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APRON.

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Fig. 1.

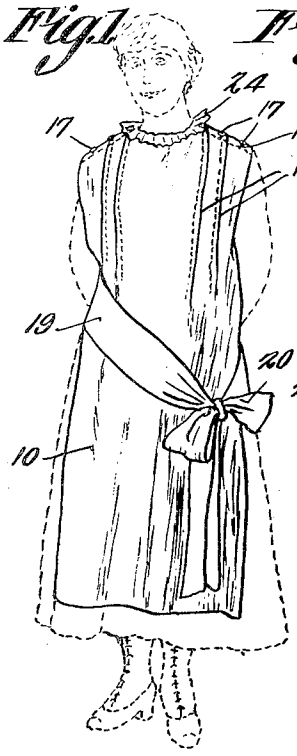


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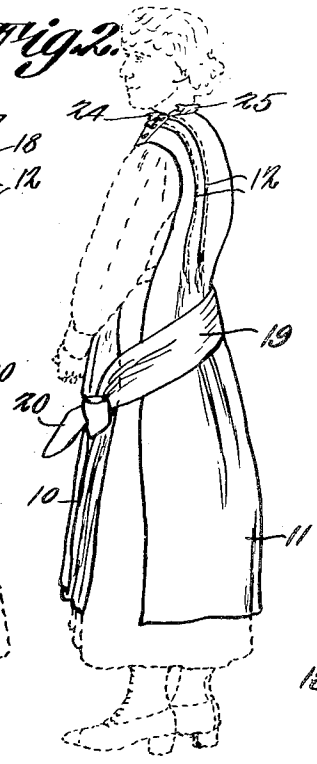
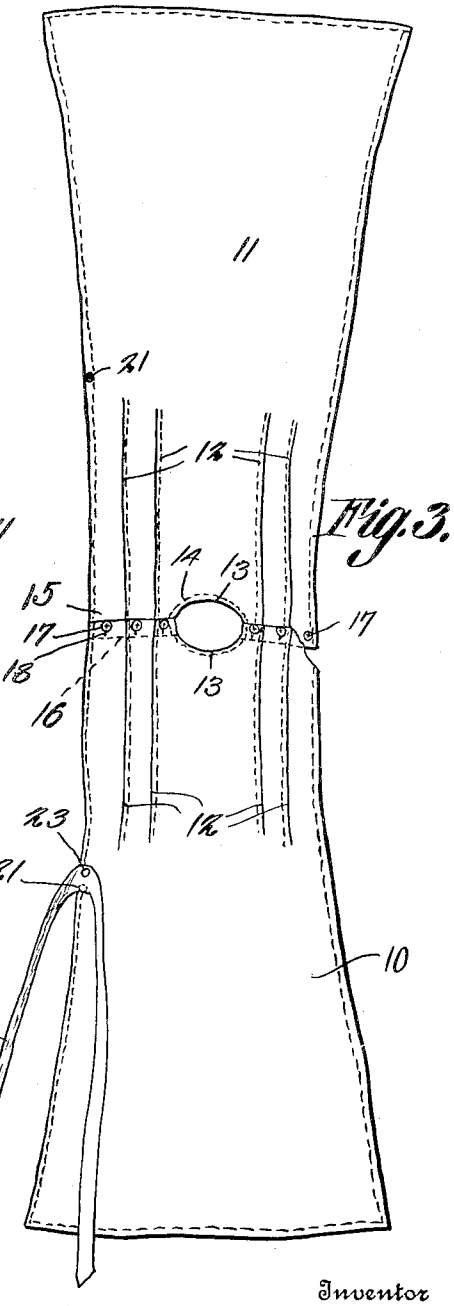
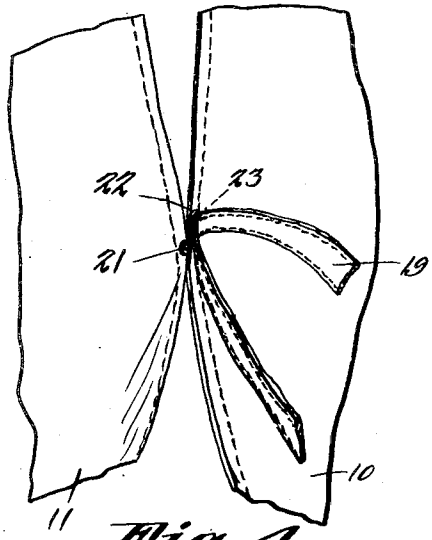


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LYDIA BROMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Apron, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the class of wearing apparel, and more particularly to aprons.

