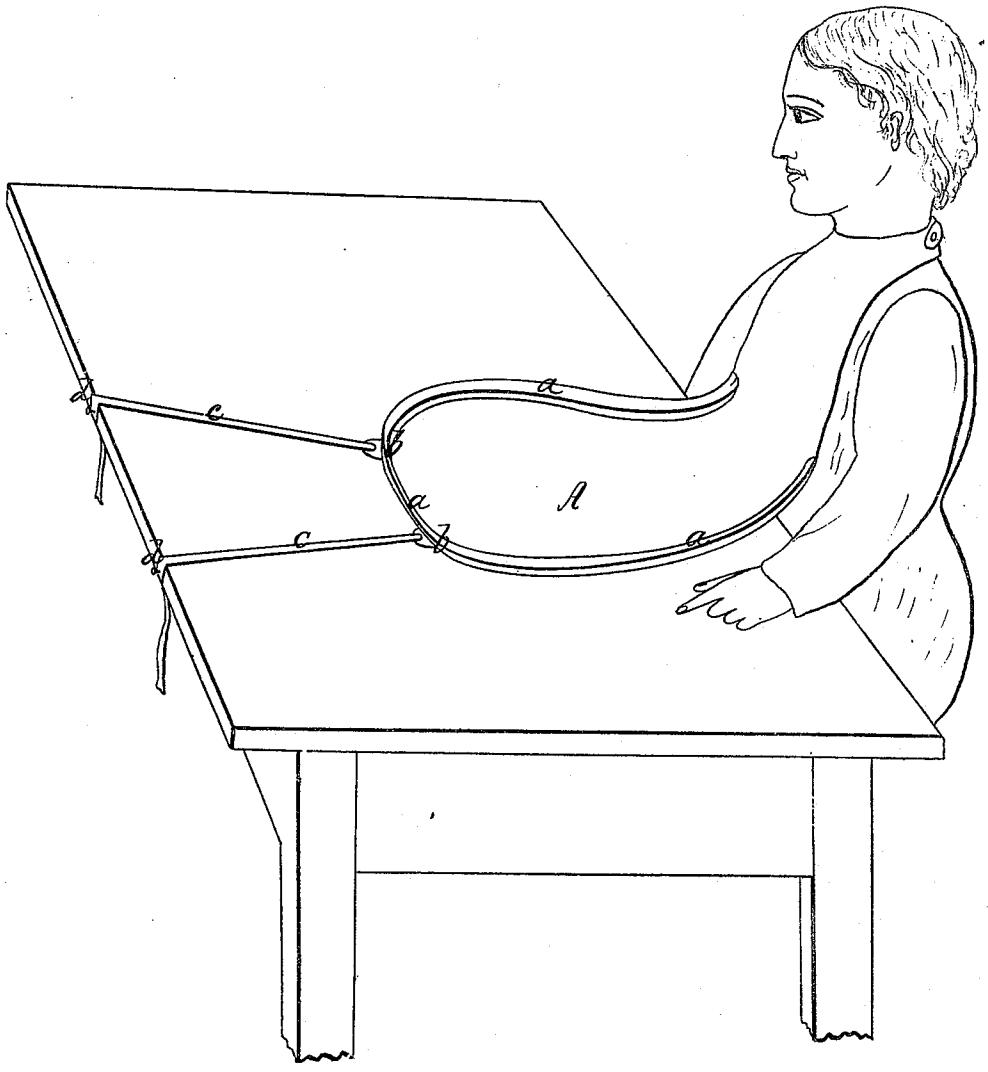
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Table Cloth Protector.

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IMPROVEMENT IN TABLE-CLOTH PROTECTOR.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. J. H. MOTT, of the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Aprons to Protect and Save the Clothes and Table-Cloth from being Soiled by Children while taking their meals; and the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a child sitting at a table, with the apron or protector spread on the table, and secured thereto, and also to the neck of the child.

The object of my invention is to keep the clothes of children neat and tidy, and also to protect table-cloths from being soiled by children spilling their drink or food on them.

My invention consists in forming a raised edge around the larger or lower portion of an apron, made of India rubber, oil-silk or cloth, or of any substance that is impervious to liquids, and also having loops or buttons at the lower edge of the apron, whereby tape may be attached to it, and extend across and be secured to the opposite edge, or underneath the top of the table, so that the child cannot pull the apron off, and endanger the crockery placed upon it.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will describe it more fully, referring to the drawings, and to the letters thereon.

The apron A may be made of any desired size or shape, and of any material which may be found suitable for the purpose. In making a hem, the edge may be so turned up, or, by other means, a ledge, *a a a*, may be secured to the outside, of sufficient height to prevent anything upset or spilt upon it from flowing over the edge on to the table-cloth or table. At suitable places at the bottom, there may be secured loops *b b*, or buttons, on which to attach straps or tape *c c*, of sufficient length to extend across the table C, where they can be hitched on to small knobs or buttons *d d*, placed in the edge or underneath the table-top for the purpose. When the table-cloth is spread out, place the apron A upon it, and hitch the tapes *c c*, and set the table in the usual manner, placing the child's dishes and food on the apron. When the child is set up to the table, bring the outer portion of the apron up in front of the child, and button it back of child's neck. Thus it will be seen that the child cannot, by leaning back, pull the apron from the table, so that all is secure. When the child is to be taken away from the table, unbutton the strap *e* at the back of the neck, throw the flap over on to the table, and both the table-cloth and the bosom of the child's clothes will be as clean as when at first seated. The dishes being removed, the straps or tapes *c c* unhitched, the apron taken up and emptied and cleaned, and everything is again in perfect order.

Thus it will be seen that a provision is made to remedy an evil which has long prevailed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A table-protecting apron, formed with raised edges *a a*, and attaching-straps *c c* and *e*, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as described, for the purposes specified.

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