12 and 13 for the respective edges.

In order to connect the vertical edges, laces 14 are provided, which are slidably disposed through the eyelets to and fro in criss-crossed arrangement for drawing the edges together as may be desired when placed on a child. The body of the lacing is preferably disposed first through the upper pair of eyelets and carried thence downward to the lowest eyelets, and thence carried outward in oppositely disposed directions and through eyelets 15 and 16 which are provided at the lower outer corners of the bib or jacket, whereby the two edges may be drawn toward each other.

From such outer lower corners, the free ends of the lacings are extended any sufficient length, for connecting the jacket to a stool A on which the child may be seated, and particularly to the legs thereof B. To facilitate easy and rapid connection with such legs, the extremities of the lacings are preferably provided with sockets 17, and snap buttons 18 suitably spaced apart for connecting together to provide loops 18', for disposal around the legs of the chair or stool. This loop may be so connected by use of only one hand, which is frequently important where a mother or nurse must use the other hand for sustaining the child in suitable position, or for holding other objects such as dishes or food.

In operation it will be understood, that when the jacket is disposed on a child, the laces are drawn through the back eyelets until the vertical edges are suitably disposed apart for ease of the child and sufficiently close to prevent the child from throwing off the jacket, the extended lower ends of the lacings are then carried down below the chair seat and connected preferably by the loops to the chair legs. Any attempt of the child to then rise from the seat, will tend to further draw the vertical edges toward each other, binding the jacket more firmly around the child and the connecting loops around the chair legs will effectually prevent the child from rising or falling from the chair seat.

Having described my invention, I claim as new, for patent:

A combined bib and safety jacket for a baby, comprising, a vest closed across the front for a

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bib to protect the clothing of the baby while eating, the rear side of the vest being provided with a pair of oppositely disposed panels having substantially vertical edges normally spaced apart to provide for adjustments around the baby, a plurality of eyelets spaced apart along the vertical edges for lacings, lacings through the oppositely disposed eyelets and having reaches extended to and fro oppositely to each other for normally sustaining the vest loosely about the body of the baby and for automatically binding the vest tightly about the body of the baby when attempting to rise, the lower ends of the lacings carried down from the outer lower corners of the jacket and having sockets and buttons near the extremi-

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ties thereof operable with one hand for forming a pair of loops for connection with opposite legs of a chair below the seat thereof to prevent the baby from rising and falling from the seat.

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