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Fig 1

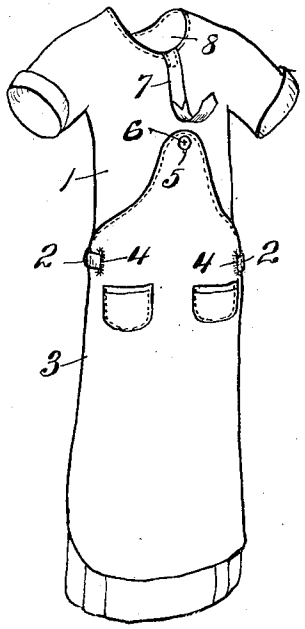


Fig 2.

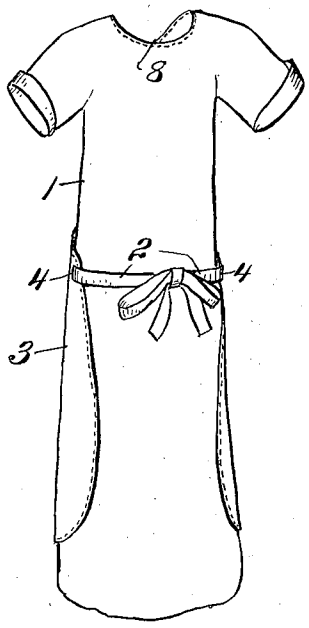
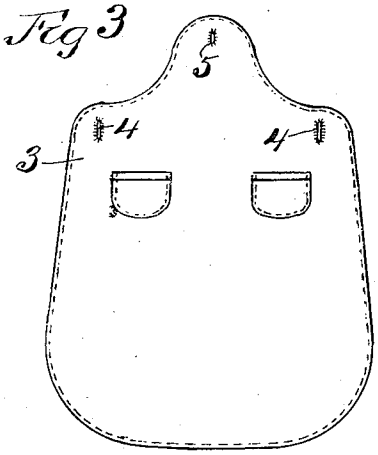


Fig 3



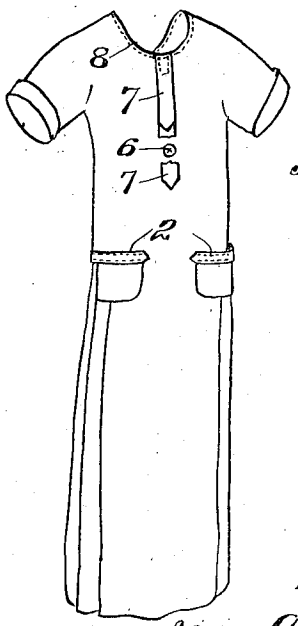


Fig 4

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My invention relates to improvements in aprons.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a novel apron, which has novel means for being attached to a dress, so as to present the appearance of being a part thereof, and which eliminates the usual apron strings.

A further object of my invention is to provide a novel apron, which is simple, cheap to make, easily donned, and which is attractive in appearance.

The novel features of my invention include further a dress having novel apron attaching means adapted to co-operate with my improved apron.

Hereinafter are described and claimed the novel features of my invention.

In the accompanying drawing, which illustrates the preferred embodiment of my invention,

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a dress provided with my improvement and having my improved apron attached thereto.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of my improved apron.

Fig. 4 is a front elevation of my improved dress, a portion of the button concealing tab being broken away.

Similar reference characters designate similar parts in the different views.

1 designates the body of a dress of the general type of an ordinary house dress, and which is provided at opposite sides thereof with the usual two sashes 2, which are adapted for being fastened together in the back, as by tying together, as shown in Fig. 2.

3 designates my improved apron, which adjacent to opposite side edges is provided with two slits or openings 4 adapted to have the sashes 2 inserted therethrough respectively, Fig. 1.

As shown, the distance between the openings 4 is substantially the same as the distance between the juncture points of the sashes 2 with the body 1 of the dress, measured across the front of the body.

The central upper portion of the apron 3 is provided at a point higher than the openings 4 with a buttonhole 5 adapted to receive therethrough a button or other suitable securing device 6, which is fastened to the central front part of the dress body 1 at a point suitable for the attachment thereto of the apron 3.

In order to cover and conceal the button 6 from view, a depending tab 7 is fastened at its upper end to the dress body 1 adjacent to the neck opening 8. Normally the tab 7 hangs over and covers the button 6.

In applying the apron to the dress, the sashes 2 are inserted through the openings 4 and then tied together at the back, as shown in Fig. 2. The sashes keep the apron from slipping forwardly, as well as serving to support the apron.

The button 6 is inserted through the buttonhole 5, after which the tab will hang in front of and hide the button from view.

Preferably the apron 3 is made of material similar to that of which the dress is made, so as to present the appearance of being a part thereof. A woman attired with my improved dress and apron need not, in order to present a good appearance, detach the apron, when answering the door bell, or when making short excursions from the house, as the make up of the dress and apron from the same kind of material, imparts the impression to the observer that the apron is a part of the dress. This impression is further enhanced by the absence of the usual apron strings.

I do not limit my invention to the structure shown and described, as modifications, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with the body of a dress and two sashes respectively attached to opposite sides thereof and adapted to be fastened together at the back, of an apron adapted to be worn over the front of the body of the dress and having two openings, said two openings being spaced apart a distance substantially the same as the distance between the juncture points of said sashes with said body, measured across the front of said body adapted to respectively receive therethrough said sashes.

2. The combination with a dress body, two sashes respectively attached to opposite sides of the body and adapted to be fastened together at the back, a securing device fastened to said body higher than and intermediate of said sashes, and a tab fastened

to the front of the body and adapted to hang in front of said securing device, of an apron adapted to be worn over the front of said body and having three openings adapted to respectively receive therethrough said sashes and said securing device, the two openings which receive said sashes being spaced apart a distance substantially the same as the distance between the juncture points of said sashes with said body, measured across the front of said body.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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