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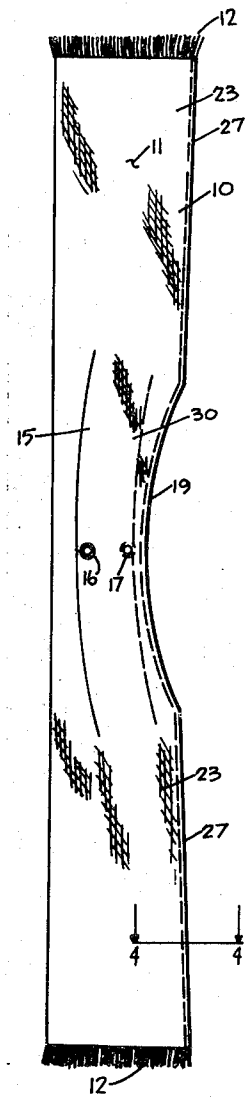
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An invalid bib which may be readily draped about a person, that is formed of a continuous length of material and held in place, when worn, without the requirement attachment straps. The bib is formed of toweling material with pile surfaces and is shaped to fit about the neck and front of an individual. Snaps are located in the shaped neck section of the bib so that the neck section may be folded upon itself and held in place, so that the bib, when worn, gives the appearance of a scarf.

2 Claims, 4 Drawing Figures



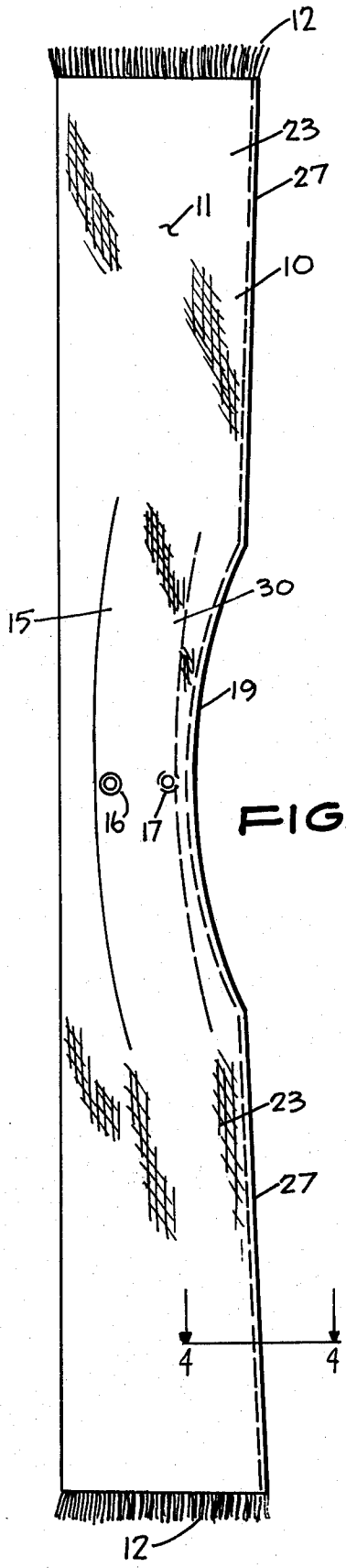


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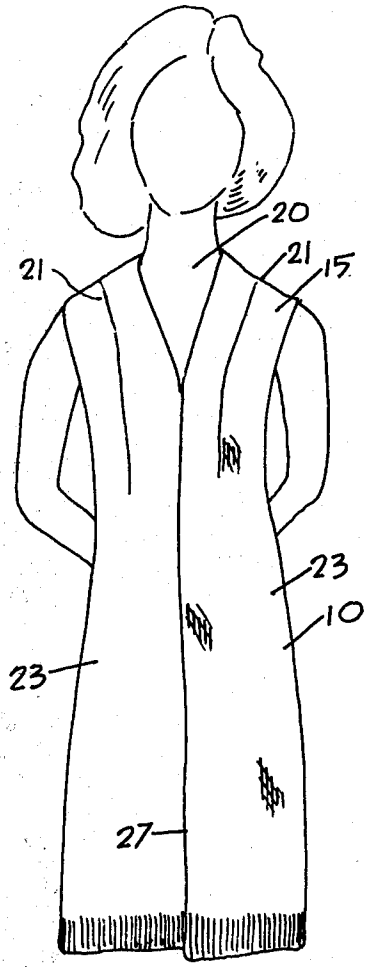


