

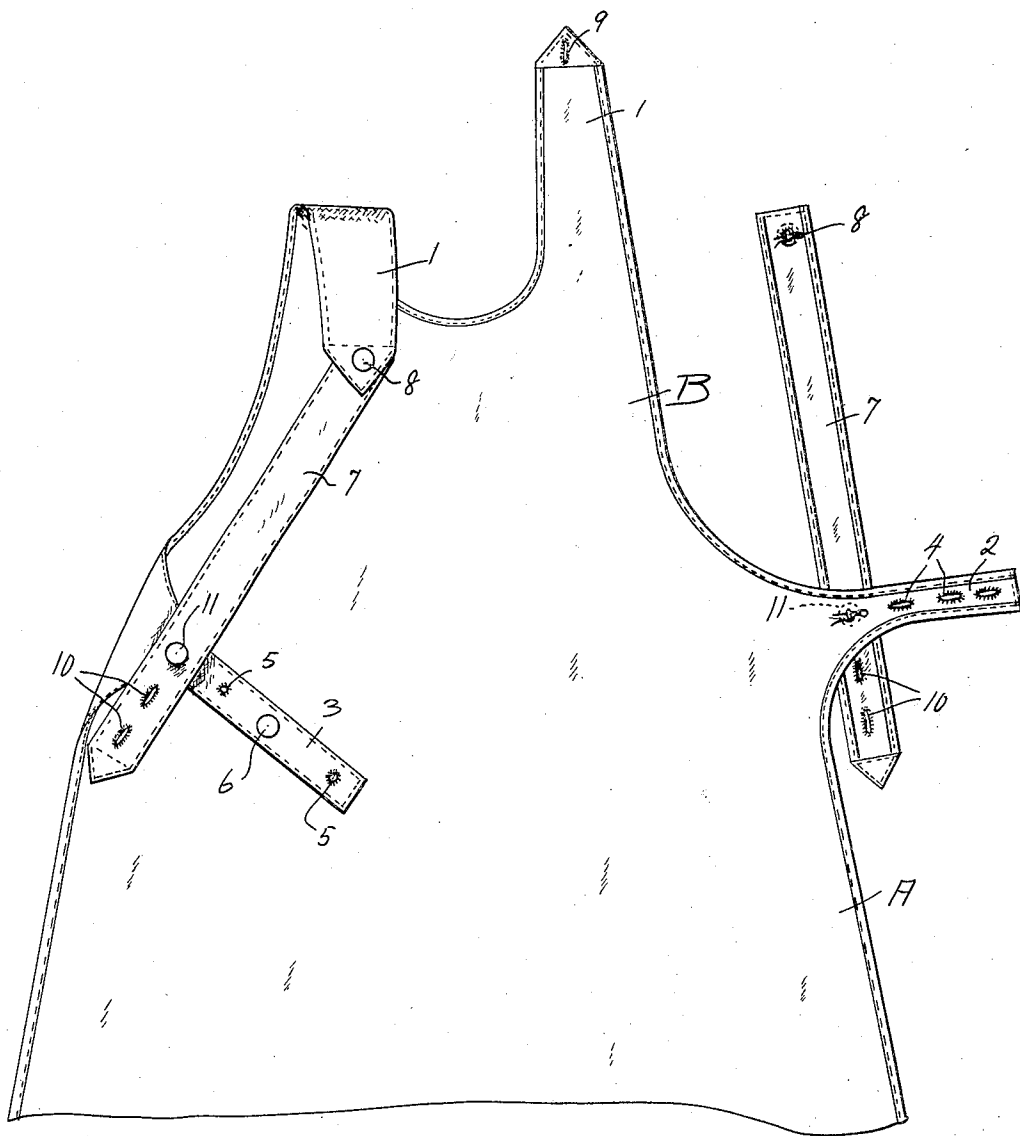
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY W. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Little Rock, in the county of Pulaski and State of Arkansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in aprons and it is an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved device of this general character constructed in a manner whereby the same may be run flat through a mangle or flat work ironer so that the garment may be laundered at an extremely low cost and with little labor.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved apron which is particularly adapted to be worn by females and wherein the apron or garment is constructed in a manner whereby it may be caused to properly fit any figure, large or small.

