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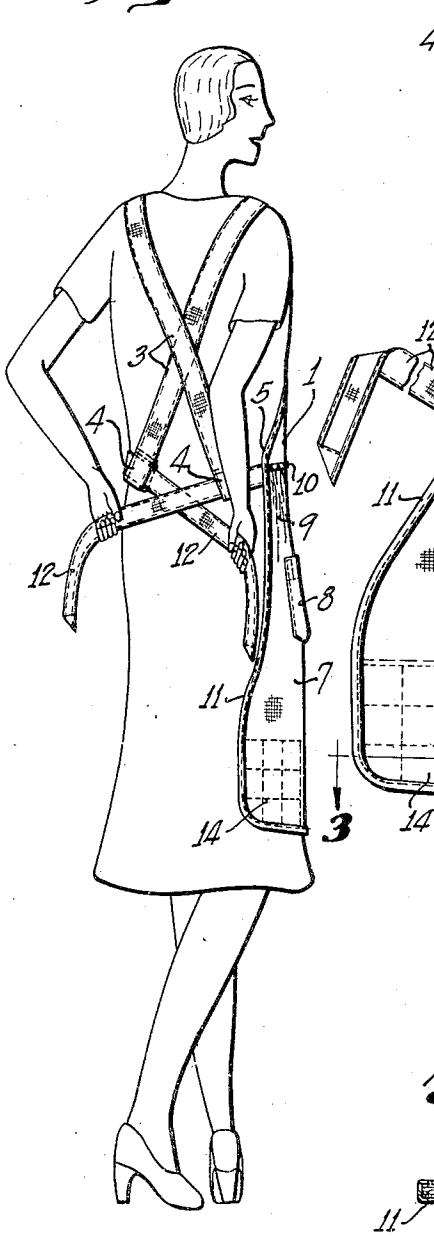
Fig. 1.



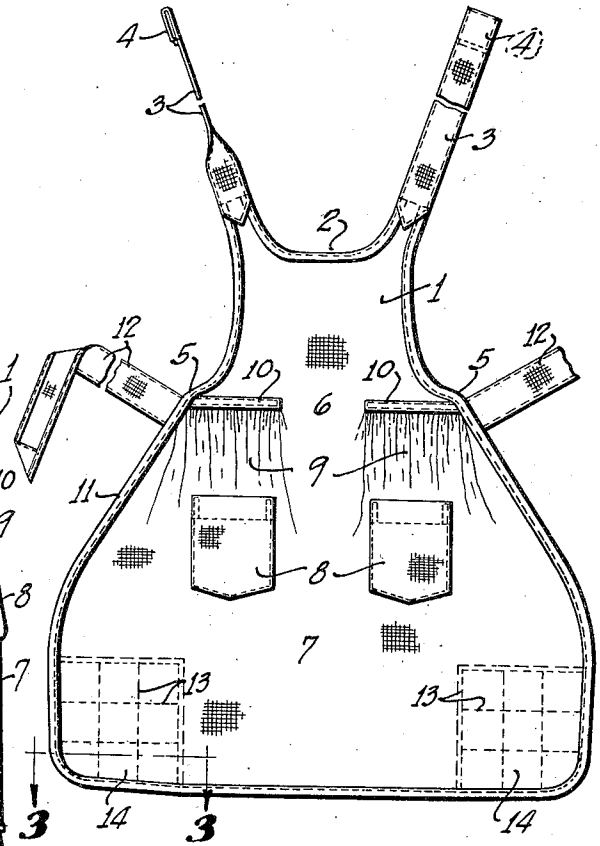
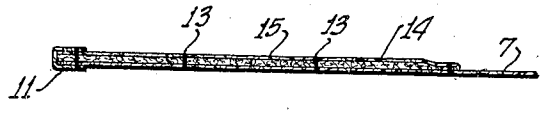


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



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KITCHEN-APRON

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This invention relates generally to apron-garments and has more particular reference to an apron adapted especially, though not exclusively, for kitchen-wear.

My invention has for its chief object the provision of a neat, attractive, inexpensive apron-garment especially for kitchen-wear that may be conveniently secured on the person and which unitarily incorporates hand-manipulative pads for utensil-handling purposes.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a rear view of an apron-garment of my invention dressed on the person of a wearer;

Figure 2 is an enlarged front view of the apron; and

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the apron taken approximately along the line 3—3, Figure 2.

Referring now more in detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, my new apron comprises a bib 1 for covering the upper central front portion of the body, the bib 1 having a neck cut-out 2 and shoulder straps 3 extending therefrom and terminating in string-receptive loops 4.

The bib 1 flares at the waist laterally to the hips 5 and at the waist is preferably integrally extended, as at 6, to provide a skirt-portion 7 or apron-proper for covering the lower front portion of the body. The skirt 7 is preferably provided with a pair of suitable pockets 8, and is fashioned substantially wider than the girth of the waist. At its respective upper side portions, the skirt 7 is preferably split from the bib 1 and gathered at its split edge, as at 9, to meet the bib at the hips 5, the bib being drawn down on and seamed to the gathering for lifting the skirt, as may be said, at the hip, and a binding 10 disposed at the waist-line being employed also for attaching the gathered skirt-portion 9 to the bib 1.

A suitable binding or edging 11 is applied around the margins of the garment, and tie-strings or bands 12 are attached to the respective hip-portions 5 for extending around and knotted at the back of the wearer. As best shown in Figure 1, the strings 12 are most conveniently passed through the respective loops 4 of the then shoulder-depending straps 3 for retaining the same in garment-supporting position, the straps 3 being preferably crossed at the back of the wearer, as shown in Figure 1.

Attached by suitable quilting stitching 13 to the inner face of the apron-skirt 7 at the respective opposite lower corners thereof are flexible hand-pads 14 each comprising a suitable number of plies of preferably flexible insulating material, as asbestos cloth or the like, the pads 14 being preferably for appearance covered by a piece of the apron fabric 15, as best seen in Figure 3. The pads 14 as thus formed are integral with the skirt 7 of the apron, and the padding and quilting increases the bodily thickness and weight of the skirt at the rearwardly flared corners, so that such portions will hang and lie flat to fit and be retained closely adjacent to the dress skirt to give maximum protection.

In the use of my new kitchen-apron, the garment being dressed on the body as described and shown in Figure 1, it will be seen that the hand-pads 14 most conveniently and handily lie or are draped at the sides of the body for readily grasping the inner face of a pad with the palm of the hand of the wearer for utensil-handling purposes, the qualities of the pad 14 serving to protect the hand from the heat of the utensil.

It will be seen, thus, that my new apron is most efficient, neat, and tidy, and highly useful for kitchen wear, and is, moreover, most easily laundered by reason of the absence of buttons, fastenings, and the like, the strings 12 being readily withdrawn from the strap-loops 4, whereby the garment may be laid substantially flatwise on the ironing board or for running through the mangle.

It will be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several

parts of the apron may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and scope of my invention.

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

1. A garment-apron comprising a skirt having a hand-manipulative readily flexible pad formed as an integral part of the lower depending portion for utensil handling purposes.

2. A garment-apron comprising a skirt provided with readily flexible pad portions at the lower outer corners of the depending part for utensil handling purposes.

3. A garment-apron having a skirt provided with a pad portion formed as a part of the depending edge and quilted thereto, thereby weighting and stiffening the skirt portion and at the same time providing a flexible hand-manipulative pad for utensil handling purposes.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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