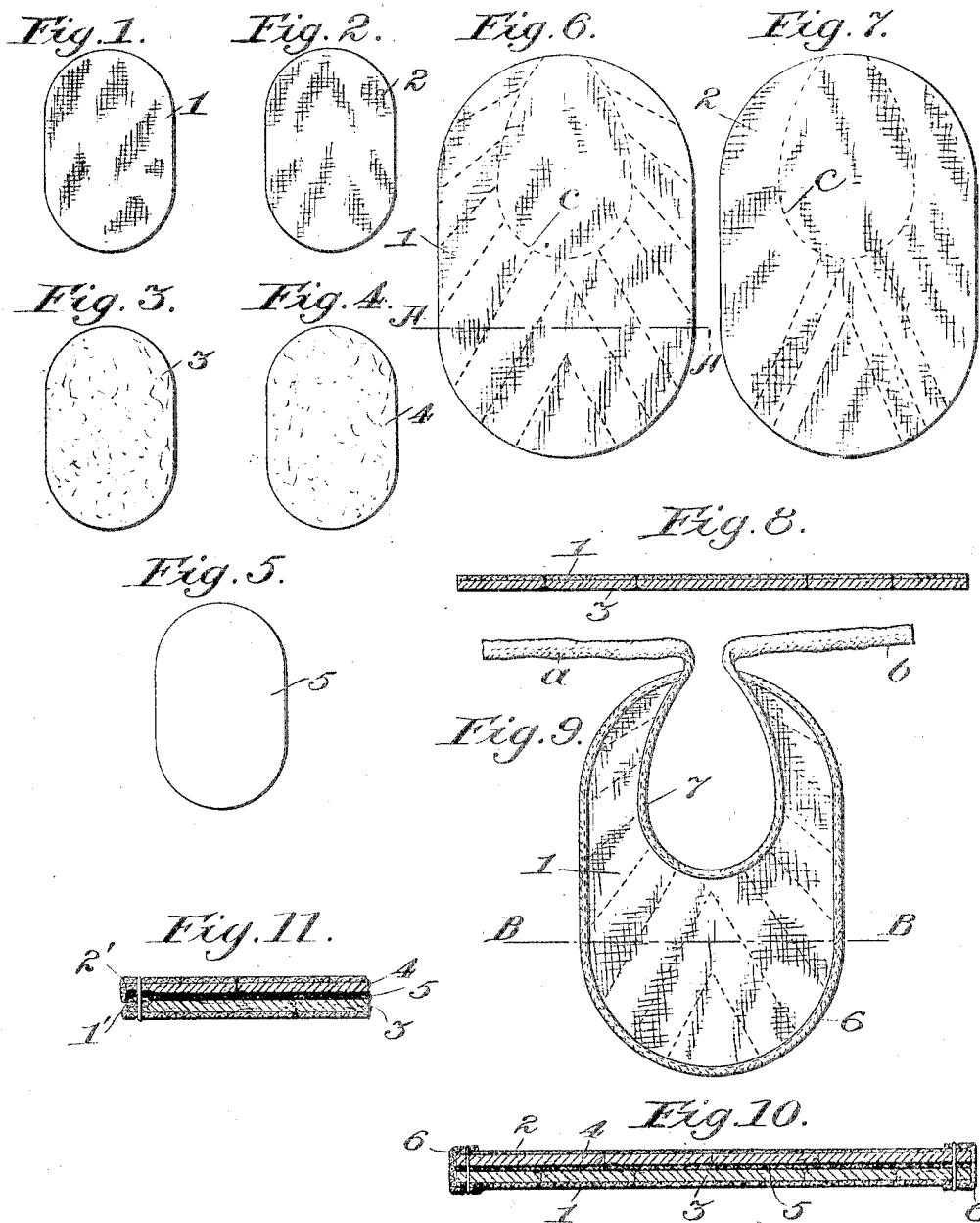


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR HOMEYER, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Jersey City, in the State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Launderable Bibs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the bibs worn by infants and other children to keep the clothing from being soiled and wet by food and liquids and by contact with the wet chin of the infant during the drooling period. Heretofore such bibs have been provided with means for inclosing or attaching a separable sheet or layer of moisture-proof material or have been made without any such protection against the penetration of moisture. Separable moisture-proof layers that must be removed every time the bib is laundered involve complications in the construction of the bib and materially increase the trouble of handling it and cannot be extended to all parts of the bib without the aid of additional fastenings to be manipulated and kept in order. Without such fastenings the separable moisture-proof layer is liable to quickly lose its shape and to contract itself by rolling or folding, so as not to afford any substantial protection.

The object of the present invention is to provide a moisture-proof launderable bib that can be washed and ironed as readily as one containing no such protection and which is at the same time protected to the amplest extent against the penetration of moisture at any point by an inseparable and concealed part thereof.

The invention consists in certain novel combinations of parts hereinafter set forth and claimed.