Another object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved apron wherein the body or main portion of the garment is produced from a single piece of material and which body or member, when not in use, can be caused to lay perfectly flat in order to facilitate the laundrying and particularly the ironing.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved apron whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of my invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein is illustrated a view of an apron constructed in accordance with an embodiment of my invention, the skirt being broken away and the major portion being in a flattened condition.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings, A denotes the body or main portion of my improved apron which is of desired dimensions and which has its upper end portion provided with the bib B, said bib at opposite sides being provided with the straps

1. The body or main portion A, the bib B, and the straps 1, are formed from a single piece or sheet of material and can be laid flat so that in laundrying the garment, the same may readily pass through a mangle or flat work ironer. This is of utmost importance because a material saving in cost and time is effected in the laundrying operation whereby my improved apron or garment is particularly adapted for distribution by a towel supply company. The body or portion A at opposite sides thereof and at substantially the waist line of the garment is provided with the integral straps 2 and 3, one of said straps, as 2, being provided with a series of longitudinally spaced button holes 4 and the second strap, as 3, being provided with a series of longitudinally spaced openings or eyelets 5. 6 denotes a removable button of any ordinary or preferred type and which, when in applied position, has its shank disposed through one of the openings 5. The strap 2 is suitably engaged with the button 6 through the instrumentality of one of the button holes 4. The openings or eyelets 5 permit the button 6 to be adjusted longitudinally of the strap 3 while the button holes 4 in the strap 2 provide an adjustable connection between the strap 2 and the strap 3. By this arrangement, the apron or garment may be caused to properly fit the figure of a person either small or large.

The straps 1, if desired, may be pinned or otherwise engaged with the wearing apparel at any point desired and thereby allowing the bib to be worn well upon the bust or as low as required, thereby assuring the requisite fitting of the form or figure.

The apron or garment herein disclosed is particularly adapted to be worn by females but can be readily worn by males and in which event, it is preferred that the bib B be turned down inwardly of the body or main portion A and which body or main portion A may be termed the skirt.

The garment including the body or main portion A, the bib B, and the straps 1, 2, and 3, as before explained, are all in one piece resulting in a manifestly simple pattern which can be readily and conveniently fitted to any figure and which fitting is further assured by the adjustable connection between the straps 2 and 3 at the waist line.

The particular purpose and advantage of this construction resides in the convenient and effective manner whereby the same may

be laundered and particularly in connection with mangles or flat work ironers because in order to iron the apron or garment, it is only necessary to remove the button 6 and
5 the same will then be in proper condition to readily pass through the machine after, of course, being properly washed and otherwise treated.

It has been fully demonstrated in actual
10 practice that an apron constructed in accordance with the present invention can be distributed by a towel company or the like at an expense of at least seventy-five per cent. less than with the aprons or similar garments now being distributed and the cheapness of the garment is further increased in
15 view of the fact that the operations necessary to its production are materially decreased.

It has also been found of advantage, in
20 practice, to employ the shoulder straps 7. Each of these straps is of desired length and has engaged with one end portion a removable button 8, preferably of a type similar
25 to the button 6. The button 8 is detachably engaged with the outer or free end portion of a strap 1 through the medium of a button hole 9 provided therein.

The opposite end portion of each of the
30 straps 7 is provided with a series of longitudinally spaced button holes 10 whereby the strap 7 may be adjustably engaged with the inner end portion of a strap 2 or 3 and through the instrumentality of the removable
35 button 11 carried by said strap 2 or 3. It is to be understood that during a laundrying operation the buttons 8 and 11 are also removed and that the straps 7 are each subjected to an individual or separate ironing
40 operation.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that an apron constructed in accordance with my invention is

particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled and operated, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without departing from the principles and spirit thereof, and for this reason I do not wish
50 to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice except as herein-after claimed.

I claim:

1. As a new article of manufacture, an apron consisting of a skirt, a bib, straps at the opposite sides of the bib, straps at opposite sides of the apron at the waist line thereof, said skirt, bib and straps comprising a
60 single sheet of material adapted to lie flat, and shoulder straps removably connecting the first named straps and the second named straps, each of said shoulder straps coacting
65 with a first named strap and a second named strap at the same side of the apron.

2. As a new article of manufacture, an apron consisting of a skirt, a bib, straps at the opposite sides of the bib, straps at the
70 opposite sides of the apron at the waist line thereof, said skirt, bib and straps comprising a single sheet of material adapted to lie flat, and shoulder straps removably connecting the first named straps and the second named
75 straps, each of said shoulder straps coacting with a first named strap and a second named strap at the same side of the apron, the connection between each of the shoulder straps and the coacting second named strap being
80 adjustable lengthwise of the shoulder strap and lengthwise of the second named strap.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

HENRY W. PARKER.