

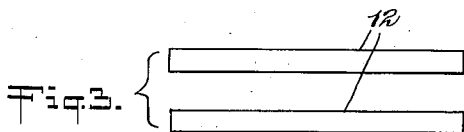
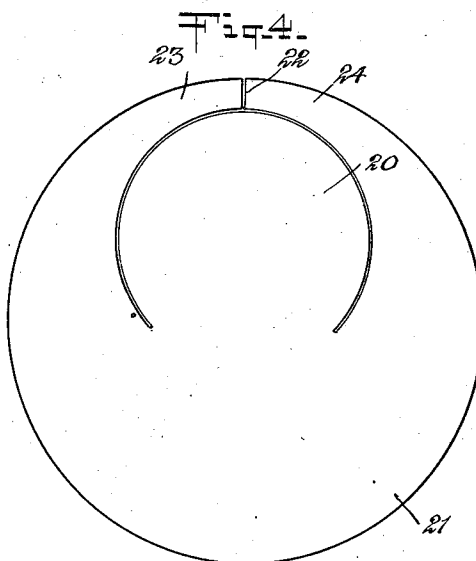
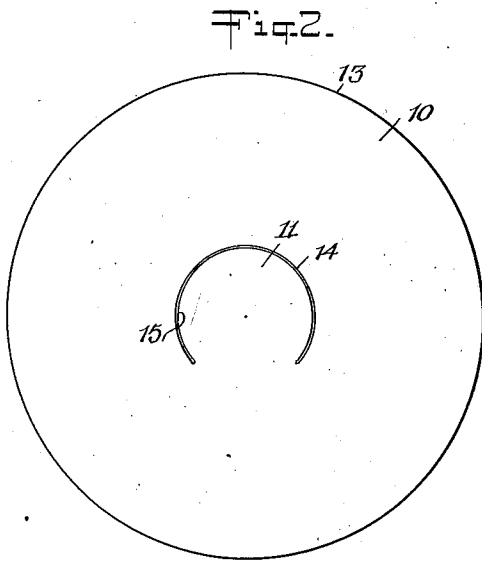
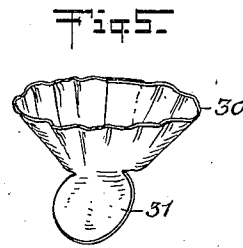
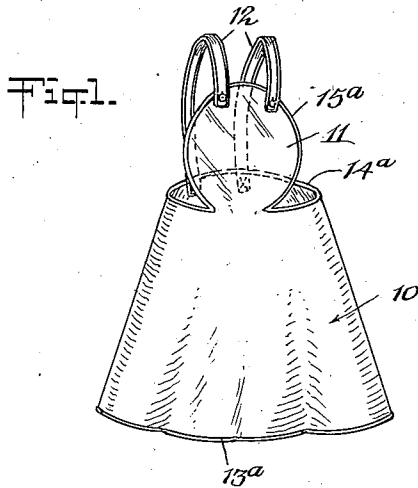
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This invention relates to an article of wearing apparel which may be worn as an apron for children or adults or as a collar for a dress or as other types of accessories in the field of women's wearing apparel.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of an article of wearing apparel of the character described which is made in accordance with a very simple pattern and design and which comprises but a single unitary member, exclusive of shoulder straps where shoulder straps are used. When used as an apron, this article of wearing apparel has a skirt portion and a front or bib portion which are integral with each other. When used, for example, as a collar or similar accessory, the article of wearing apparel herein claimed comprises a collar portion proper and a front or bib portion and again these two portions are integral with each other. In one form of the invention the skirt or collar portion, as the case may be, is a seamless circular unit extending completely around the wearer. In another form of the invention, reference is here particularly being made to another form of apron, the skirt extends only around the front and sides of the wearer, the skirt being integral with a pair of tie members or straps which are tied or buttoned at the back.

These embodiments are shown in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an apron which constitutes one embodiment of the invention, said view showing how the apron appears when it is worn;

Fig. 2 is a view of said apron, the straps being omitted therefrom, as it appears after it has been cut out of the cloth but before it is sewed into a finished article;

Fig. 3 is a view of the straps used in Fig. 1, said straps also being shown as they are cut out of the cloth and before they are finished;

Fig. 4 is a view similar to that of Fig. 2, said view being of a second embodiment of apron above referred to, both Figs. 2 and 4 constituting a view not only of the apron itself but also of the pattern to which the apron is cut; and

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a third form of the invention, in this case an article of wearing apparel to be worn around the neck, this form of invention being patterned substantially in accordance with the pattern shown in Fig. 4.