A sheet of drawings accompanies this specification as part thereof.

Figures 1 to 5, inclusive, are outlines of the main parts of the improved bib on a small scale. Figs. 6 and 7 are outlines, on a larger scale, of the respective facing-sheets as quilted to the respective padding-sheets hereinafter mentioned. Fig. 8 represents a section on the line A, Fig. 6, on a still larger scale and exaggerated as to thickness. Fig. 9 is a face view of the finished bib. Fig. 10 represents a section on the line B, Fig. 9, on the same scale as Fig. 8, exaggerated as to thickness. Fig. 11 is a fragmentary section illustrating a modification.

Like reference characters refer to like parts in all the figures.

The improved bib has five principal parts, numbered, respectively, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in the drawings, all of them of the same or substantially the same size and shape. In the species represented by Figs. 1 to 10, inclusive, they may be identical with each other in this respect. Parts 1 and 2 are facing-sheets, which may be of any suitable launderable material—such as lawn, muslin, linen, or cotton cloth of any kind or quality. The parts 3 and 4 are absorbent paddings of raw cotton or the like. The part 5 is a moisture-proof layer of rubber cloth of any suitable kind, such as rubber sheeting, or what is known as "waterproof" cloth, in which the cloth predominates, but in common with rubber sheeting is rendered moisture-proof by vulcanized caoutchouc or rubber.

The facing-sheets 1 and 2 are first united with the respective padding-sheets 3 and 4 by quilting. (Represented by dotted lines in Figs. 6, 7, and 9.) The rubber cloth 5 is interposed between the padding sides of the two quilted sections, Figs. 6 and 7, thus formed, and all the parts are then united with each other, first at the outer edge of the bib by stitching them together with or without the aid of a binding-tape 6 and finally around the neck-opening by stitching them together at this point with the aid of a binding-tape 7, the ends of which form attaching strings *a* and *b*. The neck-opening may conveniently be outlined by stitching at the quilting operation, as represented at *c* in Figs. 6 and 7, and subsequently cut.

The front and back of the bib may be differentiated by more elaborate quilting on the former as compared with the latter, as shown, respectively, by Figs. 6 and 7, or they may be of different colors or otherwise distinguished. It is not important, however, which side is used as the front, although where the moisture-proof layer 5 is of rubber sheeting or rubber cloth of that class it is preferable that its face be toward the front of the bib.

The two padding-sheets 3 and 4, with the respective facing-sheets 1 and 2, protect both sides of the rubber cloth 5 against injury by a hot iron when the bib is laundered. They also, of course, serve in front of the rubber cloth 5 to absorb liquids dripping upon the bib, and thus to prevent them from flowing from the bib upon the clothing.

The binding-tape 6 (shown in Figs. 9 and 10) may, if preferred, be omitted by making the facing-sheets large enough to be turned in at the edges, so as to inclose the edges of the padding-sheets 3 and 4 and the rubber cloth 5 by the edges of the facing-sheets, as represented at 1' and 2' in Fig. 11.

The term "rubber cloth" as used herein is intended to include thin sheets of pure rubber, vulcanized and otherwise adapted to be used in the same manner as rubber sheeting.

Having thus described said improvement, I claim as my invention and desire to patent under this specification—

1. A moisture-proof launderable bib having as an inseparable part thereof a layer of rubber cloth supplemented and protected on both sides by an absorbent padding and a facing-sheet on each side of the rubber cloth, the padding on one side serving to absorb liquids dripping upon the bib and to prevent injury to the rubber cloth by hot irons in the laundering process and the padding on the other side serving to prevent such injury to the rubber cloth by hot irons.

2. A moisture-proof launderable bib having as an inseparable part thereof a layer of rubber cloth supplemented and protected on both sides by an absorbent padding and a facing-sheet on each side of the rubber cloth, the padding adjoining each facing-sheet being united therewith by quilting.

3. A moisture-proof launderable bib having a layer of rubber cloth supplemented and

protected on both sides by an absorbent padding and a facing-sheet on each side of the rubber cloth, the padding adjoining each facing-sheet being united therewith by quilting, and all the parts being inseparably stitched together at the outer edges of the bib.

4. A moisture-proof launderable bib having a layer of rubber cloth supplemented and protected on both sides by an absorbent padding and a facing-sheet on each side of the rubber cloth, the padding adjoining each facing-sheet being united therewith by quilting, and all the parts being inseparably stitched together at the outer edges of the bib and further united with each other by means of a tape binding the neck-opening and forming attaching strings.

5. A moisture-proof launderable bib having a layer of rubber cloth supplemented and protected on each side by an absorbent padding and a facing-sheet, all these parts being of one and the same size and shape, the padding adjoining each facing-sheet being united therewith by quilting, and all the parts being inseparably stitched together at the outer edges of the bib with the aid of a binding-tape, and further united with each other by means of a tape binding the neck-opening and forming attaching strings, substantially as hereinbefore specified.

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