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Fig. 1.

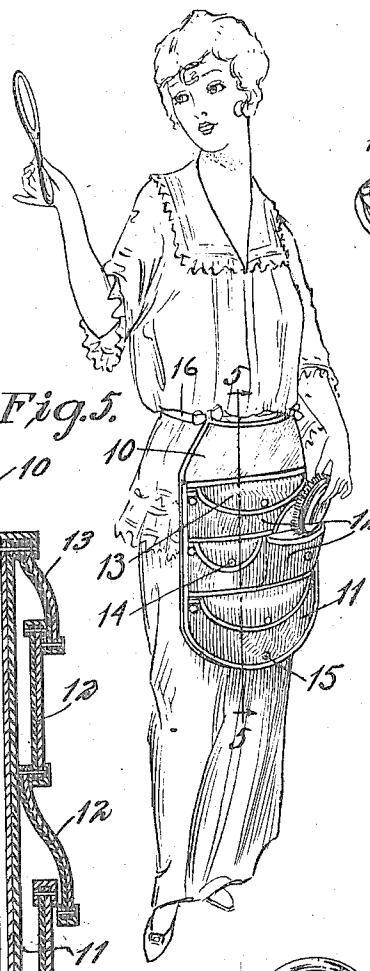


Fig. 4.

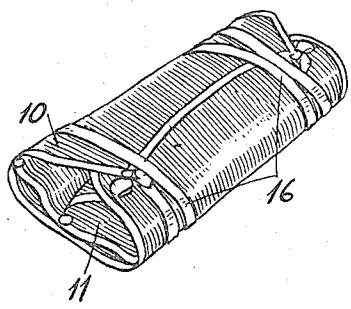



Fig. 2.

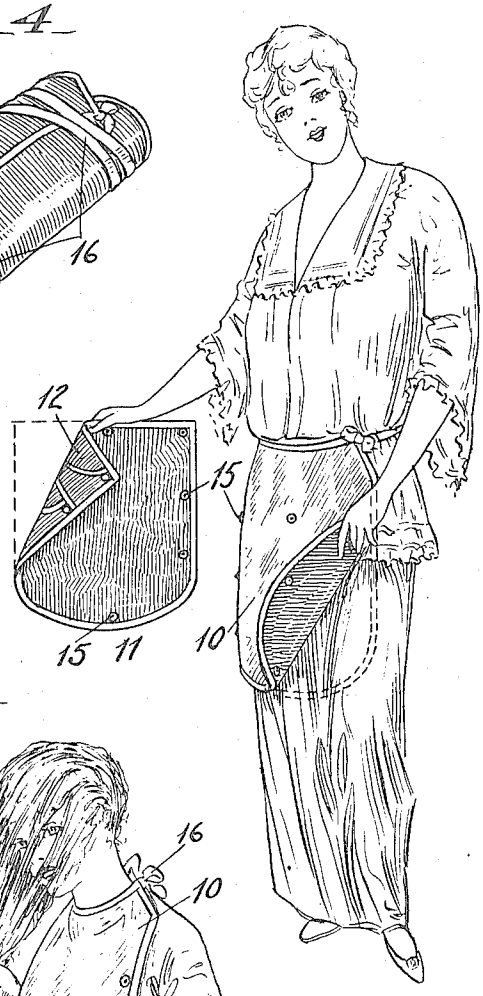
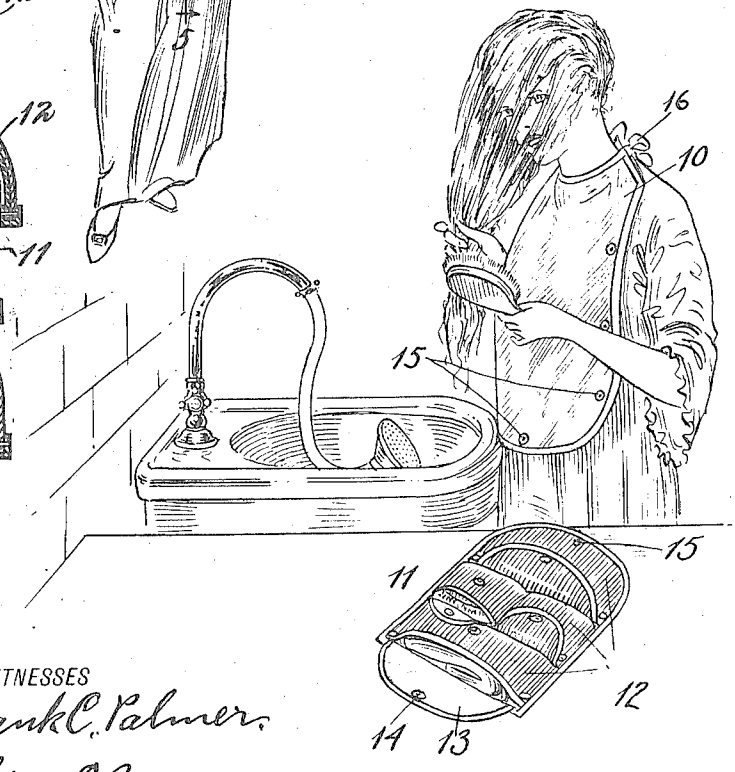



Fig. 5.




Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LEO MORSE, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Pullman and Shampoo Apron, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to toilet articles and has particular reference to appliances designed for use by travelers or tourists and adapted to contain brushes, combs, wash rags and such analogous articles as are useful in connection with the toilet.

Among the objects of the invention, more definitely stated, is to provide an apron-like structure adapted to be tied around one's waist or neck and embodying a main back or apron portion having detachably secured to the front thereof a series of pockets for holding the various articles or commodities, said front portion, however, being adapted to be quickly and easily removed from the apron or back for separate use and allowing the apron or back to be used alone as a shield or apron proper.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention will hereinafter be more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the drawings forming a part of this specification in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a preferred embodiment of the invention showing one use thereof; Fig. 2 is a similar view but with the front portion removed from the apron or back portion; Fig. 3 is a view indicating the use of the apron as for hairdressing purposes, the front portion being removed and laid aside for separate use; Fig. 4 is a view of the device folded or rolled in a form to be packed in a trunk or one's suitcase; and Fig. 5 is a vertical sectional view substantially on the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

This toilet appliance may be made of any suitable flexible materials such as figured fabric, oilcloth, or rubberized fabric, and the general design thereof and the form and arrangement of the separate pockets or receptacles for toilet articles may be varied greatly within the scope of the invention hereinafter more fully set forth and specifically claimed.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, I provide a back member or apron proper 10 of suitable size and form to be tied around one's neck or shoulders for use, as shown in Fig. 3, as when washing or dressing the hair. Said member 10 is constructed preferably of rubberized cloth or oilcloth or may be made of figured fabric at the back and faced with oilcloth or rubber. As shown in Fig. 3, this waterproof apron proper is disposed in such a manner as to protect a person's clothing from being soiled by water or her hair when washing or dressing the hair.

The numeral 11 indicates as a whole a removable front member of preferably the same size and form as the main or lower portion of the apron 10 and comprising any suitable number, form or location of individual keepers or pockets 12 adapted to carry combs, brushes, soap, wash rags or the like for toilet purposes. The pockets 12 may be lined or faced preferably with oilcloth or rubberized cloth to prevent the wetting or soiling of the front portion of the device by reason of wet articles. Each keeper or pocket is preferably provided with a closure flap 13 and adapted to be locked or fastened shut by means of a keeper 14. The apron 10 and front member 11 are provided with suitably arranged pairs of detachable fasteners 15 extending practically all the way around their adjacent margins. These fasteners may preferably be in the form of snap buttons and serve to hold the parts 10 and 11 normally together in parallel relation but permitting the front to be easily pulled away from the apron proper when desired. The space between the front and back members and within the marginal series of fasteners 15 may be utilized for the carrying or storage of towels or other larger articles.

As indicated in Fig. 4, the device is adapted to carry in a convenient form all the usual toilet articles which may be used by a lady in traveling, and the device when in folded or rolled form may be so held by the apron strings 16. The lady when about to use the device, for instance on a Pullman car, may either carry it in the form shown in Fig. 4 or supported from her waist as shown in Fig. 1. The pockets or receptacles afforded by this device insure that the toilet articles will always be in convenient position for use, and, furthermore, the likelihood of misplacement or loss of such articles will be reduced to a minimum. The pockets also

provide a place to store temporarily such articles as rings or other items of jewelry which so frequently are left on washstands or the like in public places. In the use of the invention shown best in Figs. 2 and 3, the front member with the pockets containing the toilet articles may, if desired, be separated from the back and placed in any convenient position, from which the toilet articles may be had in an obvious manner, leaving the apron proper for separate use as a shield or guard, as stated above.

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

1. The herein described toilet apron comprising a back portion or apron proper faced with waterproof material and having supporting means attached to the upper end thereof, a front portion of the same size and form as the main portion of the apron, said front portion having a plurality of pockets or receptacles for various toilet articles, each of the pockets being separated from the others and lined with waterproof material, and fastening devices arranged between the meeting edges of the apron and front members whereby the two members may be detachably connected, substantially as set forth.

2. The herein described toilet apron comprising a back member or apron proper having a front facing of waterproof material, a pair of strings connected to the upper end of the apron, a front member of the same size and form as the main portion of the apron, said front member comprising a plurality of individual pockets for various toilet articles, and a series of separable fasteners carried by the adjacent edges of the respective back and front member, said device as a whole being adapted to be rolled and secured in such form by said strings.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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