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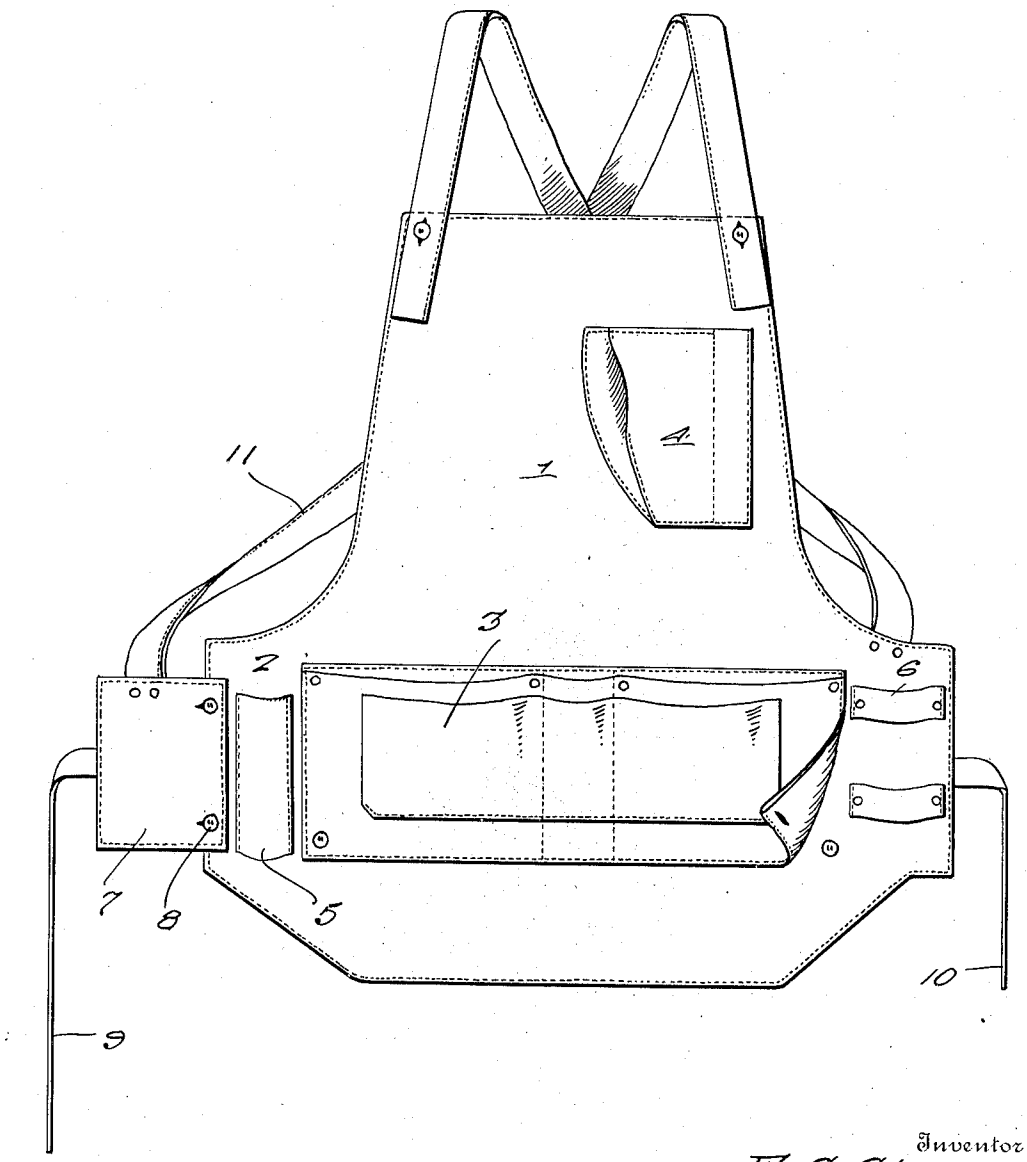


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## MECHANIC'S APRON.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELI GRANT GLOVER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kaw, in the county of Kay and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mechanics' Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to mechanics' aprons and it consists in the novel features hereinafter described and claimed.

An object of the invention is to provide an apron structure especially adapted for the use of mechanics, such as carpenters, and which includes means and features for distributing the weight of the materials and tools which are carried by the apron over the hips and the shoulders of the wearer.

With this object in view, the apron structure includes a piece of material adapted to be applied over the breast and abdomen of the wearer, the said piece having side edge flap portions adapted to be disposed over the hips of the wearer, there being means provided for securing the flap portions together at the back of the wearer. Suspender straps are connected at one end with the body piece and at their other ends with flap portions of the body piece, and are adapted to extend over the shoulders of the wearer whereby the weight of the apron and the materials and tools carried thereby is distributed over the shoulders and hips of the wearer.

In the accompanying drawing:

The figure is a perspective view of the apron.

The apron structure includes a body piece 1 of flexible material adapted to be disposed over the breast and abdomen of the wearer. The said body piece is provided at its side edges and at the vicinity of its lower edge with side flaps 2 adapted to extend over the hips of the wearer when the apron is applied. Pockets 3 are arranged between the flap portions 2 and at the lower portion of the body piece 1, a pocket 4 is mounted upon the upper portion of the body piece 1, and a pocket 5 is mounted upon one of the flap portions 2. The said pockets are adapted to hold and retain materials, such as nails and the like, and tools. Loops 6 are mounted upon one of the flap portions 2 of the body piece 1. A piece of material 7 is adapted to be secured to one of the flap portions 2 of the body piece 1 by buttons 8 and a waist strap section 9 is attached to the piece 7. A waist strap section 10 is attached to one of the flap portions 2 of the body piece 1. Shoulder straps 11 are connected at their upper ends with the upper portion of the body piece 1 and at their lower ends with one of the flap portions 2 of the body piece 1 and the piece 7 respectively.

When the apron is applied to the body, the straps 11 extend over the shoulders, the flap portions 2 are disposed over the hips of the wearer, the piece 7 is at the back of the wearer, and the waist strap sections 9 and 10 are tied together at the back of the wearer. Thus the weight of the apron and the objects supported thereby is distributed over the shoulders and hips of the wearer. Should the wearer desire to speedily remove the apron, this may be accomplished by unbuttoning the buttons 8 from engagement with the piece 7 whereby the said piece 7 is disconnected from the flap portion 2 of the body piece 1 and the straps 11 may be lifted off of the shoulders of the wearer.

Having described the invention, what is claimed is:

A mechanic's apron comprising a body adapted to be disposed over the breast and abdomen of the wearer, said body having opposed side flap portions adjacent its bottom adapted to be disposed over the hips of the wearer, a plurality of horizontally aligned tool holding pockets disposed between and in alignment with said flap portions, a separate piece of material detachably connected with one of said flap portions, shoulder straps connected at their upper end with the corresponding end of said body, and crossing each other between their ends and connected at their lower ends with said piece of material and one of said flap portions, and body encircling straps connected with said piece of material and said last named flap portion respectively.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

ELI GRANT GLOVER.