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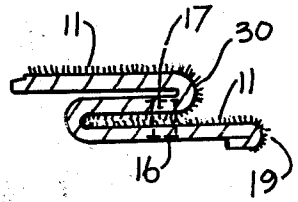


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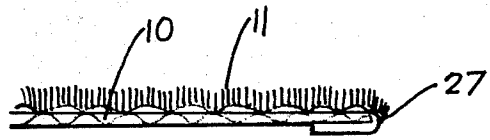


FIG. 4.

INVALID BIB

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

My invention relates to a bib which may be conveniently worn to protect the clothing of an invalid, and particularly to a bib which eliminates the need for attachment straps.

The bib of my invention is in the form of a continuous length of toweling material which is recessed along one edge in the mid section of the material to fit about the neck of the wearer. Snaps are placed in the neck section to hold the neck section of the bib folded upon itself so that the end sections of the bib naturally form about the front of the wearer. The piled surfaces of the material act to fasten adjacent edges together without the need of attachment straps.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The objects and features of the invention may be understood with reference to the following detailed description of an illustrative embodiment of the invention, taken together with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. **1** is a plan view of the bib;

FIG. **2** is a perspective view of the bib in use;

FIG. **3** is a fragmentary cross-section of the neck section of the bib, folded upon itself and snapped in place; and

FIG. **4** is a fragmentary sectional view of an edge of the bib, taken through line **4**—**4** of FIG. **1.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Turning now descriptively to the drawings, in which similar reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views, FIG. **2** illustrates the bib **10** worn as a scarf about the wearer **20,** with the neck section **15** formed with a pleat **21** so that the tail sections **23** of the bib **10** hang naturally about the front of the wearer **20.** The bib **10** is made of a toweling material formed with exterior pile surfaces **11** so that adjacent edges **27** of the tail section **23** cling together, when worn to obviate the need for attachment straps.

As shown in FIG. **1,** one edge **19** of the mid-section **30** of the bib **10** is formed in the shape of a concave curve. Two mating snap fasteners **16** and **17** respectively are located a distance apart from each other along a line perpendicular to the axis of the bib in the mid-section **30** so that the mid-section may be pleated as shown in FIG. **3,** when worn, with snap fasteners **16** and **17** holding the folds in place.

The ends **12** of both tail sections **23** are formed with a decorative fringe to add to the pleasing appearance of the bib **10,** when worn, so as to encourage its use.

The longitudinal edges **27** of the bib **10** may be formed in a continuous seam as shown in FIG. **4.**

When laundering, snaps **16** and **17** are unfastened so that the bib **10** may be laundered as simply as a towel.

Since obvious changes may be made in the specific embodiment of the invention described herein, such modifications being within the spirit and scope of the invention claimed, it is indicated that all matter contained herein is intended as illustrative and not as limiting in scope.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A bib which may be worn as a scarf, formed of absorbent piled material, said bib being of a rectangular shape with a concave curved shape formed along one edge of the mid-section of the material, said mid-section being fitted with two mating snap fasteners located a distance apart from each other and at a distance from the edges of the material on a line perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the material, so that when said fasteners are fastened together, a continuous pleat is formed in the bib in the mid-section, said pleat permitting the bib, when worn, to hang naturally about the back of the neck and to completely cover the front of the wearer.

2. The combination as recited in claim **1** with the mating snap fasteners fastened together to form a longitudinal pleat in the mid-section of the material.

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