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FIG. 1

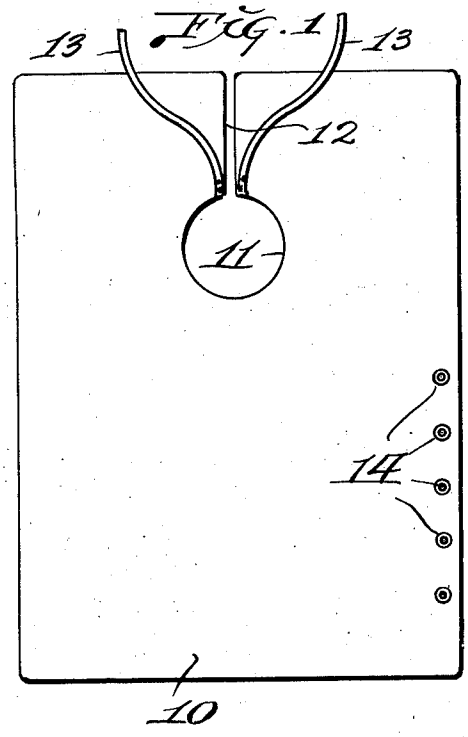


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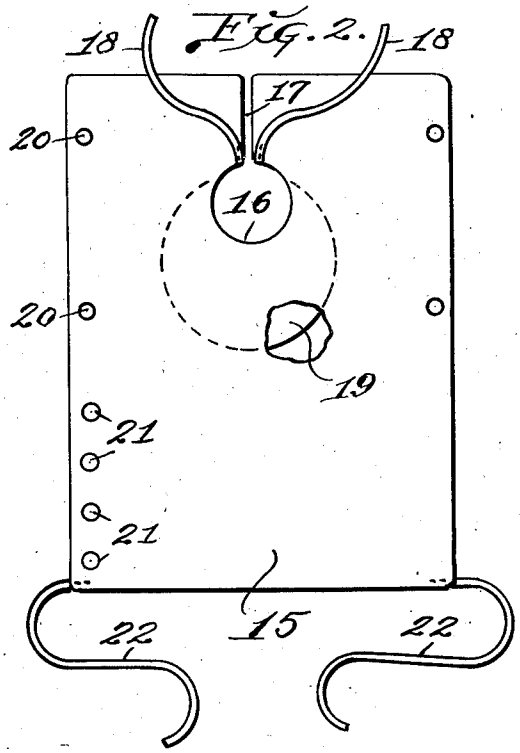
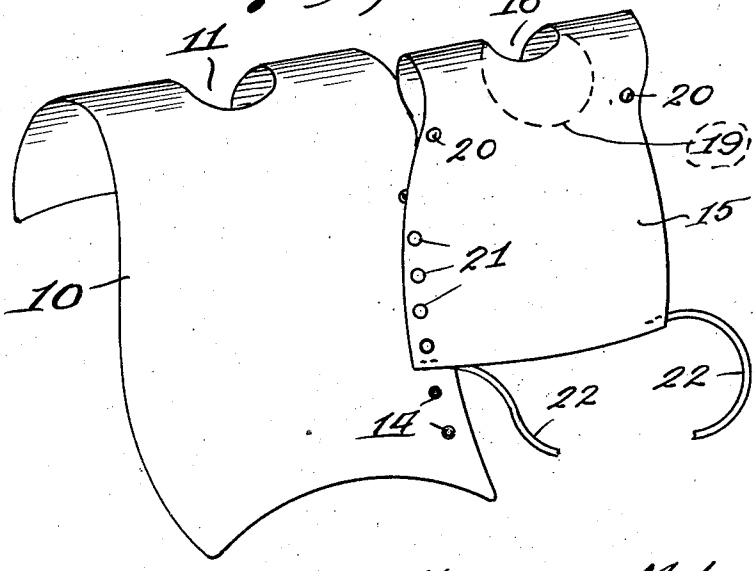


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My invention relates to an infant feeding bib combination and has for its principal object, to provide simple, practical, inexpensive and highly efficient bib combination to be worn by an infant and its mother or nurse, particularly while the infant is being taught to take food from a spoon.

