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FIG. 1

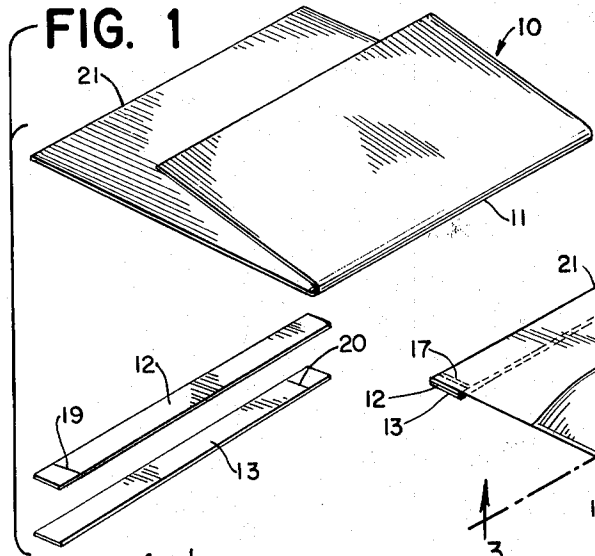


FIG. 2

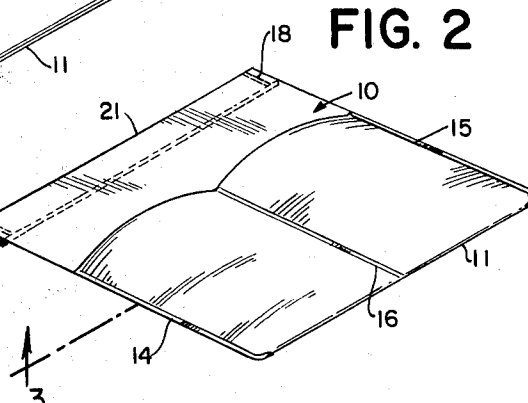


FIG. 3

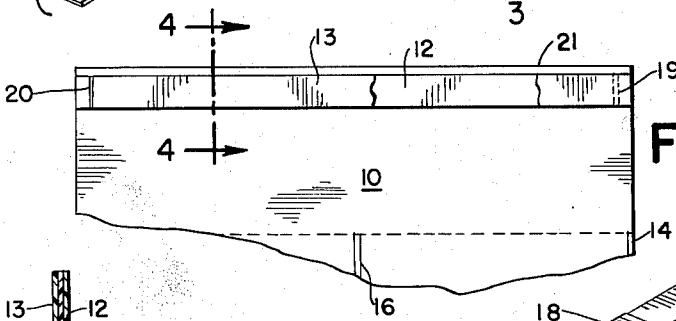


FIG. 4

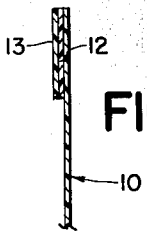


FIG. 5

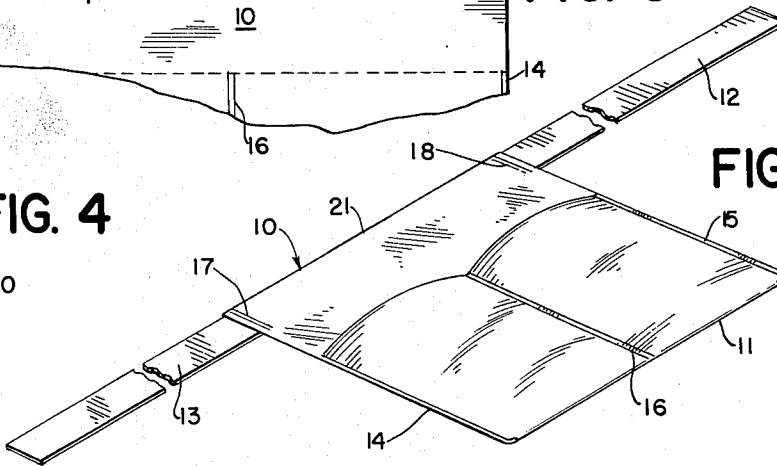
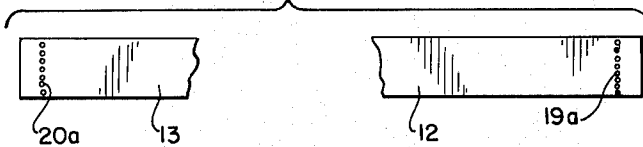


FIG. 6



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This invention pertains, in general, to aprons; and, in particular, to a preassembled sheet-like article, and the formation thereof, which is adaptable for being converted into an apron with minimum effort.

