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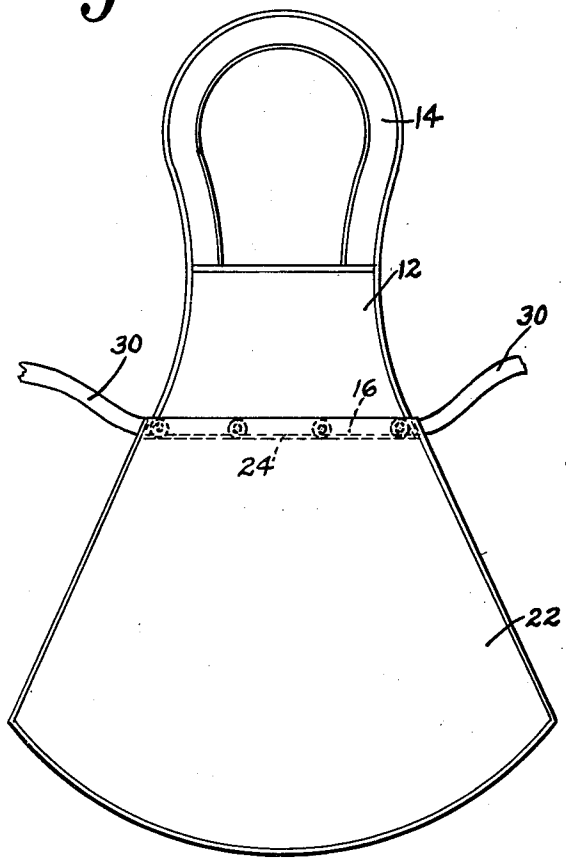

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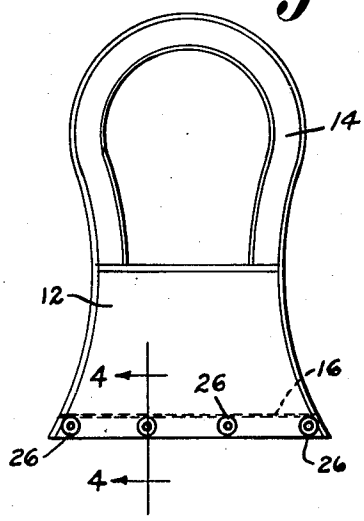

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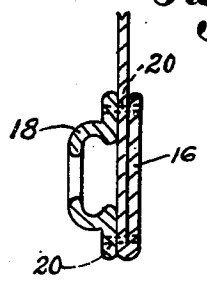

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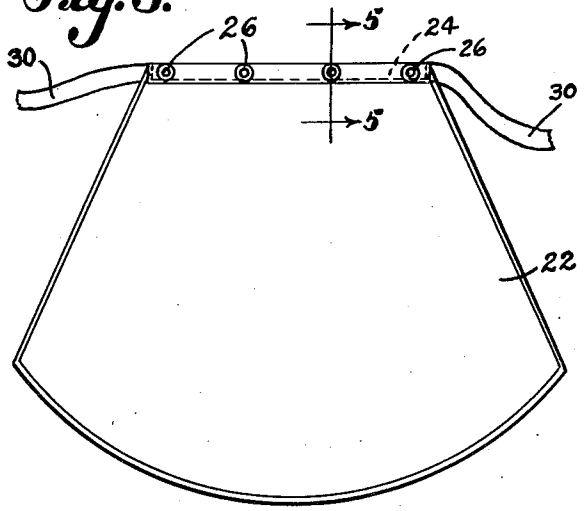

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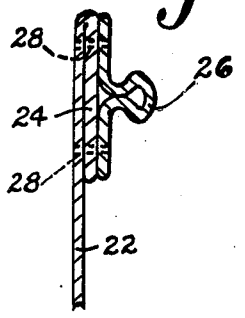

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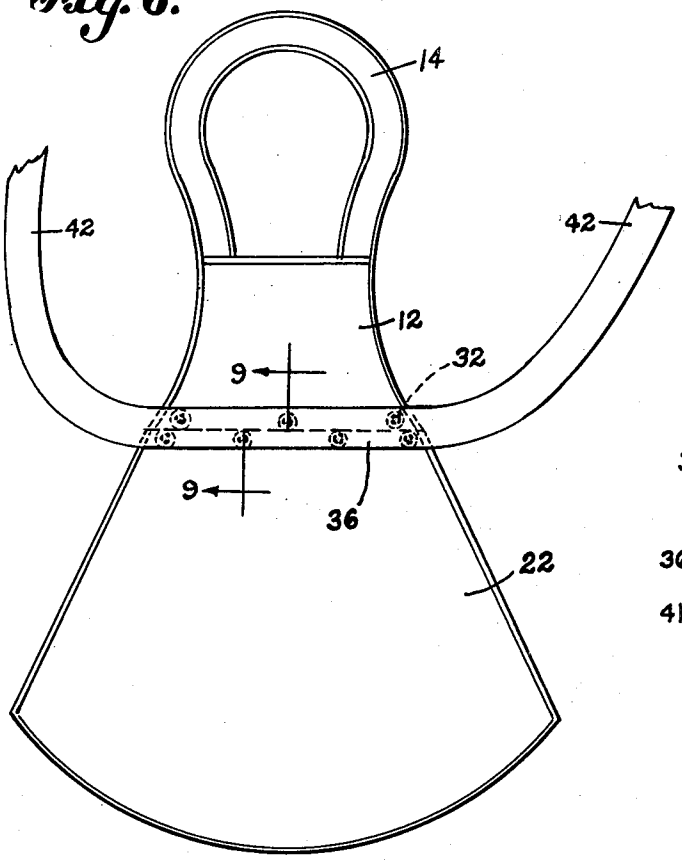

