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Fig. 1.

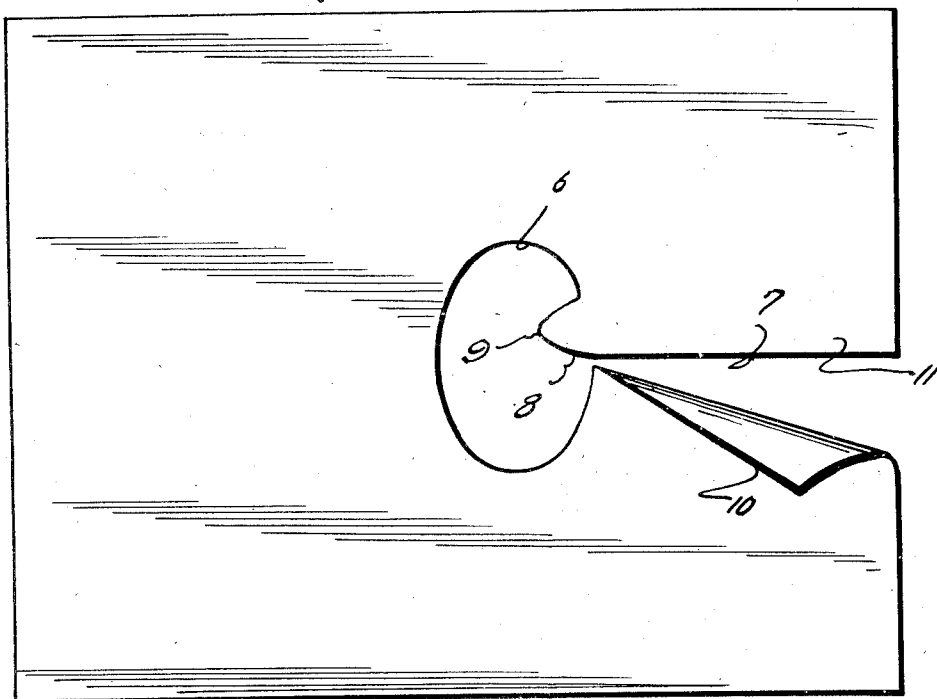
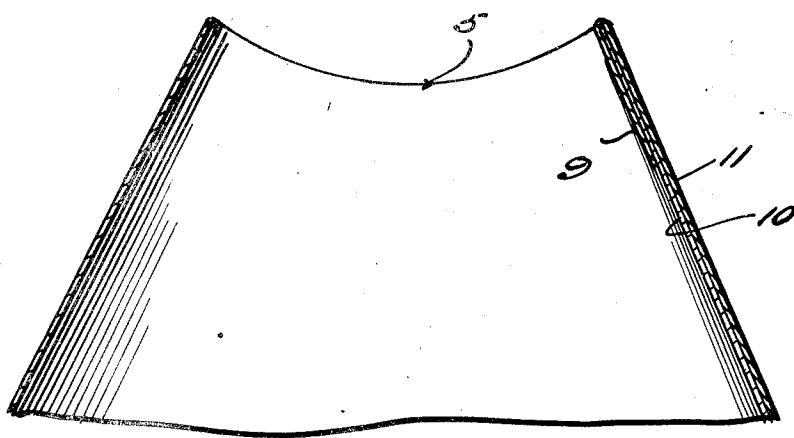


Fig. 2.



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Our invention relates generally to a disposable bib towel, and an important object of our invention is to provide a combination bib and towel for use by dentists, physicians, barbers, and others, which is capable of use as a bib and as a towel, and which is readily disposable after use.

It is also an important object of our invention to provide a bib towel of the character described above which closely engages the neck of the patient or subject, and which includes means for securely connecting the same around the neck so as to eliminate the necessity for the use of pins, clasps, and the like.

Other objects and advantages of our invention will be apparent from a reading of the following description in connection with the drawing, wherein for purposes of illustration we have shown a preferred embodiment of our invention.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view of the embodiment.

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical sectional view showing the embodiment arranged in the manner in which it is applied as a bib.

