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Fig. 1.

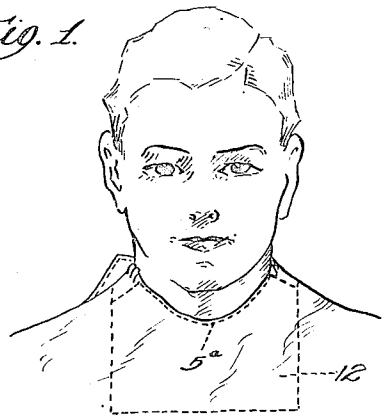


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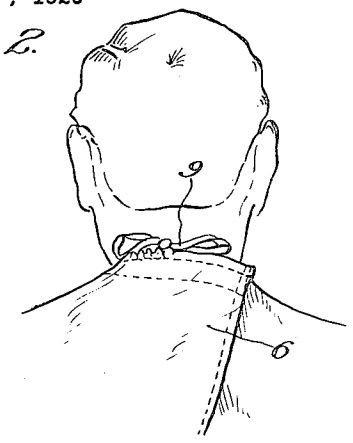


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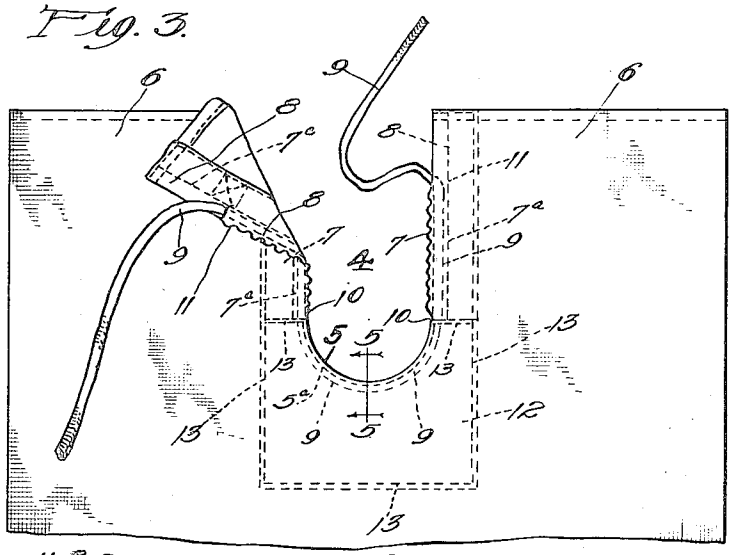


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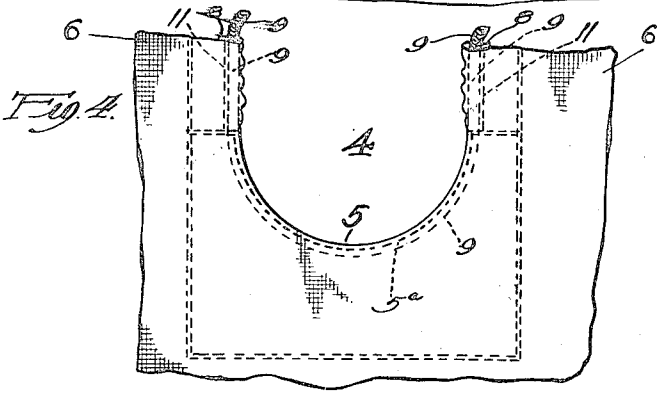
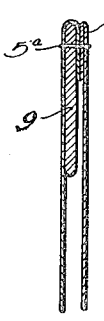


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL SPERO, a citizen of the United States, residing at Michigan City, in the county of Laporte and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates more particularly to aprons for use by barbers in covering the clothes of persons whose hair is being cut; and my objects, generally stated, are to provide a novel, simple and economical construction of apron by which the use of buttons, pins or other such fastening means for securing the apron about the neck of the wearer, may be avoided, thereby avoiding, among other disadvantages, that of the weakening of the goods of which the apron is made, at the neck portion thereof; to provide a construction which shall be highly durable, laundered easily and without danger of impairment, be adapted to be fitted snugly about the necks of wearers, whether large or small, and when positioned for use be highly effective in preventing the cut hair from getting in between the apron and the neck of the wearer; to provide against the undue weakening of the apron at the front portion of the part thereof which goes around the neck of the wearer; and other objects as will be manifest from the following description.

