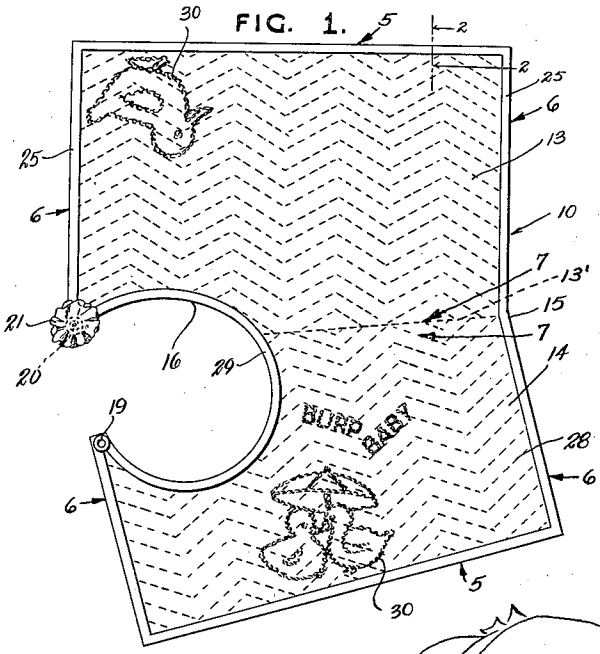
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FIG. 1.



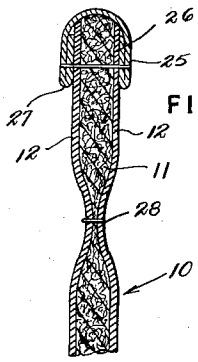


FIG. 2.



FIG. 3.

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This invention relates to a protective garment, and more particularly to such a garment adapted to be worn over the shoulders of an individual while relieving the pressure of gas in an infant's abdomen after feeding.

A primary object of this invention is the provision of a protective garment adapted specifically for the protection of one shoulder of an individual, and comprised of moisture-absorbent, soft material.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of such a garment which may be readily laundered, thus providing increased sanitation.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a garment so designed that it may be readily secured about the neck of an individual to prevent accidental displacement thereof.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of such a garment which is simple and inexpensive to cut, assemble and finish.

A further object of the invention is the provision of such a garment of ornamental and attractive appearance, readily adaptable to a variety of qualities, sizes, and appearance.

As conducive to a clearer understanding of this invention, it may here be pointed out that after feeding a small child, a bubble of gas frequently forms in the infant's stomach, causing discomfort to the infant, unless removed. The customary procedure in such instances is to place the infant over the shoulder of the mother, with the abdomen pressed against the shoulder and the head resting on the top of the shoulder, and pat the child gently on the back until the gas bubble is regurgitated. Under such conditions a portion of the feeding is sometimes regurgitated with the gas, and, unless protected, the apparel of the mother or other individual is frequently soiled. Hitherto, various expedients have been resorted to for protecting the clothing, but no bib or similar garment specifically designed for this purpose, the protection of one shoulder, and having means for precluding the accidental displacement of the garment by bodily motion of the infant has been provided. An important object of this invention is, therefore, the provision of a protective garment adapted to be utilized in this connection, and so designed and arranged as to be applied and removed from the shoulder with a minimum of difficulty and effort.

With these and other objects in mind, this invention contemplates a protecting pad or garment adapted for positioning over the shoulder in which the supporting neck opening is eccentrically positioned therein wherein the major portion of the pad extends over the back or shoulder protecting the back and only a substantially small portion thereof covers the chest or front.

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Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out hereinafter as the description of the invention proceeds, and shown in the accompanying drawings wherein there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of one form of garment or bib embodying features of the instant invention.

Figure 2 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a perspective view disclosing the position of the garment in use.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawings.

