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Fig. 1.

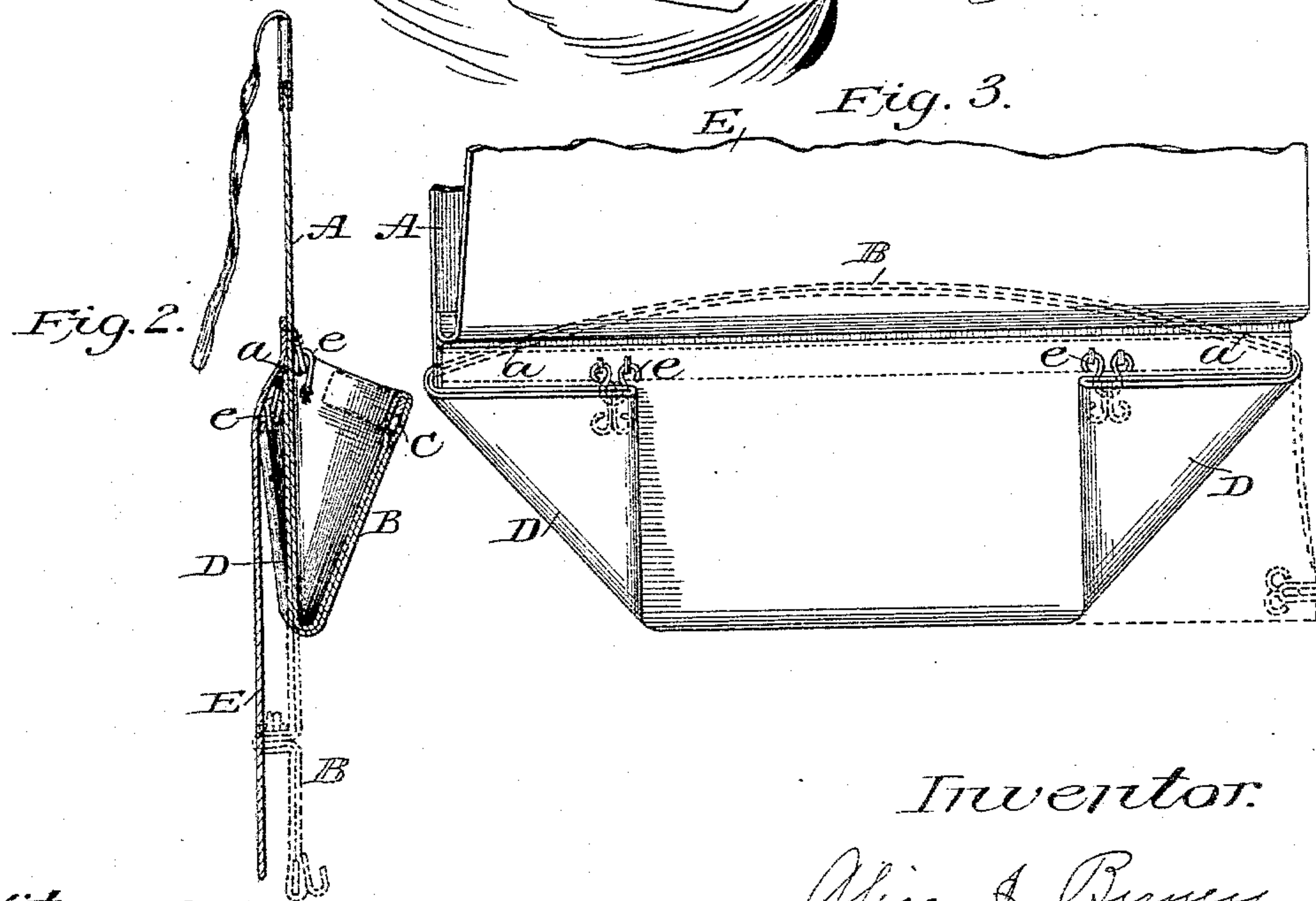


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALICE JOSEPHINE BIRNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chevy Chase, in the county of Montgomery and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bibs; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention.

My invention is designed as an improvement in that class of bibs provided with a waste receptacle or pocket to catch and retain any liquid or solid the child may spill or drop while feeding.

The invention consists, briefly, in a specially-constructed pocket and also an extension or lengthening of the bib below the pocket, forming an apron for protecting the child's clothing in case the material spilled should not enter the pocket.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and use, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a view showing a child with the bib secured in position; Fig. 2, a section through the pocket and part of the apron; Fig. 3, a detail viewing the rear side of the pocket and showing the lower corner folded over and secured in such manner as will prevent the pocket leaking.

In forming my bib I use any suitable material adapted to resist water or other liquid. The bib proper or upper part A is made to fit the neck, as is obvious, and may be provided with tapes, an elastic band, or otherwise adapted to be secured in position. The pocket B is formed by a fold of the lower edge of the part A of the bib. In forming the pocket the material is first turned backward and sewed or otherwise secured along the line *a a*, forming a double thickness, with the rubber or waterproof side out. The pocket is made by turning this double material forward, as shown in Fig. 2, thus forming both the inside and outside of the pocket from the face or water-resisting side of the material. The edge of the pocket is stiffened by a suitable stay C, inclosed by the material and held in place by a line of stitches. The stay is made shorter than the edge of the pocket, so

that when the sides of the pocket are secured the flexibility of the material will allow the stiffened edge to drop or stand out and thus open the pocket ready to catch any spilled material.

To prevent the waste material caught by the pocket from leaking, I fold the lower corners D backward, as shown in Fig. 3, thus making the side of the pocket oblique. For securing the lower and upper corners of the pocket any suitable means may be employed, but I preferably use hooks and eyes *e*, as shown.

The apron E is secured to the rear side of the bib just above the pocket and is designed to be of such length as will protect the child's clothing in case anything spilled should not be caught by the pocket, and also prevent the child wiping its hands on its dress.

To clean the pocket, the corners are unfastened and the stay edge turned down so that the entire inside of the pocket may be thoroughly wiped or washed out.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a child's bib with a pocket, and do not, therefore, desire to broadly claim such combination, but inasmuch as all bibs that have come under my observation are objectionable, some by reason of expense to manufacture and others owing to the difficulty of keeping them cleaned, and to overcome these objections I have designed the hereinbefore-described bib, for which I desire the protection of a patent.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A child's bib having a pocket as set forth, the pocket being formed by doubling the material of the bib back and securing it to the rear side of the bib, then folding forward and upward the doubled edge, detachably securing the upper corners and bending back the lower corners made by the fold and securing them as set forth.

2. A child's bib having a pocket formed by folding the lower edge of the bib forward, and upward, and detachably securing the same, at the corners, to the body or upper part, A, of the bib, then bending the lower corners of the fold backward and likewise detachably securing them to the back of the body of the bib, as set forth.



3. A child's bib having a pocket formed by  
folding the lower edge of the bib forward and  
upward, and detachably securing the same at  
the corners, to the body, or upper part, A,  
5 of the bib, then bending the lower corners of  
the fold backward, and likewise detachably  
securing them to the back of the body of the  
bib, and forming a loop along the upper front  
longitudinal edge of said pocket, and a stay

located in said loop but not extending to the ro  
ends thereof, as shown.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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