Referring to the accompanying drawing:—

Figure 1 is a front view of the upper portion of a person, showing my improved apron secured in place thereon. Figure 2 is a rear view of the person, showing the back portion of the apron. Figure 3 is a face view of the front of the upper end of the apron, showing a portion of one of the flaps turned forwardly and downwardly to expose a detail of the rear side of the garment. Figure 4 is an enlarged face view of a part of the structure shown in Fig. 3; and Figure 5, a section taken at the line 5—5 on Fig. 3 and viewed in the direction of the arrows.

The apron of the particular construction shown and which is preferably of general rectangular shape and of the length usual in the case of barbers' aprons, is provided at its upper edge with the recess 4 shown as located midway between the lateral edges of the apron, the bottom of this recess being rounded as represented at 5. The portions of the apron at the opposite sides of the recess are in the form of flaps represented at 6, the walls of the recess 4 beyond the curved portion 5, and indicated at 7, being preferably straight and parallel. In the making of the apron, the edges thereof along the sides 7 are turned rearwardly upon themselves and stitched at 7^a, at their edges, to the underlying portion of the apron, the said turned portions being represented at 8, and the edges of the apron at the curved part 5 between the points indicated at 10, which edges are cut relatively narrow, are turned back and stitched down to the body of the apron as by the stitching 5^a. Lying within the turned portions between the points 10, is a draw-tape 9, this tape being preferably provided in one piece and stitched to the apron by the stitching 5^a, to cause it to be held against slipping thereon, between the points 10, or in other words, the tape is held against slipping in the portion of the apron which extends over the front portion of the neck of the wearer when applied to use, whereby this portion of the apron is prevented from wrinkling or gathering, in the securing of the apron about the neck of the wearer. The ends of the tape 9 instead of being enclosed within the inturned edge portions 8 extending about the recess 4, throughout the extent of such edges, protrude through openings 11 in the inturned portions 8 at the inner side of the apron, these openings being located short of the upper edges of the flaps, viewing the apron as in Fig. 3, and in practice preferably located about five inches from the upper edge of each of the flaps 6, the apron, from the points 10 to the openings 11 being free to slide on the tape, whereby the apron at these portions is free to be gathered or puckered on the tape ends, which latter, in the securing of an apron to a wearer, extend at the back portion of the neck and are tied together, as represented in Fig. 2, to cause the apron to fit snugly about the neck of the wearer. The flap portions 6 extending beyond the openings 11 and thus in unpuckered or non-gathered condition, are then manipulated to cause them to extend across the back of the wearer, one superposed on the other with the portions of the edges 7, beyond the openings 11, extending

substantially horizontally and preferably in the same horizontal plane as the puckered or gathered portions of the edges 7, as illustrated in Fig. 2. It will be understood that if desired these free edges of the flaps may be tucked in between the neck of the wearer and the gathered portions referred to. The flaps 6 serve to cover up the back of the wearer and the entire apron forms an effective covering, therefore, against the cut hair falling upon the clothes of the wearer.

The front portion of the apron at the neck portion thereof is preferably reenforced as by a separate piece of fabric shown at 12, stitched to the inner side of the apron along the stitching 13 and 5^a, and conforming at its upper edge to the lower edge of the recess 4, this reenforcing piece preferably opposing the tape at the curved portion 5 of the recess 4 as shown.

It will be understood from the foregoing that pins or other fastening means need not be used in securing an apron in position on a wearer, and that the other advantages hereinbefore referred to are accomplished by constructing the apron in accordance with my invention.

The tape at the front of the garment also serves to reenforce the curved, front, edge of the the neck-opening, to prevent the apron from tearing, especially in laundering it.

While I have illustrated and described a particular construction embodying my invention, I do not wish to be understood as intending to limit it thereto as the same may be variously modified and altered without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. An apron formed at its upper end with a neck-opening with draw-tape threaded therein, the ends of which are exposed for fastening the apron in place, said tape engaging the apron short of the ends of the opening whereby the apron presents flap portions beyond said securing means adapted to be laid against the back of the person, the apron at the front portion of said neck-opening being secured to the draw-tape to prevent puckering or gathering of this portion of the apron.

2. An apron formed with a recess in its upper edge presenting a neck-opening, and a draw-tape lying against the edges of said neck-opening, said tape being held against gathering of the apron at the portion thereof which lies against the front of the neck of a person, and on which, tape portions of the apron at opposite sides of said neck opening, but short of the ends of the neck-opening, are movable to gathered condition.

3. An apron formed with a neck-opening, and a draw-tape for securing the apron about the neck of a person, engaging the apron adjacent the neck-opening, the draw-tape at the front side of said neck-opening being stitched to the apron to prevent puckering or gathering of the apron at the front part of said neck-opening and reinforce this part of the apron.

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