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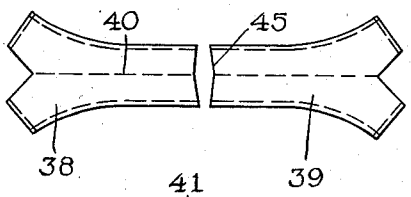


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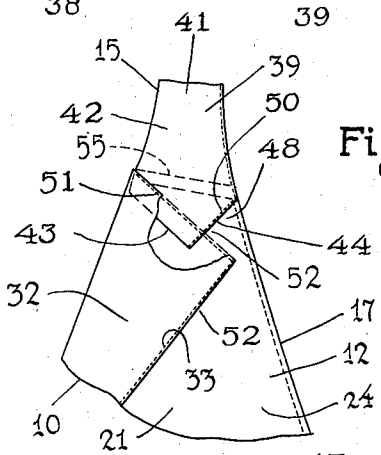


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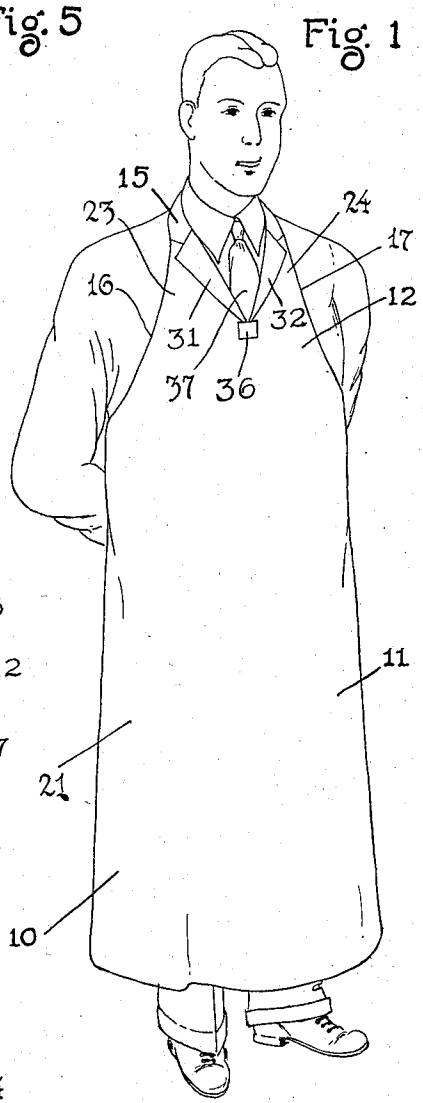


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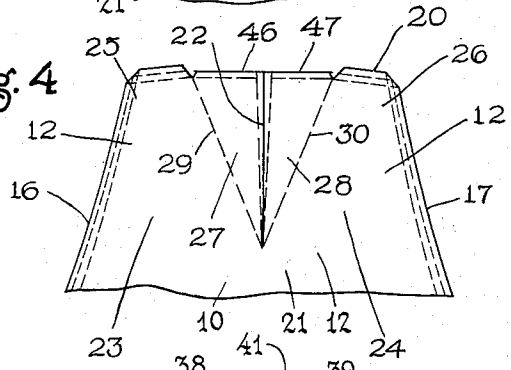
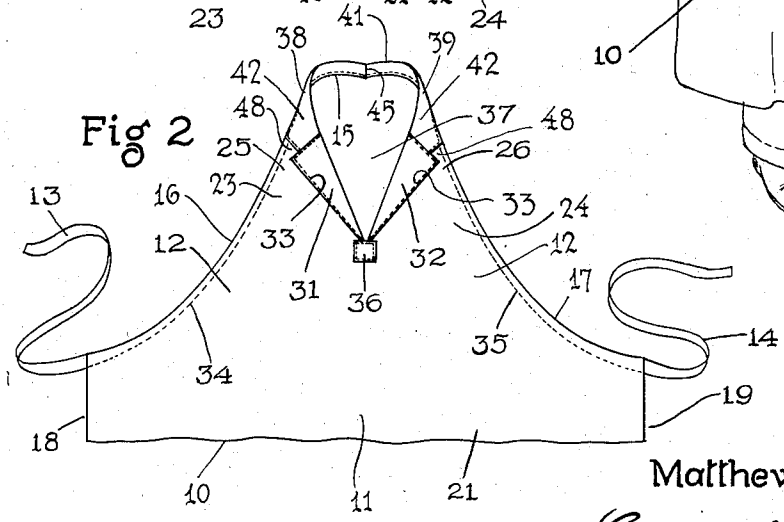


Fig 2



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My invention relates to bib aprons and has for its object to provide a bib apron which will be extremely dressy and attractive in appearance.