Referring in detail to the drawing, the numeral 5 generally designates a rectangular or other suitably shaped sheet of highly absorbent disposable material such as a paper product which is formed with a transversely extending oval opening 6 to receive the neck of the patient, the oval formation being found superior to a circular opening because it causes the edges of the opening to cling more closely to the neck of the patient. A slit 7 leads from the end of the sheet near the opening 6 and defines one side 8 of the locking tab 9 which is semi-elliptical in form and extends toward the center of the opening 6.

The device of the invention is to be applied by placing the same with the edges of the opening 6 around the neck of the patient so that the portion 10 of the sheet overlaps the portion 11 of the sheet when the sheet is made into the conical form illustrated in Figure 2, and the tab 9 is then bent downwardly toward the neck and tucked down between the neck and the portion 10 in the manner indicated in Figure 2 so as to act as a lock to keep the mentioned portions overlapped and in the positions in which they are originally placed as the bib towel is applied to the neck and shoulders of the patient. The result of applying a bib towel constructed as described is to produce a close hugging arrangement of the character described without the use of pins and clasps, although these may be used if desired, which arrangement may be easily applied and re-

moved, but which, while applied, adequately protects the clothing of the patient.

It will be observed that after the device has served its purpose as a bib it may be readily pulled off by the patient and utilized as a towel, and then discarded in a disposal receptacle. It will also be observed that the bib towels of our invention may be supplied and used and disposed of at a cost less than the cost of laundering a corresponding number of ordinary bibs and towels. It is understood, of course, that the device of the invention will be of sufficient size to be capable of efficient use as a towel either before or after use as a bib.

Although we have shown and described herein a preferred embodiment of our invention, it is to be definitely understood that we do not desire to limit the application of the invention thereto, and any change or changes may be made in the materials, and in the structure and arrangement of parts, within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the subjoined claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. A combination bib and towel of the type described comprising a relatively large sheet of absorbent disposable material, said sheet being provided within its edges with an oval neck receiving opening and further provided with a slot leading from one end of the sheet into said opening, thereby providing portions which overlap when the device is applied to the neck of the patient and adjacent portions of the body of the patient, said opening being transversely elongated so as to more closely engage the neck of the patient, and a tab of considerable size on the edge of the opening and extending radially inwardly into said opening, said tab being adapted to be bent downwardly between the neck of the wearer so as to engage the underside of one of the overlapped portions so as to act as a lock to hold the said portions in overlapped position and thereby hold the said opening closely engaged with the neck of the wearer.

2. A disposable bib of the character described comprising a sheet of disposable material formed adjacent its middle with a neck receiving opening, a slot leading from the back edge of the sheet into said opening, the edge of said opening adjacent one side of said slot being formed with a locking tab of considerable size extending radially into said opening and arranged to be bent along the line of the edge of the opening, said sheet being arranged to be bent into a funnel shape whereby portions of the edges of said slot are caused to overlap each other, said tab being

arranged to be bent so as to lie between and be confined by the back of the neck of the wearer and the underside of the under one of the overlapped portions, and engage the radially inward edges of the overlapped portions defined by said opening, whereby said overlapped portions are locked in place.

3. A disposable bib of the character described comprising a sheet of disposable material formed adjacent its middle with an oval transversely elongated neck receiving opening, a slot leading from the back edge of the sheet into the back edge of said opening, the said back edge adjacent one side of said slot being formed with a locking tab of considerable size extending radially into said opening and arranged to be bent along the line of the edge of the opening, said sheet being arranged to be bent into a funnel

shape whereby portions of the back edges of said slot are caused to overlap each other and the remaining portions of the edges to closely engage the neck of the wearer, said tab being arranged to be bent so as to lie between and be confined by the back of the neck of the wearer and the underside of the under one of the overlapped portions, and engage the radially inward edges of the overlapped portions defined by said opening, whereby said overlapped portions are locked in place, said overlapping portions being arranged to be increasingly overlapped to greatly reduce the size of the neck receiving opening without making said opening unduly transversely shortened.

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