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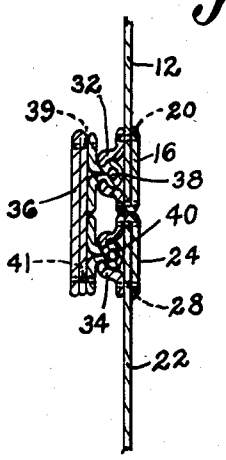

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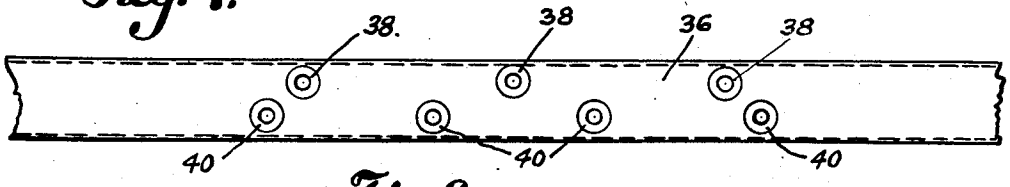

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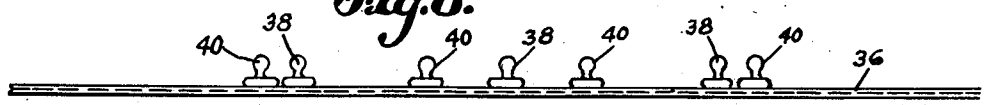

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This invention relates to a bib and apron in combination.

One object of my invention is to provide a separate bib and a separate apron with attaching means whereby they can be removably combined and worn as a single piece.

Oftentimes only one piece, either the apron or the bib, becomes soiled, in which event only the soiled piece need be replaced in the combination, thus saving unnecessary trouble and expense that would be incurred if there were only a single piece.

Those who wear aprons often prefer a combination of colors or of designs, and where the two pieces are separate, any desired combination of colors or designs may be worn, and changes can be made in the same as often as desired.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction combination and arrangement of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and therefore, I am not to be limited to the construction disclosed by the drawings nor to the particular parts described in the specification; but am entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of my claim.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my combination garment complete.

Figure 2 is a front elevational view of the bib alone and Figure 3 is a front elevational view of the skirt alone.

Figure 4 is an enlarged, sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 2 and Figure 5 is an enlarged, sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a front elevational view of a modified form of my combination garment complete.

Figure 7 is a front elevational view, enlarged over Figure 6, of my connector, and Figure 8 is a top edge elevational view thereof.

Figure 9 is an enlarged, sectional view taken on the line 9—9 of Figure 6.

As illustrated, a bib 12, ordinarily made of cloth, plastic, rubber or the like, commonly has a neck band 14 attached thereto that is slipped over the head of the wearer, or it may be detachably connected to the lower part of the bib. The lower part of the bib 12 is folded or turned upon itself to provide an inner fold portion 16. At the front of said bib, opposite and spaced from said fold portion 16 are a plurality of female fasteners 18 which are attached to both the front portion

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and said fold portion by stitching 20, as shown. However, other means of attaching said fasteners 18, such as by rivets or wire fasteners, may be used.

An apron or skirt 22 at its upper part is folded or turned over upon itself to provide an inner fold portion 24. At the rear of said bib opposite and in contact with said apron fold portion 24 are a plurality of male fasteners 26 which are attached to both said fold portion 24 and said apron upper part by stitching 28, as shown. Said female fasteners 18 are adapted to receive said male fasteners 26 in the usual press fit engagement, hence the bib 12 and apron 22 may readily be combined, to provide two different colors or designs. Strings 30 are shown attached to said apron 22, which may be used to tie the latter in place.

Should it be desired to present the rear or inside faces of said bib and apron at the front, which is reverse position to that shown in the drawings, said bib 12 will be at the front or outside when connection is made of the fasteners.

Various kinds of fastening means may be used instead of the snap fasteners described, such as the well known zippers, hooks and eyes, or loops and buttons.

A modified form of my bib and apron combination is shown in Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the drawings, in which said bib 12 may be used as heretofore described having female fasteners 32. Said apron 22 is shown equipped with female fasteners 34 located at its upper edge portion by stitches 28 passing through the apron and said fold 24 as heretofore described.

A separate connector 36, shown in the form of a belt, has male fasteners 38 adjacent its upper edge portion that preferably extend inwardly or rearwardly, that are stitched as at 39 to said connector 36, and which are adapted to frictionally enter said female fasteners 32 in the usual way.

Said connector 36 also has male fasteners 40 adjacent its lower edge portion extending inwardly and stitched to it as at 41. These male fasteners 40 are adapted to enter and frictionally engage said female fasteners 34 as above explained. Said connector preferably has fastener strings 42 extending from opposite end extremities whereby the apron 22 may be drawn and held closely to the body of the wearer.

Said connector 36 receives either, or both, said bib 12 and skirt 22, as illustrated in Figure 6 of the drawings, preferably being visible and appearing as an outside belt on the wearer of any color or design desired.

What I claim is:

A combination apron and bib comprising an apron having a plurality of fastener elements along its upper margin, a bib having a body portion with a neck-encircling loop and a plurality of fastener elements along its lower margin, and a connecting member detachably joining the bib to the apron, said connecting member having end portions adapted to serve as apron strings and a mid portion in the form of a band of sufficient width to overlie all said fastening elements, said mid portion having on its rear face an upper and a lower series of fastening elements, said upper series being adapted and arranged to cooperate with the elements on said bib and said lower series of elements being

adapted and arranged to cooperate with the elements on the apron to maintain said apron, bib and connecting member in assembled relation.

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