

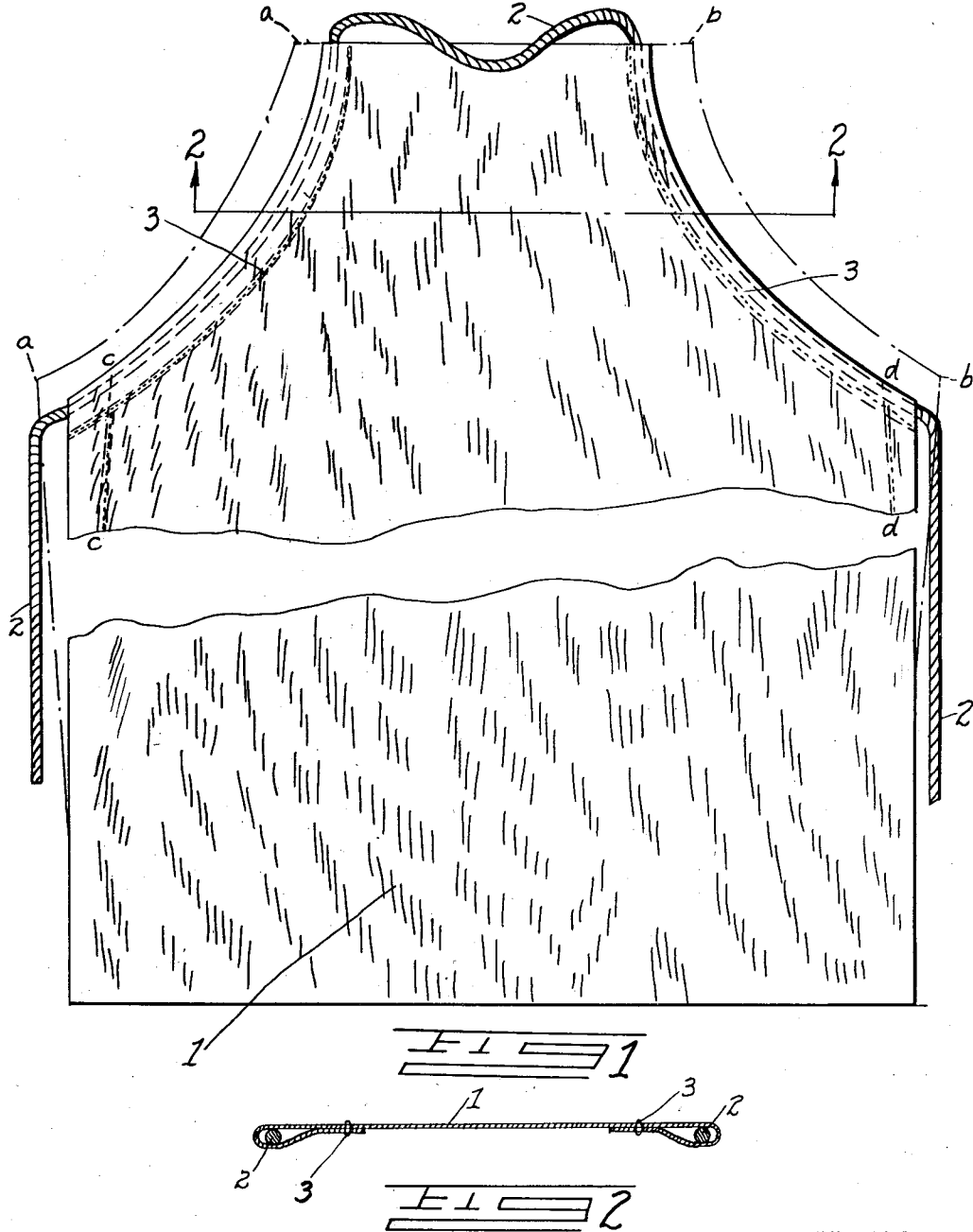
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My invention relates to aprons and particularly to aprons having supporting means adjustable for various sizes and also adjustable so that they may be supported in different positions on a wearer.

It is the object of my invention to make an apron from cheap, semi-stiff material, and to so cut the pattern for the apron and to so form overlapped edges of the apron into open hems, or enclosing folds for retaining a drawstring that one continuous drawstring will serve for an adjustable neck support and the ends of the drawing string will serve for tying the apron about the body.

While my improved apron can be made of any suitable material, I have found that crinkled paper forms a very satisfactory material, as it possesses the necessary body and stiffness.

Referring to the drawing in which I have illustrated a preferred structure embodying my invention:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the apron. Figure 2 is a sectional view taken along the lines 2—2 in Figure 1.

The apron as indicated is preferably formed from a crinkled paper blank 1, which may have a reinforcing ply of asphalt for certain purposes. The pattern for the apron is similar to that of the finished apron, excepting that the material is cut slightly larger than is required as indicated in dotted lines *a—c*, *b—b* so that extensions of the apron may be folded over and stitched or otherwise secured to form open hems for retaining a drawstring 2. I further preferably form edge hems as indicated at *c—c*, *d—d*, to reinforce the portion of the apron where the greatest tension comes during use. In making the apron, usually the edge hems, *c—c*, *d—d*, are made first and then with the drawstring 2 in position, the edges *a—c*, *b—b*, are folded over and stitched as indicated at 3, or otherwise secured to form open hems for retaining the drawstring.

By forming the open hems in a curved line as indicated, the drawstring may be more readily pulled into adjusted position about

the waist, although to form the drawstring retaining hems in straight lines will also serve to slidingly retain them. The use of crinkled paper is desirable both because it forms a more satisfactory hem for retaining a drawstring, and because it makes a very cheap and durable apron.

Aprons have been made with a binding strip which is one continuous piece and in which the general shape of the apron is similar to mine, but so far as I am advised, no one has contemplated the use of a continuous drawstring which will form an adjustable neck support and allow the apron to be worn either high about the chest, or low about the waist, a possibility which will be apparent from reference to the preferred type of apron illustrated.

I disclaim the use of a closed reinforcing hem in which the drawstring is not adjustable, it being the purpose of my invention to provide a very cheap apron such as may be made from paper and to incorporate in this cheaply constructed apron, a neck and waist tie which will be adjustable because the material of which the apron is made will be stiff enough to allow the drawstring to pass through the hems without wrinkling the material of the apron, and resilient enough to serve a useful purpose as an apron. It will further be within the scope of my invention to tie knots in the drawstring or otherwise limit the range of adjustability.

For purposes of adjustment, the wearer may draw on the ends of the drawstring to form a suitable neck loop for encircling the neck, and he may then insert the loop over his head and draw the back tying ends in position about the waist. It will be within the scope of my invention to vary the shape of the apron in accordance with the use for which it is to be put.

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

1. An adjustable apron provided with a bib portion with the bib portion having hemmed side edges and a continuous draw

string passing through the hems and forming a free loop at the upper edge of the bib to pass around the neck of the wearer.

2. An adjustable apron having hem portions along edges thereof and a continuous draw string passing through said hem portions and forming a free loop therebetween for encircling the neck of the wearer, said

draw string being merely frictionally retarded without being secured within said hems so as to provide variable amounts of draw string for the neck loop whereby the apron may be supported at different heights on the body of a wearer. 10

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