The invention aims to provide an improved and novel apron for general use, by housemaids, clerks, workers in factories and in many other instances, the material of the apron, depending upon the use somewhat and the device being simple in construction and designed so as to be made of a small quantity of material and therefore economical to produce and still be artistic in design and capable of being readily applied and easily washed and ironed.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved apron for miscellaneous uses, which is constructed of few parts three being generally employed, including the front and back sections of the apron and a belt or sash secured thereto in a novel manner, while the apron at the neck may be provided with lace or other fanciful collar, thereby producing an apron of attractive design and quality.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that within the scope of what is claimed, changes in the precise embodiment of the invention shown can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the apron applied;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a blank from which the apron is produced; and

Fig. 4 is a detail showing the manner of fastening the belt or sash to the apron and connecting the sides of the latter to prevent the same from gapping open.

Referring to the drawings in detail, in which like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, my improved apron is shown as comprising a front section 10 and a back section 11, both being in the form of gores or sections of truncated pyramidal form in outline or plan adapted to cover the front and rear of the body respectively this leaving the side portions open. These sections are made of two straight pieces of oblong outline, one for the front and one for the back, two plaits 12 being provided vertically at each side of the front and back sections at the top, to give fullness to the said sections at the bottom, said plaits preferably folding outwardly and terminating at and above the waist line as shown, so that the lower portion will substantially encircle the skirt but having openings at the sides.

It is also to be understood that the apron can be made any length desired and each section is provided with a concaved cut-out 13 at the neck portion to provide a neck band, the edges of which are suitably hemmed all around, as indicated at 14. The shoulder portions 15 or edges of the sections at either side of the neck portion are provided with reinforced folds 16, the back portion folding over the front and suitable detachable fastening means being provided thereat. As shown, the folds of the back portion are provided with buttons 17 and the folds of the front portion are provided with button holes 18 for engagement over the buttons whereby the sections can be readily connected or disconnected, in applying or removing the same, and to facilitate washing and ironing. It is thus to be seen that the garment can be readily laundried and it will also be understood that in lieu of the buttons and button holes, hooks and eyes or other similar fastening means common in the art can be used at the shoulders with the arms passing outwardly therebeneath at the sides and between the side edges of the sections.

The apron is provided with a suitable belt or sash 19, the sash as shown being adapted to be draped around the waist at one side and around the hip at the opposite side and extending downwardly at the front and rear and tied in a suitable bow 20 from which the free ends of the elongated strip of hemmed material of which the belt is made corresponding to the material of the front and back sections preferably, hang loosely. In order to support and retain the belt or sash in position, a hook and eye or snap fastener is provided between side edges of the sections at one side, as indicated at 21, preferably of the ball and socket type, so as to keep the

sections at that side from spreading open too wide or far apart. The intermediate portion of the strip forming the belt or sash, is provided with a coöperating part of a snap fastener or the like 22, preferably a socket member, adapted to engage the ball member 23 constituting the other coöperating part carried by the edge of the front section adjacent to the snap fastener 21, the ends beyond the intermediate portion of the material or strip forming the sash, being extended at the front and rear and tied in a bow or the like as heretofore specified.

If desired, the collar may be suitably ornamented by lace or other collar sections 24 and 25 secured to the front and rear sections 10 and 11 at the cut out portions 13 of the neck band or hole, the same being of the low neck type or otherwise as desired. The collar sections are basted or otherwise secured in position so as to be readily removed for laundrying or the like. As shown, there are preferably three buttons on each shoulder, and the material of the apron may be black sateen or any other material desired, water-proof or otherwise. The sash can be made plain and can be tied to suit the wearer, and the apron will not take more than two and a half or three yards of material to make it complete. It is also adapted for all around purposes and can be economically produced and sold.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

An apron comprising front and back sections detachably connected at one end, said connected ends being cut out, the cut out portions coöperating to form a neck opening, there being longitudinal plaits within the sections and extending from the connected ends thereof along substantially parallel lines toward the centers of the sections thereby to provide fullness at the bottom of the apron, a fastener for detachably connecting the sections of the apron at one side at the waist line, a belt extending around the apron and having free ends adapted to be tied together, and means for detachably connecting an intermediate portion of the belt to one of the sections adjacent the point of connection between said sections at the waist line.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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