Referring now to Figs. 1 to 3, inclusive, it will be seen that the apron comprises four parts: a skirt 10, a bib 11 integral therewith, and a pair of straps 12 sewed at one end to the back of

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the skirt 10 and buttoned at the other end to the top of the bib 11. Fig. 2 will show how the bib and skirt parts of the apron are cut out of the cloth and how they appear lying flat and spread out. It will be noted in Fig. 2 that the skirt 10 comprises a circular member having its center part cut to the extent of about three-quarters of a circle concentric with the periphery of said skirt. The center portion constitutes the bib 11. In other words, what is provided here is a circular figure having a substantially circular figure cut into its center portion concentrically therewith. The peripheral edge 13 of the skirt portion 10 is finished off by hemming or binding or in any other conventional way and it appears in Fig. 1 under the character reference 13a. The same may be said of the inner edge 14 of the skirt 10 and the finished inner edge of said skirt is shown in Fig. 1 under the designation of 14a. And what has been said of the skirt is also true of the edge 15 of the bib portion, said edge being shown finished off in Fig. 1 and designated by the character reference 15a. The straps too may be finished off in the same way as the skirt and bib portions of the apron. They are shown in Fig. 1 having finished edges.

The second embodiment of the apron which is shown in Fig. 4 differs from that of Fig. 2 in two respects: the inner bib part 20 is not cut concentrically with the skirt 21 of said embodiment but instead is cut relatively near the peripheral edge of said skirt. The second point of difference between the embodiment of Fig. 4 and that of Fig. 2 is the slit 22 which is cut in the skirt at its narrowest point, to wit, at the point where the bib 20 comes nearest the peripheral edge of the skirt. This has the effect of providing a pair of tying members 23 and 24 which may be tied behind the back of the person wearing the apron. This apron also differs from the first embodiment in that it is not provided with a pair of shoulder straps such as are shown in Figs. 1 and 3 of the first embodiment. Instead, the bib 20 of the embodiment of Fig. 4 is pinned to the dress of the wearer.

The article of wearing apparel which is to be worn around the neck and which is shown in Fig. 5 comprises a skirt portion 30 and a bib portion 31, said skirt and bib portions being integral with each other. The pattern to which this article of wearing apparel is cut is shown substantially in Fig. 4. The only difference between the pattern in Fig. 4 and the pattern to which the article in Fig. 5 is cut lies in the width of the members 23 and 24 in Fig. 4. Since in

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Fig. 4 these members are intended to constitute tie members, they are naturally relatively narrow. In the device shown in Fig. 5 these members constitute the rear portions of the collar proper and hence they are much wider. Indeed, they are substantially as wide proportionately of the pattern in Fig. 4 which constitutes the skirt proper.

It will be appreciated that what has been provided here is an extremely simple form of an article of wearing apparel which may be die cut out of the cloth instead of cut therefrom in the usual manner. Variations and modifications may be incorporated into the embodiments above described without departing from the basic principles of the invention. For example, instead of a circular bib portion as shown in the embodiments, a bib of any other desirable shape may be provided as, for example, a square bib or an oval bib or a bib of other design.

I claim:

1. An apron blank comprising a substantially circular member having a center portion partly cut out therefrom, and a peripheral portion which entirely surrounds said center portion, said center portion constituting a bib and said peripheral portion constituting a skirt.

2. An apron blank comprising a substantially circular member having a circular center portion, and a ring shaped outer portion which entirely surrounds said center portion, said center and outer portions being integral with each other at one point and being separate and apart from each other at all other points, said center portion constituting a bib, and said outer portion constituting a skirt.

3. An apron blank comprising a substantially circular member having a center portion partly cut out therefrom, and an outer portion which entirely surrounds said center portion, said center and outer portions being integral with each other along a pre-determined line and being separate and apart from each other at all other points, said outer portion being wider where it is attached to the center portion, and narrower where it is detached therefrom, said narrower portion being provided with a radial slit which

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completely severs said narrower portion forming a pair of strap-like portions, said center portion constituting a bib and said outer portion constituting a skirt and two straps for tying said skirt around the wearer.

4. An apron comprising a skirt and a bib, said bib being integral with said skirt along a pre-determined line, and being detached from said skirt at all other points, said bib being disposed within the skirt and being entirely surrounded by said skirt when said apron is laid out flat.

5. An apron having a skirt, a bib and straps connecting one end of said bib to said skirt, said bib being attached to said skirt along a pre-determined line and being separated from said skirt at all other points, and said bib being disposed within said skirt and being entirely surrounded by said skirt when the apron is laid out flat.

6. An apron having a skirt and a bib, said bib being integral with said skirt along a pre-determined line and being separated from said skirt at all other points, said bib being disposed within and entirely surrounded by said skirt when the apron is laid out flat, said skirt being wide at the portion thereof which is integral with the bib, and being narrow at that portion thereof which is separated from the bib, said narrow portion of the skirt being severed along a radial line to form a pair of straps integral with the wide portion of the skirt for tying said apron around the wearer.

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