

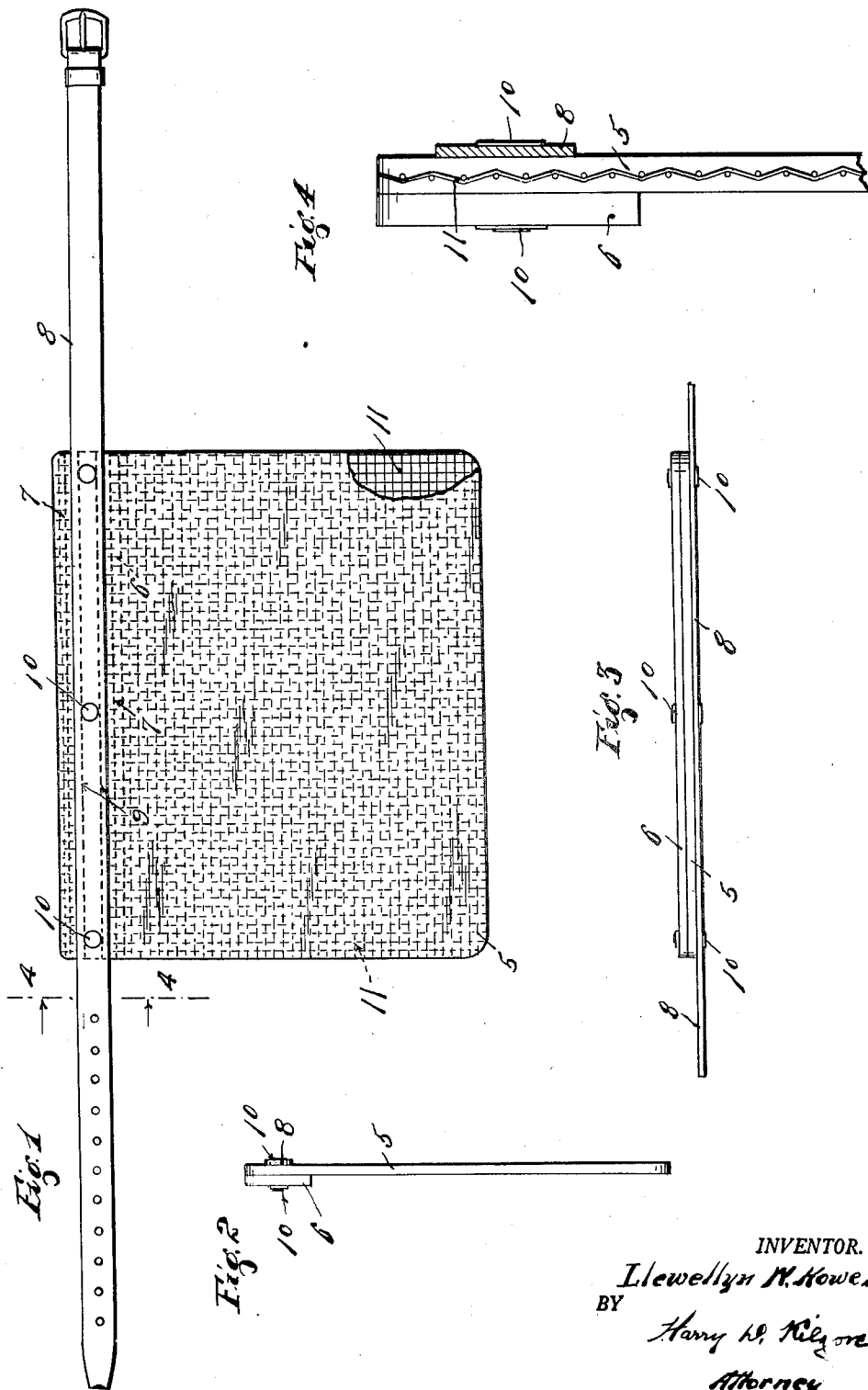
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My invention relates to improvements in aprons to be worn as protective articles and, more particularly, the improved apron is intended for butchers who operate as meat boners, or in other words, who remove bones from meat, wherein a sharp knife is used and the operation requires drawing the knife toward the operator.

Aprons now used by meat boners are of short life, due to frequent accidental cutting thereof and do not give the operator adequate protection and as a result serious and painful accidents often occur.

An object of this invention is to provide a non-metallic apron which will resist all cutting action, which will not fold or crease but will bow around an operator's waist and positively protect him from being cut.

Another object of this invention is to provide an apron that is sanitary, which will not absorb liquids and which is easy to keep clean.

A further object of this invention is to provide a novel apron having a reinforcing and spacing member that will hold the apron spaced outwardly of the operator's body.

Other objects of this invention will be apparent from the following description, reference being had to the drawing.

To the above end, generally stated, the invention consists of the novel devices and combination of devices hereinafter described and defined in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates the invention, like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of the improved apron;

Fig. 2 is a left-hand end view of the improved apron as viewed in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a top view with the end portions of the belt broken away; and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary detail view partly in end elevation and partly in section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, on enlarged or full scale.

The apron 5 is, as shown, rectangular and formed of a thick non-metallic material such as a composition of rubber and cork which will not fold or crease, but which will bow when attached to an operator.

On the inner side of the apron 5, flush with the upper edge thereof, is a combined reinforcing and spacing band 6 of a composition belting or other suitable material that extends the full

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width of the apron 5. This band 6 is secured to the apron 5 by a double row of stitches 7.

A buckle-equipped belt 8 extends, at its intermediate portion, transversely across the apron 5 at the transverse center of the underlying band 6 and is secured to the apron 5 and the band 6 by a double row of stitches 9. The belt 8 is further secured by copper rivets 10 to the apron 5 and the band 6.

Obviously, the band 6 will hold the apron 5 spaced outwardly of the wearer's body and also forms a tight joint between the apron 5 and the wearer's garment. The apron 5 will bow around the wearer's body as the belt 8 is buckled.

As an added protection, a wire mesh 11 is embedded in the apron 5.

Due to the nature of the apron material, the thickness thereof, and the wire mesh, it is virtually impossible for a knife held by the "boner" to accidentally cut through the apron.

While the improved apron is described as a butcher's apron, it is evident that the same is equally well adapted for use by artisans using edged tools that are operated by a drawing action toward the operator.

What I claim is:

A rectangular apron formed of a thick non-metallic semi-rigid material having smooth, even inner and outer surfaces which will not fold or crease but will bow transversely when attached to a wearer, a thick reinforcing and spacing band of the same material as the apron and secured to the apron on its inner side, the upper edge of the band being flush with the upper edge of the apron and the ends of the band being substantially flush with the side edges of the apron, said band holding the apron spaced outwardly of the wearer whereby the same will hang free from the band, and a belt secured at its intermediate portion transversely to the outer side of the apron parallel with the underlying band.

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