An object of the invention resides in providing a bib apron having lapels and a neck band simulating in appearance a person's coat.

A feature of the invention resides in providing the bib of the apron with a longitudinal slit and in folding back the material adjoining said slit to form a V-shaped opening in the bib and lapels adjacent the same.

An object of the invention resides in providing a neck band attached to the lapels and to the bib of the apron and forming a continuation of the lapels.

A still further object of the invention resides in constructing the lapels so that the ends of the same fall short of the ends of the shoulder portions of the bib and in arranging the ends of the neck band to overlie the parts of the shoulder portions above the lapels.

An object of the invention resides in constructing the lapels and neck band so as to form notches between the same.

Other objects of the invention reside in the novel combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter illustrated and/or described.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a person wearing the apron embodying one form of my invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevational view of the upper portion of the bib apron shown in Fig. 1 removed from the wearer.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary elevational view of a portion of the bib of the apron showing the method of attaching the neck band thereto.

Fig. 4 is a developed view of a portion of the sheet of material from which the bib of the apron is constructed.

Fig. 5 is a developed view of the sheet of material from which the neck band is constructed.

In the construction of bib aprons such as used by butchers, grocers, bar tenders and others, the usual practice has been to construct the apron solely for the purpose of protecting the clothing of the wearer. The present invention not only provides an apron fully capable of protecting the clothing of the wearer, but also provides an apron which is highly attractive in appearance and which serves to dress the wearer, giving the wearer the appearance of wearing a coat or similar article of wearing apparel.

My invention proper comprises an apron which is indicated in its entirety at 10 and which consists of a body 11 provided at the upper end thereof with a bib 12. A neck band 15 is attached to the bib 12 and is adapted to encircle the neck of the wearer and to assist in supporting the apron in place upon the body of the wearer. These parts will now be described in detail.

Inasmuch as the body 11 may be constructed in any desired manner, the same has not been shown in detail in the drawing. The entire apron is formed of a sheet of cloth or other suitable material 21 of uniform width and of such length that when the same is wrapped about the person of the wearer it covers as much of the clothing of the wearer as desired. The lateral edges of sheet 21 are indicated by the numerals 18 and 19 and in the form of the invention shown are disposed in back of the wearer. For the purpose of securing the body 11 about the person of the wearer, two strings 13 and 14 are employed which are attached to the body near the upper end thereof and at the lateral edges 18 and 19 and which may be tied together at the rear of the garment when the same is applied to the person of a wearer to hold the apron in place.

The method of constructing the bib 12 can best be comprehended from Figs. 2 and 4. The bib proper is formed from the same sheet of material as the body 11 and is integral therewith and is constructed by cutting the sheet 21 from which the apron is formed with two arcuate cuts 16 and 17 extending from the edges 18 and 19 of the sheet at the locality of attachment of the strings 13 and 14 thereto and terminating at the upper edge 20 of the sheet as shown in Fig. 4. The part of the material from which the bib 12 is formed is further slit along a medial line 22 which extends from the edge 20 and downwardly along the center of the bib. This slit divides the bib into two bib portions 23 and 24, the upper ends of which form shoulder portions 25 and 26 adapted to be disposed in proximity to the shoulders of the wearer when the apron is in use.

The marginal portions 27 and 28 of bib 12 adjacent the slit 22 are folded back along diverging lines 29 and 30 to form lapels 31 and 32 best shown in Fig. 2. The edges of these lapels are tucked under and sewed to the bib proper along lines 33 to hold the same properly attached

thereto. In like manner, the upper edge 20 of the bib proper as well as the lateral edges of the bib portions 23 and 24 formed by the cuts 16 and 17 are turned back and sewed to the bib portions as indicated at 55, 34 and 35. By means of this construction a V-shaped opening 37 is formed in the bib which is adapted to disclose the collar and necktie of the wearer and to conform to the cut of the vest at the front of the same. To prevent tearing of the material at the end of the slit 22 a reinforcement 36 is employed which may consist of a square of the same material from which the apron is constructed which is sewed across the bib at the end of said slit.

