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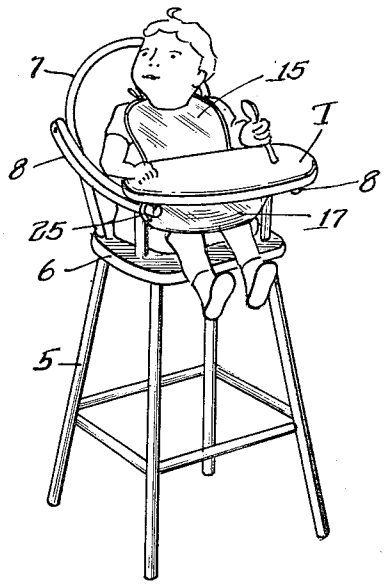


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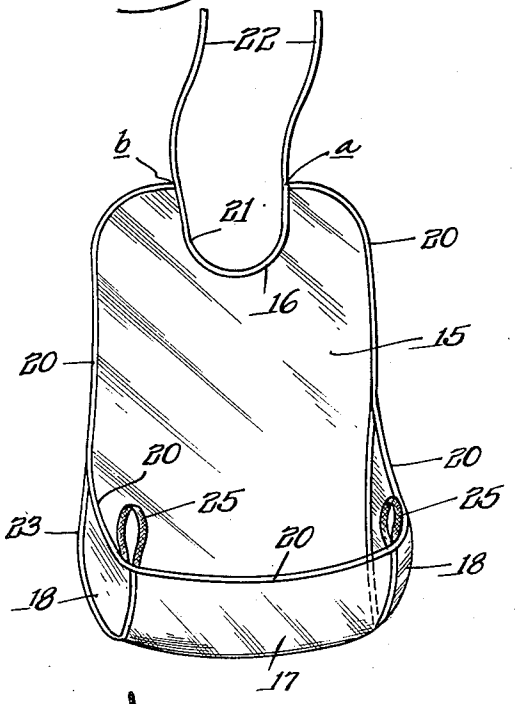


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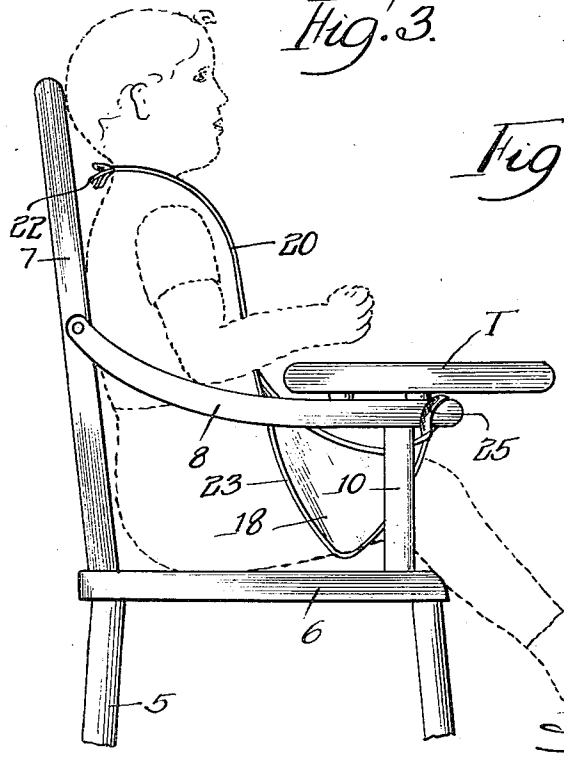
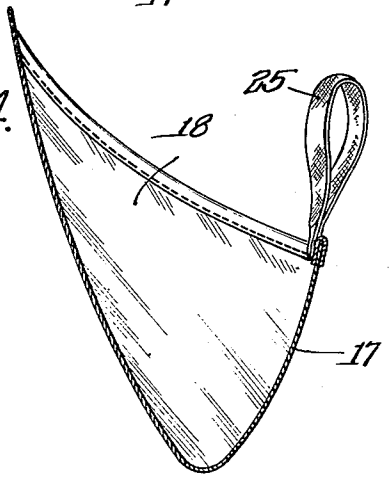


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This invention relates to a bib which has special utility when worn by a young child when occupying a high-chair of conventional construction.

For its objects, the present bib aims to provide protection for the child against food or drink which may be spilled during the course of a meal, and also protection for the chair, as well as the floor therebelow against contact from such food or drink. The bib may be constructed of some flexible sheet material which is liquidproof and readily cleaned. In the construction which we have evolved, the bib is readily fitted in place both upon the child who is to wear it and upon the chair with which it is designed to cooperate. The entire construction is both simple and inexpensive, and may be depended upon to last for an indefinite time.

A suggestive embodiment of our invention is set forth in the accompanying drawing in the manner following:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a high-chair wherein is seated a young child, the bib of our invention being fastened to the child and to the chair to operate in the intended way;

Fig. 2 is a view in perspective looking toward the front of the bib;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the chair showing the bib applied thereto and to the child who is seated therein; and

Fig. 4 is a central vertical section through the lower portion of the bib.

