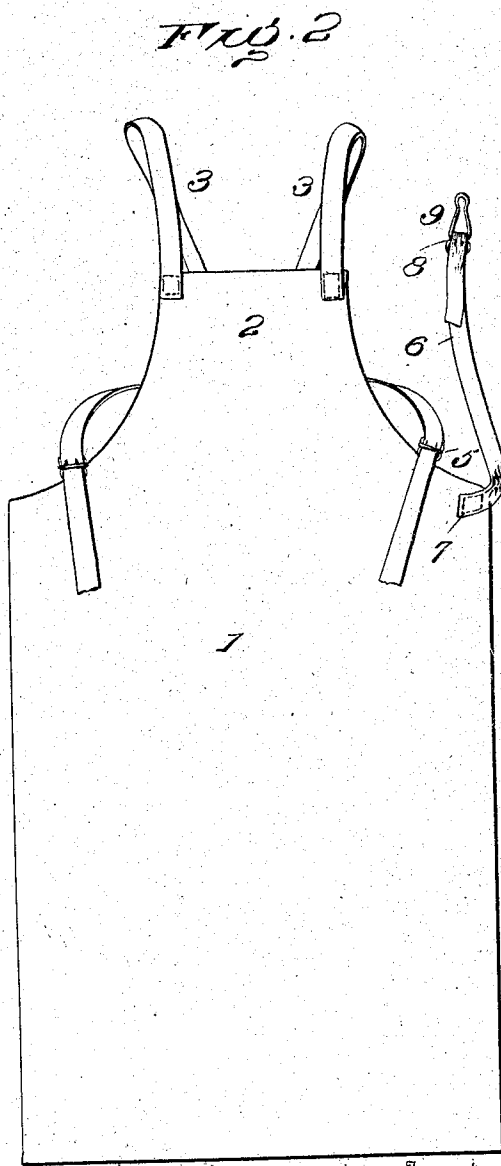
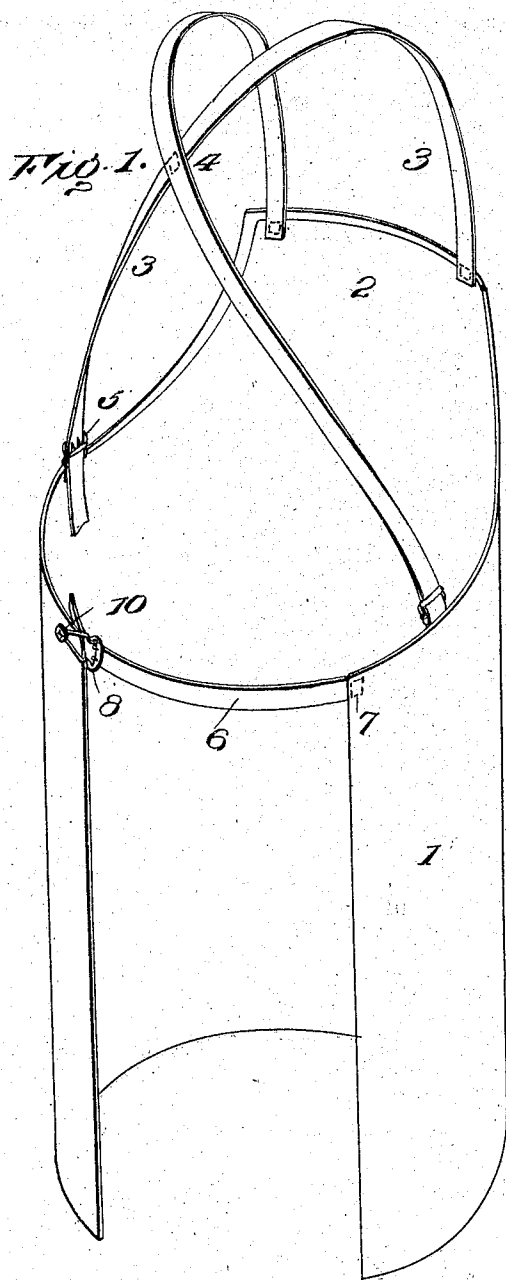


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. HATTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lebanon, in the county of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention consists of an improved apron of the class designed particularly for use by laborers, workmen, or those engaged in rough work of any kind.

The invention resides mainly in the means provided for attaching the apron to the body with regard to the suspending-straps therefor and the waist-strap utilized for securing the article about the wearer, both the suspending and waist straps being adjustable, so that the apron will readily fit persons of different sizes on adjustment of these parts.

For a full description of the invention and the merits thereof and also to acquire a knowledge of the details of construction of the means for effecting the result reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an apron embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a view of the apron with the attaching-straps detached from the connecting-buckles therefor.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in both the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

In the drawings the numeral 1 indicates the body of the apron, and the numeral 2 the upper or bib portion thereof, the latter being preferably integral with the body portion 1, as in the majority of these aprons at present in use. The suspending means for suspending the apron from the body includes the shoulder-straps 3, the front extremities of which are permanently attached to the upper corners of the bib portion 2. The straps 3 cross at a point between the ends and are permanently attached together at that point at which they extend across each other, as shown at 4, preferably by means of stitching or the like. The rear ends of the shoulder-straps 3 are adapted to be adjustably connected with the rear portions of the apron a short distance from the corners thereof, buckles 5 being located at these points to admit of the adjustable at-

tachment of the straps 3 above described. The buckles 5 are permanently attached to the apron, and the rear ends of the straps 55 when passed through the buckles 5 are disposed between the side portions of the apron at the rear and the body of the wearer, and are thus not likely to catch in machinery or be in the way, this being 60 of no small advantage for obvious reasons. In addition to the shoulder-straps 3 a waist-strap 6 is used, and this strap is permanently connected at one end, as shown at 7, to one of the upper corners of the apron 1, 65 a buckle 8 being carried by the strap 6 and having a loop 9, which may be readily engaged over a button 10, attached to the rear corner of the apron opposite that to which the strap 6 is permanently attached, as indicated at 7. A buckle 8 is adjustable in the 70 length of the waist-strap 6, so that the waist adjustment of said strap 6 may be varied, admitting of connection of the rear portions of the apron when the latter is used by persons 75 of different sizes. The provision of the waist-strap 6 as before set forth obviates the necessity of use of strings or like parts to connect the rear portions of the apron 1, such being inconvenient and not substantial, as will be 80 readily appreciated.

It will be noted that the construction of the apron as hereinbefore set forth is particularly advantageous in that the adjustment of the attaching means is permanent once made. 85 Also an important advantage resides in the use of buckle connections, which obviate all likelihood of injury to the clothing of the wearer.

Having thus described the invention, what 90 is claimed as new is—

An apron provided with a body portion 1 and the bib portion 2, shoulder-straps 3 permanently attached at their front ends to the upper edge of the bib portion of the apron 95 on the inner side thereof and crossing rearwardly and permanently secured together at their point of crossing, buckles 5 attached to the side edges of the body portion of the apron near the rear thereof and on the inner side of 100 the apron, the ends of said shoulder-straps being adjustably secured in said buckles and designed to be passed downwardly therefrom on the inner side of the apron, and a waist-

strap 6 permanently attached at one end to one rear edge of the apron-body on the inner side thereof and provided at its other end with an adjustable buckle 8 provided with a loop 9, and a button 10 or like member attached to the other rear edge of the apron-body and designed to be received by the said loop 9.

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

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