One object of the present invention is to provide a new and improved apron.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a preassembled sheet-like article which is easily adaptable for being converted into an apron.

Still another object of the present invention is to provide a preassembled sheet-like article capable of being used as a package for merchantable items such as soft goods, food, etc.; and, having fulfilled the purpose thereof, being adapted for easy conversion by the purchaser into an apron.

In accordance with one illustrative embodiment of the present invention, there is provided an apron which is achievable by: making a fold in a sheet of polyethylene or like material; heat-sealing the edges of the folded sheet thereby forming pockets in said folded sheet; applying in overlapping relationship two strap-like members of polyethylene or like material to an upper edge surface of said sheet; heat-sealing the corresponding extremities of both strap-like members to opposite edges of said sheet; and, cutting said strap-like members, the cut in each said strap-like member being one cut at opposite ends thereof whereby said straps may be used as apron straps.

One feature of the present invention is the provision of a preassembled sheet-like article of heat-sealable plastic or plastic-like material which may be converted easily into an apron.

The various features of novelty which characterize the invention are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this specification. For a better understanding of the invention, its operating advantages and specific objects attained by its use, reference should be had to the accompanying drawings and descriptive matter in which there is illustrated and described a preferred embodiment of the invention.

In the drawings:

FIG. 1 is a disassembled view, in perspective, of the elements of the apron according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing the elements of FIG. 1, as assembled;

FIG. 3 is a fragmentary view of the assembly of FIG. 2 as viewed from the vantage line 3'-3' shown in FIG. 2;

FIG. 4 is a sectional view of the fragmentary view of FIG. 3, as viewed along the section lines 4'-4' shown in FIG. 3;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the finished apron according to the present invention; and

FIG. 6 is a fragmentary view of the strap-like members employed in the present invention showing an alternative embodiment thereof.

As is shown in FIG. 1, a pliable sheet, designated generally by the reference numeral 10, is folded along the fold line 11. Shown disassembled from the folded sheet 10 are the two straps 12 and 13 which are advantageously of the same material as the sheet 10. Suitable materials for the sheet 10 and the strap members 12 and 13 are film polyethylene, film polypropylene, film polyvinyl chloride, film nylon, woven nylon or woven fiber glass. Ac-

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cording to the preferred embodiment of the present invention, such materials are advantageous in that they are heat-sealed with relative ease and economy.

As is illustrated at FIG. 1, the indicia-forming printed lines 19 and 20 are emplaced upon opposite edges of each of the strap members 12 and 13. Alternatively, as illustrated at FIG. 6, the strap member 12 may have a line of perforations 19a and the strap member 13 may have a line of perforations 20a. The purpose of the line-marked indicia 19 and 20 (FIG. 1) or the line of perforations 19a and 20a (FIG. 6) is explained in more detail hereinafter.

FIG. 2 illustrates the assembly of the folded sheet 10 and the strap members 12 and 13 of FIG. 1.

As illustrated at FIG. 2, opposing side edges 14 and 15 of the folded sheet 10 (the sheet 10 being folded along the fold line 11, as hereinbefore described and illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2) are heat-sealed. In addition, for the purpose of forming two pockets in the front of the apron a wide heat-seal line 16 is provided. It is to be understood that according to the present invention, more than or less than two pockets may be provided in the preassembled apron article. As illustrated at FIG. 2 for purposes of orientation, the bottom edge of the apron is defined by the fold line 11 and the top portion of the apron is defined by the edge 21. As assembled, according to FIG. 2, one strap-like member 12 has its opposite extremities heat-sealed at 17 and 18, respectively, across the top edge portion 21 of the sheet 10. In overlapping relationship with the strap member 12 there is emplaced and also heat-sealed at 17 and 18 the other strap member 13.