The high-chair which is indicated in Figs. 1 and 2 is provided with conventional legs 5 supporting a seat 6 from which rises a back 7 adapted to support the rear ends of a pair of spaced arms 8 which may be either fixedly or swingingly mounted in place. The two arms are rested upon side posts 10, and support between them a tray T which is horizontally disposed when in use. The rear edge of the tray is spaced from the chair back 7 a distance sufficient to accommodate the child who is to be seated within the chair, the tray elevation being such as to hold the child's food at a convenient distance above his lap. Between the tray bottom and the forward end portion of each arm is commonly provided a narrow space of which use is made as hereinafter noted.

The bib now to be described is designed for convenient and effective application to a child who is seated within a chair of the kind noted. It comprises a main panel 15 which is centrally recessed at 16 at the top to provide a neck opening. At its bottom this panel executes a forward turn to provide an upturned front panel 17. Between the main and front panels 15 and 17 at opposite

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sides thereof are gussets 18 providing end closures for the pocket therebetween.

A bib having such a construction is desirably reenforced by edge bindings, one of which, designated as 20, may be continuous from a point *a* adjacent one side of the neck opening down along one side edge of the main panel and then along the top edge of one gusset 18 and across the top edge of the front panel 17, thence along the top edge of the other gusset 18 and along the opposite side of the main panel 15 to terminate at *b* adjacent the opposite side of the neck opening 16. A second binding 21 is applied around the neck opening 16 and extended outwardly therefrom in the form of a pair of flexible tapes 22 which are adapted to be tied together at the rear of the child's neck. A third pair of bindings 23 may also be extended along the seams formed by the junctures of the two gussets 18 with the main panel 15 and the upturned front panel 17. By proceeding in this manner to construct the bib of our invention, we employ but a single piece of sheet material, two identical gussets, two identical bindings 23 for the gussets, one binding 21 which provides a pair of ties for fastening the bib to the child's neck, and one binding 20 which reenforces the top, sides, and front edges of the bib.

A pair of loops 25 are also secured to the bib. Each loop may consist of an elastic tape having one end secured to the front panel 17 adjacent its reenforced top edge where juncture is made with the gusset 18, and its opposite end secured to the reenforced edge of the gusset at a point close thereto. The two loops so provided are spaced from each other the full width of the bib, each being adapted to slip over and engage the front end of one chair arm 8 below the tray T. By having the loops somewhat elastic, it is possible to adapt the bib for use with chairs which differ somewhat in width, with reasonable assurance that when fitted thereto the bib will be extended laterally for substantially its full width.

In use, the main panel 15 is supported at its top from the child's neck. It depends downwardly along the front of the child, onto his lap, and the connected front panel 17 then continues on upwardly and forwardly to a point close to the underside of the tray T with which it remains in close connection by attachment of the loops 25 to the front ends of the chair arms 8. As a result, there is a dual suspension of the bib, first from a high point at the rear, i. e. the child's neck, and then from a low point at the front, i. e. the chair arms. The lowermost part of the bib which is enclosed by the gussets 18 provides, in effect,

a closed pocket into which food or drink may slide along the main panel 15 of the bib when spillage takes place. Such food or drink is caught in the pocket of the bib where it remains without dropping onto the chair or onto the floor therebelow.

When the child is to be freed for removal from the chair, the bib is disconnected and the contents of the pocket are then disposed of suitably. In this way, the bib may be relied upon to furnish protection for the child, for the chair in which he is seated, and also for the floor therebelow, during the normal course of eating.

We claim:

1. A child's bib of flexible sheet material having at the top a recess to provide a neck opening and at the bottom an upwardly and forwardly extending relatively low front panel spaced from the main panel of the bib by an intervening crosswise pocket, closures at the pocket ends in connection with both the main panel and front panel adapted to limit the distance of separation therebetween, an edge binding around the recessed neck opening at the top and extending outwardly therefrom to provide a pair of free ties for attachment at the back of the neck of the child wearing the bib, another edge reenforcement extending continuously from a point adjacent one side of the neck opening, down along the main panel and across one end closure for the pocket and thence across the top of the front panel and back again across the other end closure and up along the opposite side of the main panel to terminate adjacent the neck opening at the side opposite the other end of the edge binding, a pair of third edge bindings interconnecting the end closures for the pocket with the main and front panels, and a pair of loops each having one end joined to the edge binding at a point proximate to the juncture therewith of the binding affixed to one end closure for the pocket, the loops being adapted for attachment to a fixed support to sustain the front panel in an up position.

2. A child's bib of flexible sheet material having at the top a recess to provide a neck opening and at the bottom an upwardly and forwardly extending relatively low front panel spaced from the main panel of the bib by an intervening crosswise pocket, closures at the pocket ends in connection with both the main panel and front panel adapted to limit the distance of separation therebetween, a pair of free ties extending away from opposite sides of the neck opening for attachment at the back of the neck of the child wearing the bib, an edge reenforcement extending down along the main panel and across one end closure for the pocket and thence across the top of the front panel and back again across the other end closure and up along the opposite side of the main panel, and a pair of loops each having one end joined to the edge reenforcement at a point proximate to the juncture of the front panel with one end closure for the pocket, the loops being adapted for attachment to a fixed support to sustain the front panel in an up position.

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