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Fig. 1.

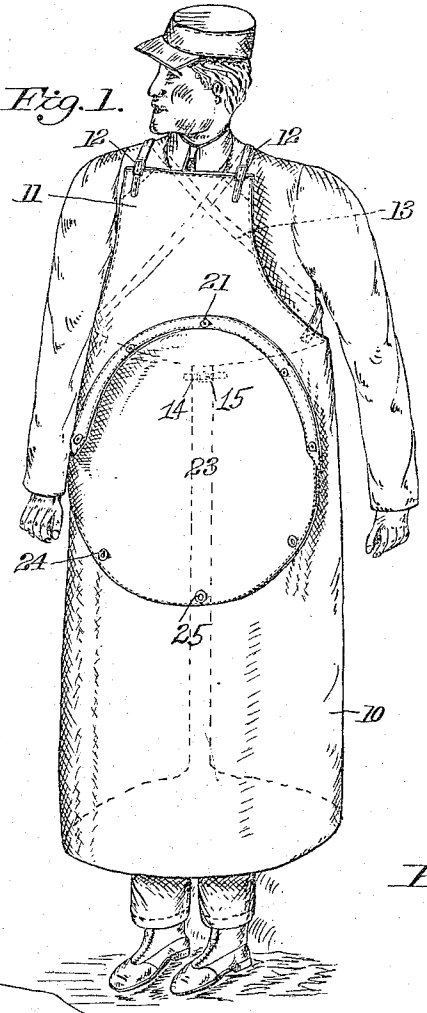


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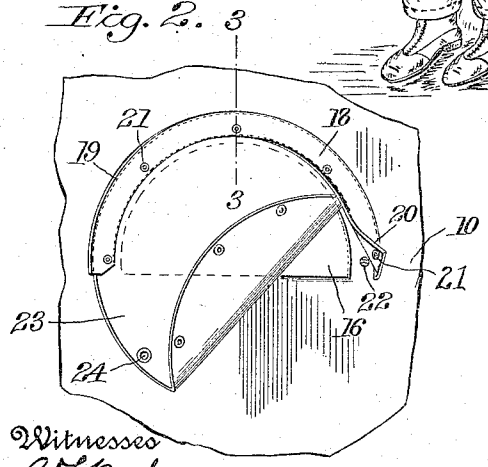
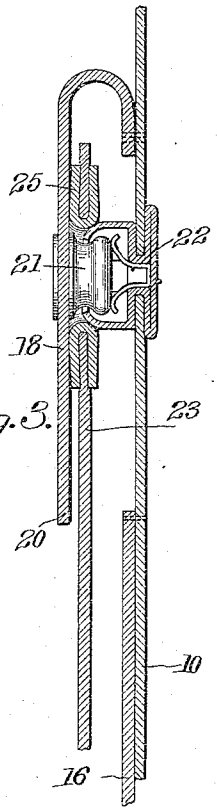


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ADOLPH N. PELLANT, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Saugerties, county of Ulster, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to aprons and more particularly to the class of aprons used by employees of dairies, breweries, packing houses, and by wagon washers, icemen, etc., and in general, in such work where it is important to have a durable, well reinforced apron constructed to properly protect the wearer.

One of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a reinforcement for the part of the apron which receives most of the wear.

Another object is to provide part of the reinforcement with means whereby it may be adjusted or detached from the apron proper.

Another object of the invention relates to the novel means for fastening the detachable protecting and reinforcing portion in place in any one of many positions rotarily.

Another object is to provide an overlapping flap which will protect the edge of the detachable portion of the apron and afford a strip to carry part of the fastening devices to hold it in place.