The neck band 15 of my invention is constructed from two pieces of material 38 and 39 illustrated in detail in Fig. 5 which may be the parts of the sheet cut away in forming the edges 16 and 17 of the bib. These pieces are folded along a central line 40 and are turned in and sewed together along their edges to provide a structure having a portion 41 elongated in form and ends 42 of a width somewhat in excess of the width of the elongated portion of the band. The ends 42 of the neck band are constructed with edges 43 and 44 arranged in the shape of a V and meeting one another at substantially right angles. To give the neck band form and to cause the same to more closely fit the neck of the wearer, the band is cut intermediate its length, as designated at 45 and the cut parts sewed together on a slant. The form of the band when so constructed is best shown in Fig. 2. Due to the fact that the upper edge 20 of the bib is substantially straight, the edges 46 and 47 of the lapels become arranged in diverging relation with respect to the edge 20 of the shoulder portions 25 and 26 when the said lapels are folded back upon the lines 29 and 30. This leaves portions 48 at the upper ends of the shoulder portions 25 and 26 which are not covered by the lapels. In applying the neck band to the apron the folded edge thereof is placed against the folded edge of the lapels with the edges 43 underlying the edges 46 and 47 of the lapels. At the same time the portions 42 of the neck band are caused to overlie the portions 28 of the bib proper previously referred to. With the parts so arranged, the neck band is stitched to the bid along lines 50 and is jointly sewed to the lapels and to the bib along lines 51. The dimensions of the portions 42 of the neck band 15 are such that the edges 43 are somewhat shorter than the edges 46 and 47 of the lapels 31 and 32 which cause the edges 44 of said neck band to become disposed inwardly of the edges 52 of the lapels formed through the slit 22. This leaves notches 53 between the lapels and the neck simulating in appearance the notches usually formed on men's coats and similar garments. In this manner the garment is caused to have the appearance of a coat so that when worn by the wearer, the same has a dressy, neat and attractive appearance.

If desired, the neckband may be sewed directly to the bib, and the lapels left free from the bib and neckband. In such case the lapels are folded over into proper position when the apron is ironed. In such construction, the construction of a coat is more closely simulated.

The advantages of my invention are manifest. An extremely neat and attractive article of wearing apparel is provided which has the appearance of a coat or similar article of clothing usually worn by men. The construction of the garment is such that practically no waste of material occurs, the lapels being formed from the material providing the V-shaped opening in the garment through which the head of the wearer is inserted and by means of which the collar, tie and shirt of the wearer is visible. The neck band may be constructed from the material cut out of the sheet at the portions of the apron fitting about the arms of the wearer, whereby further waste is reduced. Due to the breadth of the band and the manner of attachment of the same to the bib of the apron, the neck band fits snugly about the neck of the wearer and binding and other discomfort caused by narrow bands is entirely eliminated.

Changes in the specific form of my invention, as herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

A bib apron comprising a body, a bib at the upper part of the body, said apron being cut from a sheet of material having a substantially straight upper edge, said sheet being formed with a slit extending medially of the bib and inwardly from the upper edge of the sheet and being further cut along outer converging lines to provide two bib portions terminating in tapering shoulder portions disposed in proximity to the shoulders of the wearer, the marginal parts of the bib adjacent said slit being folded back along converging lines to form lapels and to provide a V-shaped opening in the bib, the upper ends of the lapels diverging with respect to the ends of the shoulder portions to leave the ends of the shoulder portions exposed, said shoulder portions being of a width greater than the width of the lapels and a neck band of uniform width throughout the intermediate portion thereof and having enlarged ends, the edges of the intermediate portions flaring into the enlarged ends, said ends being formed with converging outer edges arranged in the form of a V, the enlarged ends of said neck band overlying the exposed ends of the tapering shoulder portions and being secured thereto, the flaring edges of the neck band lying in continuation of the edges of the tapering shoulder portions, one of the outer edges of each end of the neck band lying beneath the upper edge of the corresponding lapel and extending in the same direction, said last referred to edges of the ends of the neck band being shorter than the upper edges of the lapels to form notches between the neck band and lapels.

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