During the weaning period, and while the infant is being fed with a spoon, there are tendencies of infants to belch and spit out the administered food, also to strike the spoon or hand holding same, with the result that the clothing of both mother or nurse and infant are soiled, or stained and it is one of the objects of my invention to provide a bib combination that will afford ample protection for the clothing of the infant, the mother or nurse and which combination is capable of being readily applied to or removed from the bodies of wearers.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the bib or apron that is worn by the mother or nurse.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the bib that is worn by the infant.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the bib assembled for use.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate a preferred embodiment of my invention, 10 designates a rectangular sheet of flexible material, preferably absorbent fabric such as toweling, and formed in the upper portion of the sheet is a neck opening 11 and a slit 12 that extends from said opening to the adjacent end edge of the sheet.

This sheet is the bib or apron for the mother or nurse, and is of sufficient size to cover the front and sides of the body, the shoulder and upper portions of the arms, also the upper portion of the wearer's back and "lap," or the front of the thighs of the wearer when seated.

Flexible ties 13, preferably of tape, have their inner ends secured to sheet 10 at the rear of opening 11 to the sides of slot 12 thus providing simple means for securing the bib or apron positioned on the wearer.

Seated in sheet 10 along the lower left hand edge are the stud members 14 of conventional snap fasteners or other readily detachable connections.

The infant's bib shown in Fig. 2 comprises a rectangular sheet 15 of flexible material, preferably

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absorbent fabric such as toweling, and formed in the upper central portion of said sheet is a neck opening 16, with a slot 17 extending from the rear side of said opening to the adjacent end of the sheet.

The inner ends of the ties are secured to the sheet to the rear of opening 16 on opposite sides of slot 17, thus enabling the bib to be properly secured in position on the infant's body.

Positioned on the back side of sheet 15 below and to the sides of neck opening 16 and secured by stitching or otherwise is a reinforcement 19 composed of one or more layers of absorbent fabric which affords additional protection for that portion of the infant's clothing immediately below and to the sides of the infant's head and neck.

Seated in the edges of sheet 15, in transverse alignment with the opening 16 are the complementary members 20 of snap fasteners which, when the bib is in use, are connected beneath the arms of the infant so as to retain the shoulder and arm covering portions of the bib in proper position on the body.

Seated in sheet 15 along the inner left hand edge thereof are several socket members 21 of conventional snap fasteners, and which are adapted to receive the complementary studs 14, when the two bibs are assembled for use.

There are several more studs 14 than sockets 21, thus enabling the infant's bib to be adjusted vertically on the right hand side of the bib or the apron 10.

The use of readily detachable fasteners between the bibs enable same to be readily disconnected if, in an emergency, the mother or nurse is required to answer the door bell or telephone.

Secured to the lower corners of sheet 15, are the inner ends of ties 22 adapted to be tied in the back, thus maintaining the protective bib in proper position on the infant's body.

My improved bib assembly provides simple, practical and inexpensive means for protecting the clothing of the mother or nurse and infant while feeding the infant with a spoon, is capable of being readily laundered, conserves the laundering of the clothes worn by the mother or nurse and infant, and affords comfort by relieving the infant and its mother or nurse from nervous strains.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided an infant feeding bib combination that is simple in structure, inexpensive of manufacture and very effective in performing the functions for which it is intended.

Minor changes in the size, form and construc-

tion of the various parts of my improved infant feeding bib combination may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described, without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In an infant feeding bib assembly, a sheet of flexible material provided near one end with a neck opening, and with a slot leading from said opening to the adjacent edge of the sheet, a smaller sheet of flexible material adapted to be positioned to the side of said first mentioned sheet and provided near one end with a neck opening and with a slot leading from said neck opening to the adjacent edge of said sheet means for adjustably and detachably connecting the lower inner edge of one sheet to adjacent lower inner edge of the other sheet.

2. An infant feeding bib assembly as set forth in claim 1 with ties secured to the lower corners of said smaller sheet for maintaining same in proper position on the wearer's body.

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