The above and other objects and the novel features of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the use of an apron embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the reinforced portion of the apron; Fig. 3 is an enlarged central vertical sectional view of part of the apron, taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, 10 designates the body of the apron which is of the necessary length to cover the front and sides of the body of a person and has a narrow part serving as a bib portion 11 at the top. The bib is provided with suitable buckles 12 to receive and secure the ends of straps 13 attached at the rear of the apron and crossed over the back of the wearer to support the apron from the shoulders. A strap 14 and buckle 15 attached to the opposite lateral edges of the apron about where the bib and lower part of the apron meet, may be provided for drawing the apron around the body of the wearer. A semi-circular reinforcing piece 16 is sewed to the body 10 approximately over that part of the apron which covers the chest of the wearer or right below the bib portion 11 where the apron receives most of its wear. The semi-circular edge of the piece 16 is sewed along its curved edge to the body 10 of the apron and the other edge is free. A semi-circular band 18 is sewed to the body 10 along its outer edge at the row of stitches 19 and beyond the outer edge of the semi-circular reinforcement 16. The inner edge 20 of the band 18 is free and within the said edge are set a series of buttons 21 having round heads. The buttons 21 are spaced apart and in the present illustration I have shown five about 45° apart. The body 10 has a series of spring snaps 22 set therein in positions corresponding to the buttons 21, the snaps 22 being provided with upstanding socket portions to yieldingly and releasably receive the heads of buttons 21.

A removable and detachable reinforcement is provided which comprises a circular piece of material 23 provided with a series of holes 24 within the circumferential edge thereof. The holes 24 are suitably reinforced with brass eyelets 25 and are of sufficient size to fit over the socket portions of the snaps 22 so that when the buttons 21 are sprung into engagement with the sockets of the snaps the reinforcing member 23 will be held in place. It will be observed that the eyelets 25 are spaced exactly 45° apart around the periphery of the reinforcing piece 23, the same as the coöperating securing devices 21, 22, thereby affording eight different positions in which the circular reinforcement may be adjusted. In many uses to which the apron is put there is a particular point at which it wears more than at any other and the reinforcement may thus be changed eight different times to provide a new place to wear, consequently the advantage of the apron is that it is equal to about eight ordinary aprons not provided with the adjustable reinforcement. When the circular reinforcement is worn out, it may be removed and replaced by an entirely new one and consequently the body part of the apron, which receives much less wear, may be used

much longer. The semi-circular flap 18 overlaps the upper edge of the circular reinforcing piece 23 when the latter is in place and makes it impossible for water or dirt to get in between the detachable reinforcement 23 and the body of the apron.

The apron and the detachable reinforcement may be made of plain or water-proof canvas or any other suitable material.

It will be seen from the foregoing that I have devised a simple and durable apron which has a reinforcing piece readily adjustable and renewable. The free end of the band 18 which overlaps the reinforcing piece 23 serves to shed the water and to prevent dirt from collecting beneath the detachable reinforcement.

It is obvious that numerous changes in the apron may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention and it is therefore not intended to limit the same to the exact details as shown and described.

Having described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters-Patent is,

1. In an apron of the class described, the combination with the apron body, of a reinforcing and protecting piece, means for securing said piece to said body, said reinforcing and protecting piece being adjustable without reversal on the apron body to bring different wearing portions thereof into position to take the wear, and a band sewed to the apron and having a free edge overlapping the upper edge of the reinforcing and protecting piece.

2. In an apron of the class described, the combination with the apron proper, of a curved band secured thereto along one edge, a circular reinforcing piece underlapping the edge of the said band, and means for detachably securing the said reinforcing piece in place on the apron.

3. In an apron of the class described, the combination with the apron proper, of a semi-circular band attached to said apron along one edge and having a free edge, cooperating fastening means on said apron and on said band, and a circular reinforcing piece having eyelets along its edge, said coöperating fastening means being adapted to fit the eyelets and secure the reinforcing piece to the apron in any one of a plurality of positions.

4. In an apron of the class described, the combination with the apron proper, of a semi-circular reinforcement sewed thereto, a semi-circular band sewed along one edge thereof to said apron and having a semi-circular free edge, coöperating fastening devices set in said apron and along the free edge of said band at equal intervals, a circular reinforcing and protecting piece having eyelets along its peripheral edge, said eyelets being spaced the same distance apart as the said fastening devices and being adapted to receive the latter to secure the reinforcing piece in any one of a plurality of positions rotarily.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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