Referring now to the drawings, there is generally indicated at 10 a garment or bib of the instant invention, which is comprised, in the preferred embodiment of the invention, of a piece of padding or the like comprising an inner absorbent layer of material 11 covered on both sides by an outer covering 12 of cotton or similar material. The article is comprised of a pair of pads 13 and 14 arranged in side-by-side meeting relation with respect to each other and interconnected by a line of jointure 13' extending along a portion of their meeting sides, the pad 13 being to extend over the back or shoulder of the wearer and the pad 14 being to extend over the front of the shoulder to cover the chest. Each of the pads is of a multi-sided configuration and includes a first longitudinally-extending side 5, a pair of opposed sides 6 arranged transversely with respect to the side 5, and a second longitudinally-extending side 7 arranged in opposed relation with respect to the side 5 and disposed at an angle relative to the side 5. The longitudinally-extending sides 7 of each of the pads 13 and 14 are positioned in meeting relation, there being a semi-circular shaped cut-out 16 in each of the sides 7 adjacent the end remote from the line of jointure 13'. The cut-outs 16 face each other and form a neck opening therebetween. On the pad 14 adjacent the outer end of the cut-out 16, is disposed a part of a snap fastener 19 or a button, while on the pad 13 adjacent the outer end of its cut-out 16, is disposed a complementary part or member 20 of the snap fastener or alternately a buttonhole. The parts 19 and 20 constitute interengageable or cooperating fastening means for

securing the pads together. An ornamental rosette 21, or similar device, may be provided on the overlying extremity of the garment, if desired.

As indicated in Figures 1 and 2, the edge of the sides 5 and 6 of the pads 13 and 14 of the garment is provided with binding 25 inturned, as at 26 and secured about the edge of the garment, as by thread 27. The face of the garment is appropriately quilted, as indicated at 28. Similarly, the peripheral rim of the neck opening formed by the facing semi-circular cut-outs 16 is provided with binding 29 substantially identical to the binding 25.

If desired, ornamental designs 30 may be appliqued or embroidered on the face of the garment to enhance the appearance thereof.

From the foregoing the operation of the device should now be readily understandable. As best shown in Figure 3, the device is adapted to be positioned over the shoulder, the pad 13 depending a short distance down the back of the individual 17, while the pad 14 extends forwardly over the bosom. The semi-circular cut-outs 16 surround the neck and are secured on the opposite side of the neck from the garment proper by means of the fastener 19—20. Thus, when the infant is positioned as shown in Figure 3, for "burping," any regurgitated food will be deposited on the bib or on garment 10, which serves effectively to protect the apparel of the individual 17.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided an improved protective garment or bib which accomplishes all the objects of this invention, and others, including many advantages of great practical utility.

As various embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as various modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

1. A protective garment comprising a pair of pads arranged in side-by-side meeting relation with respect to each other and interconnected together by a line of jointure extending along a portion of their meeting sides, each of said pads being of multi-sided configuration and including a first longitudinally-extending side, a pair of opposed sides arranged transversely with respect to the first-named side, and a second longitudinally-extending side arranged in opposed relation with respect to the first longitudinally-extending side, one of the longitudinally-extending sides of one of said pads being positioned in meeting relation with one of the longitudinally-extending sides of the other of said pads, there being a semi-circular shaped cut-out in each of the meeting longitudinally-extending sides adjacent the end remote from the line of jointure, said cut-outs facing each other and forming a neck opening therebetween, and interengaging means on said pads adjacent the outer ends of said cut-outs for securing the pads together.

2. A protective garment comprising a pair of pads arranged in side-by-side meeting relation with respect to each other and interconnected together by a line of jointure extending along a portion of their meeting sides, each of said pads being of multi-sided configuration and including a first longitudinally-extending side, a pair of opposed sides arranged transversely with respect to the first-named side, and a second longitudinally-extending side arranged in opposed relation with respect to the first longitudinally-extending side and disposed at an angle relative to the latter-named side, the second longitudinally-extending sides of said pads being positioned in meeting relation, there being a semi-circular shaped cut-out in each of the second longitudinally-extending sides adjacent the end remote from the line of jointure, said cut-outs facing each other and forming a neck opening therebetween, and cooperating fastening means on said pads adjacent the outer ends of said cut-outs for securing said pads together.

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