As illustrated at FIGS. 2, 3 and 4, the strap member 12 is sealed at its extremities across the top edge portion 21 on the back surface of the sheet 10. Directly thereover there is placed the strap member 13 which is similarly sealed at its extreme portions.

As is illustrated at FIG. 5, the preassembled sheet-like article with straps is easily converted to the apron shown. Very simply, the purchaser may sever the strap 13 along the line 20. In the event that the strap 13 has a perforated line 20a (FIG. 6), a simple manual tearing motion will suffice to sever strap 13. Similarly, the innermost strap (i.e., the strap 12 which is directly in abutment with the surface area of the sheet 10) may be severed along the line 19 (FIG. 1) or, in the alternative, as shown at FIG. 6, may be manually torn along the line of perforations 19a. Thus, there is achieved the finished apron as shown at FIG. 5.

As may be appreciated by reference to FIGS. 1, 2 and 5, there may advantageously be printed upon the front surface of the apron advertising copy or other useful information-bearing symbols.

It is contemplated that one highly advantageous use of the preassembled sheet-like article shown at FIG. 2 would be a package for articles of merchandise. The top edge 21 of the sheet 10 may, advantageously, be fastened over pocket portions of the sheet-like article. After the merchandisable articles have been used by the purchaser, the assembly shown at FIG. 2 may be easily converted, in the manner heretofore described, into the apron shown at FIG. 5.

While a specific embodiment of the invention has been shown and described in detail to illustrate the application of the principles of the invention, it will be understood that the invention may be embodied otherwise without departing from such principles.

What is claimed is:

1. A preassembled sheet-like article adaptable for being converted into an apron, comprising: a sheet-like article defined by an upper edge opposite a lower edge and two opposing side edges; a first strap-like member con-

5 nected at its extremities across said upper edge portion; a second strap-like member connected at its extremities across said upper edge portion overlapping said first strap-like member, said first strap-like member having indicia near one extremity thereof and said second strap-like member having indicia near an extremity thereof which is opposite said one extremity of said first strap-like member, both said indicia indicating the location at which said strap-like members are to be severed so that said severed strap-like members may be extended from the opposing side edges, to which they are connected, of said sheet-like article to form with said article an apron.

10 2. A sheet-like article adapted for conversion into an apron comprising: a sheet-like article defined by an upper edge opposite a lower edge and two opposing side edges; a first strap-like member connected at its extremities and extending across said upper edge; a second strap-like member connected at its extremities and extending across said upper edge overlapping said first strap-like member, said first strap-like member having a line of perforations near one extremity thereof and said second strap-like member having a line of perforations near an extremity thereof which is opposite said one extremity of said first strap-like member, both said lines of perforations indicating the locations at which said strap-like members may be severed so that said severed strap-like members may be extended from the opposing side edges, to which said strap-like members are connected, of said sheet-like article to form with said article an apron.

15 3. An article of manufacture adapted for conversion to an apron comprising: a flexible sheet of heat-sealable material defined by an upper edge opposite a lower edge and two opposing side edges; two superimposed straps of heat-sealable material, said straps being substantially as long as said upper edge and extending across said sheet near said upper edge along the direction of said upper edge, the opposite ends of one of said straps being heat

sealed to said sheet near its opposing side edges, respectively, the opposite ends of the other of said straps being heat sealed to the respective opposing ends of said one strap, said one strap being adapted to be severed near one of its ends and said other strap being adapted to be severed near an end opposite the severed end of said one strap whereby said straps when severed form with said sheet an apron.

20 4. An article of manufacture adapted for conversion to an apron comprising: a flexible sheet defined by an upper edge opposite a lower edge and two opposing side edges; two superimposed straps, said straps being substantially as long as said upper edge and extending across said upper edge, the opposite ends of one of said straps being connected to said sheet near its opposing side edges, respectively, the opposite ends of the other of said straps being connected to the respective opposing ends of said one strap, said one strap being adapted to be severed near one of its ends and said other strap being adapted to be severed near an end opposite the severed end of said one strap whereby said straps when severed form with said sheet an apron.

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