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Fig. 1.

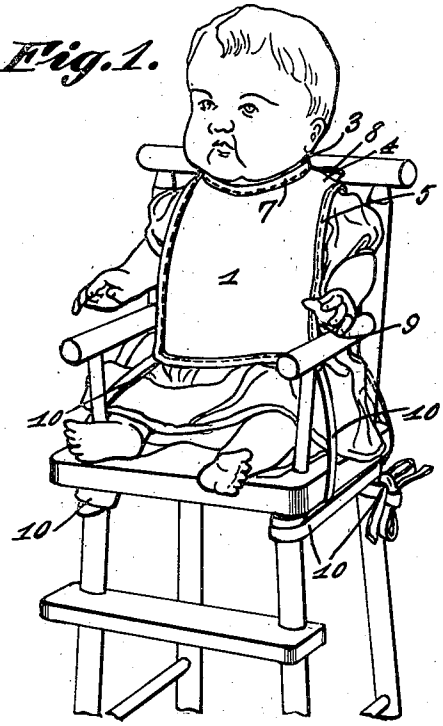


Fig. 2.

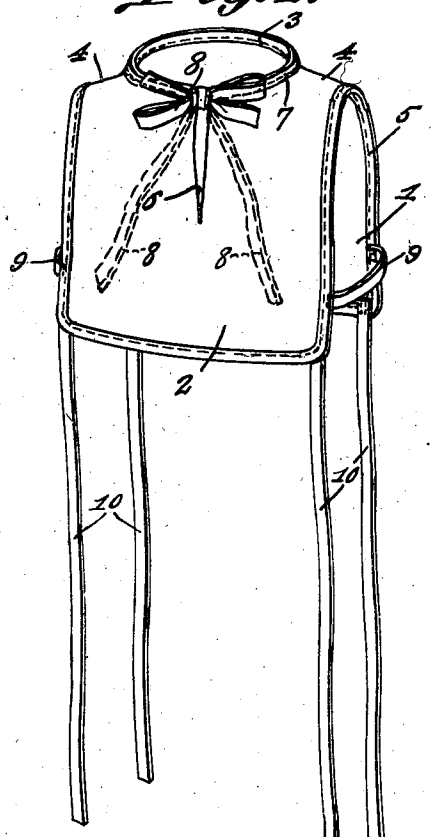


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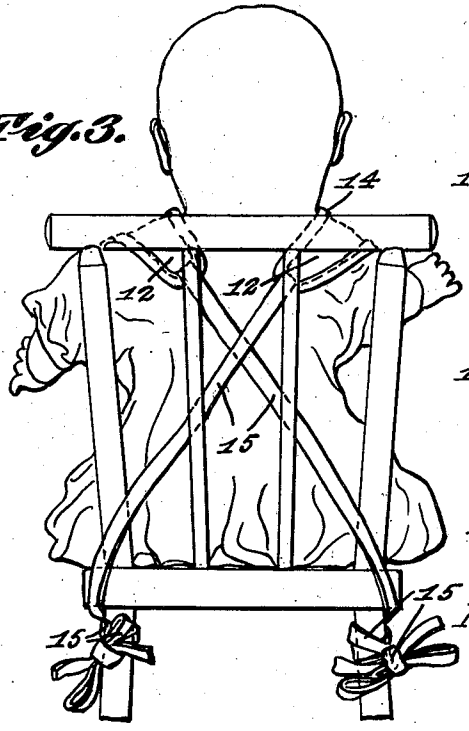
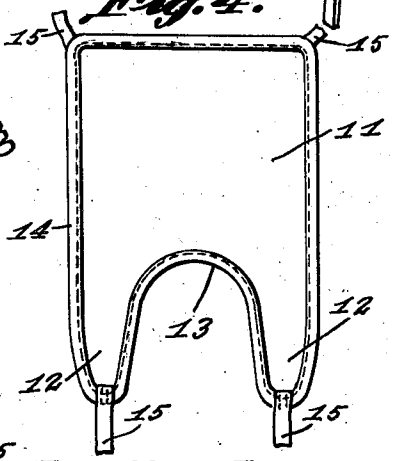


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to garments, and its general object is to provide a garment capable of performing a dual purpose, namely to act as a bib for children and a far more useful one, in that it is capable of acting as a restraining device for safely holding and securing a child in a chair or any suitable place, so that the child cannot fall therefrom, or tumble over, yet the garment causes no discomfort, with the result it will be seen that it not only prevents injury to the child, as well as has a tendency to strengthen its back, but relieves the anxiety of the nurse or mother and allows her to perform her household duties without interference from the child or the latter requiring attention.

A further object of the invention is to provide a garment of the character set forth, that can be easily and expeditiously applied to the child and secured to a chair or other means, as well as removed therefrom with very little effort.

