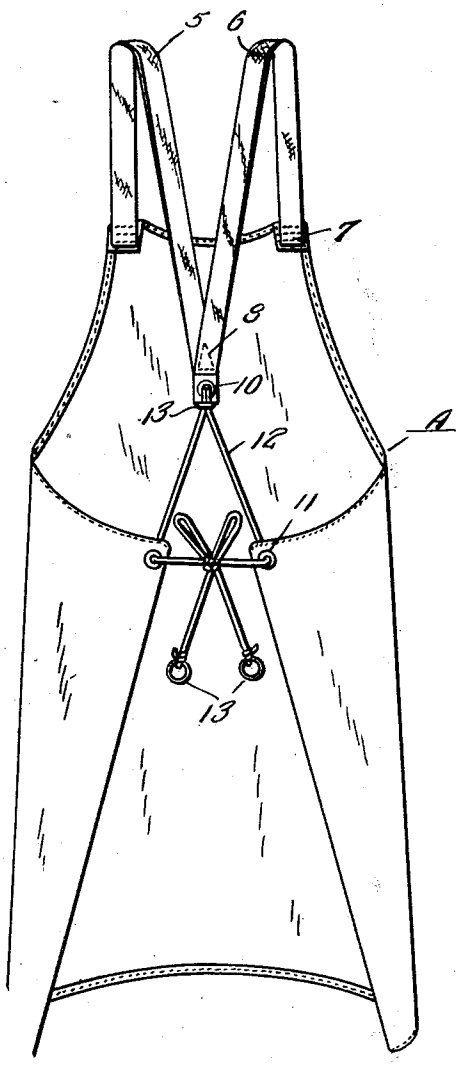
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Fig. 1.



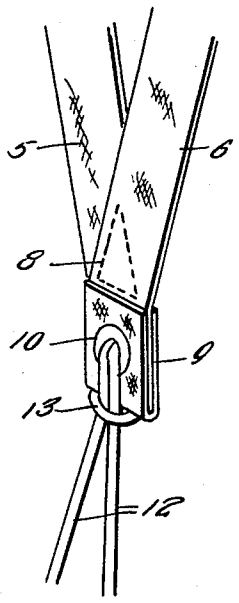


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to certain new and novel improvements in aprons, and has more particular reference to adjusting means for the shoulder straps of the apron.

The primary object of this invention is to provide means for adjustably connecting the ends of the shoulder straps of the apron to the upper corners of the apron at the rear of the apron.

With the above and numerous other objects in view as will become apparent during a study of the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the invention consists in certain details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter made manifest.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a rear elevational view of a conventional type of shop apron having my invention incorporated therewith.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary detail perspective for clearly disclosing the manner of adjustably associating the connecting strings with the connected ends of the shoulder straps as comprehended by the present invention.

With reference more in detail to the drawings, it will be seen that a conventional type of shop apron is designated generally by the reference character A, and shoulder straps 5 and 6, respectively, are secured at their forward ends by stitching or any other suitable means 7 to the upper edge of the apron at the front thereof. The shoulder straps 5 and 6 are adapted to extend upwardly across the front or chest of the wearer, over the shoulders of the wearer and down the back of the wearer, and at their rear or free ends are stitched or otherwise secured together as at 8. One of the shoulder straps 6 is of a length greater than the length of the shoulder strap 5 and that said connected end extends beyond the corresponding end of the shoulder strap 5 and has secured thereto a substantially U-shaped reinforcing strip 9, said strip 9 and terminal of the shoulder strap 6 being formed to accommodate an eyelet 10. The upper corners of the apron at the rear thereof are provided with suitable eyelets 11. A combined adjusting and drawing string 12 is folded or otherwise creased intermediate its end to provide a loop 13 which is passed through the eyelet 10 and the remaining end portion of the string is passed through the loop in a manner clearly suggested in Figure 2 thus providing a slip-knot connection between the connected ends of the shoulder straps 5 and 6 and said combined adjusting and draw string 12 as is apparent. The corresponding end portions of the string diverge and are passed through the eyelets 11, the free ends of the string having suitably secured thereto suitable rings 13 to prevent the ends of the string being casually drawn through the eyelets 11 whereby, as is obvious, the rear flaps of the apron would swing apart from one another.

In use, it is obvious that when the apron is disposed in the usual manner about the wearer, by pulling on the ends of the draw strings 12, the shoulder straps 5 and 6 may be drawn across the shoulders as to permit the apron to extend the desired length in front of the wearer after which the ends of the strings may be knotted or tied as suggested in Figure 1 which will also tend to draw the rear flaps of the apron inwardly toward one another at the upper corner so that the apron is neatly suspended from the shoulders of the wearer.

I am aware, that aprons heretofore have been provided with adjustable shoulder straps wherein the length of the shoulder straps may be adjusted as desired. However, such adjustable shoulder straps have a tendency to cause wear on the garment of the wearer across the shoulders of the wearer whereas through the medium of this invention such a tendency of the shoulder straps is practically eliminated without departing from the adjustability of the shoulder straps whereby the apron may be adjusted according to the height of the wearer.

Even though I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understod that the same is susceptible to changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described, and the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I wish to claim is:—

1. In an apron, a pair of shoulder straps secured at one end to the upper front edge of the apron in spaced apart relation, said straps adapted to extend rearwardly over the shoulders and down the back of the wearer, and at their free ends being secured together, said shoulder straps at their connected ends having an eyelet provided therewith, and said apron at the rear upper corners thereof provided with eyelets, a draw string folded upon itself and having an intermediate portion thereof passed through the first mentioned eyelet to provide a loop, and the remaining portions of said draw string being passed through said loop and the eyelets in the upper rear corners of the apron, the ends of the draw string being adapted to be knotted or otherwise secured together, and said draw string at its free end provided with rings.

2. An apron, shoulder straps for the apron, said shoulder straps being secured at one end to the upper edge of the apron at the front of the apron, said straps adapted to extend rearwardly of the shoulders and down the back of the wearer, the free ends of said straps being secured together, said apron at the rear upper corners thereof provided with openings, a draw string having a slip knot connection with the connected ends of said straps, intermediate the ends of the draw string, the opposite ends of the draw string being passed through the openings in the upper rear corners of the apron and adapted to be secured together for retaining the apron and shoulder straps in position upon the wearer.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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