Another object of the invention is to provide a garment in the form of a bib and restraining device that is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and extremely efficient in use and service.

This invention also consists in certain other features of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, to be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In describing my invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing wherein like characters denote like or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of one form of my garment to a child seated in a high chair.

Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of the garment per se.

Figure 3 is a rear view illustrating the application of a modified form of garment.

Figure 4 is a front view of the garment as shown in Figure 3.

Referring to the drawing in detail, it will be noted that I have illustrated the garment attached to a high chair for holding and securing a child therein, but I want it understood that it can be attached to any means that is capable of supporting the child or attaching the garment thereto.

In Figures 1 and 2 I have illustrated one form of my garment which includes a body provided with a front portion 1 and a rear portion 2. The body may be made from a single piece of material, but in any event is provided with a centrally disposed opening 3 for the passage of the head of the child, as will be apparent upon inspection of Figure 2. The portions of the body upon opposite sides of the opening 3 may be termed the shoulder portions of the garment and for distinction are indicated by the reference numeral 4.

The entire edge of the body may be reinforced by any well known means, and I have shown a binding 5 which is secured about the edges by stitching or other securing means.

Either the front portion or the rear portion may be slit longitudinally from the opening 3 and I have shown a slit 6 in the rear portion, that has its edges reinforced by being hemmed or finished in any well known manner, and I have shown binding 7 disposed about the edges of the opening 3.

In order to secure the body about the neck of the child, I may use ribbon or the like 8 that is trained through the binding 7, or two pieces of ribbon 8 may be used with one of their ends fixed to the confronting edges of the binding 7. In any event, the ribbon or the like is tied in a knot, as shown. Of course, other suitable fastening means may be employed for that purpose, such as a button and buttonhole, snap fasteners or other means.

The sides of the upper and lower portions are preferably connected together by strips 9 that have their edges fixed to the binding as shown, and these strips hold the portions across the front and back of the wearer.

The restraining feature of my garment lies in the application of tapes 10, and a tape is provided for the four corners of the garment to be secured thereto preferably by stitching. The tapes 10 as shown are all the same length, but the tapes for the front portion may be relatively longer than those for the rear portion or vice versa. In any event, the tapes are designed for cooperation with the body of the garment for securing a child in a high chair or other means as indicated in Figure 1. The tapes for the front portion in that figure are wrapped around the front legs of the chair and thence directed rearwardly to be wrapped around the rear legs, while the tapes for the rear portion of the garment are wrapped around the rear legs and thence tied with the tapes of the front portion, with the result it will be seen that the garment is capable of holding the child within the chair, with no discomfort yet it is impossible for the child to be casually released and the liability of falling is impossible.

In Figures 3 and 4 I have illustrated a modified form of garment which includes a body provided with a front portion 11, and the front portion has formed therewith a pair of spaced parallel extensions 12 which act as shoulder portions that extend down the back a considerable distance, as shown, while the recess 13 between the extensions provides a neck receiving portion.

The edges of the body in its entirety are reinforced by any well known means and I have shown a binding 14 for that purpose.

I also employ four tapes 15 in this form of the invention, two of which have one of their ends secured to the lower corners of the front portion 11, while the other two have one of the ends secured to the ends of the extensions 12.

The tapes 15 are of course utilized for the purpose of the tapes 10 and in Figure 3 I have shown the tapes 15 as being fastened to the legs of a high chair, with a garment disposed upon the child as shown, and when so worn, the extensions lie across the shoulders of the child to project rearwardly for disposal on the back, in converging relation with respect to each other. In this form, it will be seen that the tapes 15 for the extensions 12 are disposed in overlapped relation with respect to each other for holding the extensions as set forth.

It is thought from the foregoing description that the advantages and novel features of my invention will be readily apparent.

I desire it to be understood that I may make changes in the construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts, provided that such changes fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A restraining garment for infants consisting of a length of flexible material having four corners and including back and front portions and spaced shoulder portions connecting said back and front portions, a binding strip secured to the periphery of said material around the sides and ends thereof, four securing tapes each having one end stitched to a respective one of said corners and extending substantially in alignment with the side portion of the binding strip, and cross straps each having one end secured to a side portion of the binding strip adjacent one corner of the material and its other end detachably secured to the same side portion of the binding strip adjacent a second corner of the material.

2. A restraining garment for infants consisting of a length of flexible material having four corners and including back and front portions and spaced shoulder portions connecting said back and front portions, a binding strip secured to the periphery of said material around the sides and ends thereof, four securing tapes each having one end stitched to a respective one of said corners, and cross straps each having one end secured to a side portion of the binding strip adjacent one corner of the material and its other end detachably secured to the same side portion of the binding strip adjacent a second corner of the material.

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