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APRON

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Fig. 1.

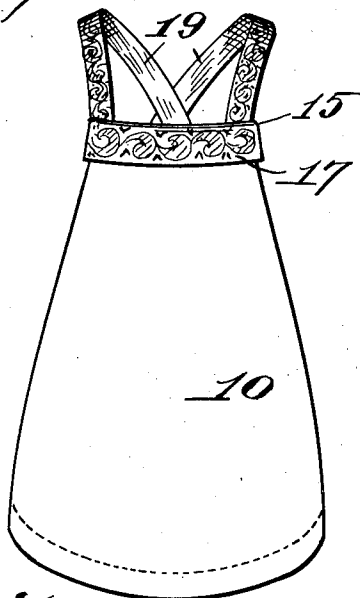


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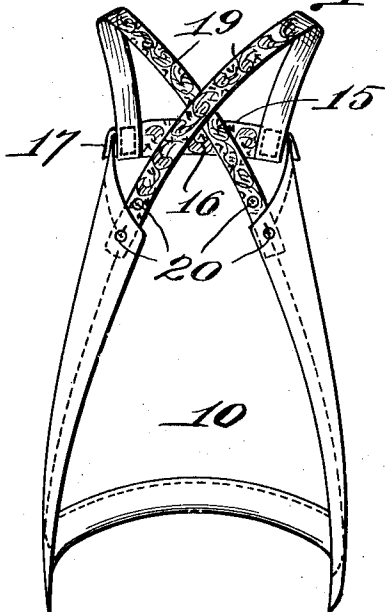


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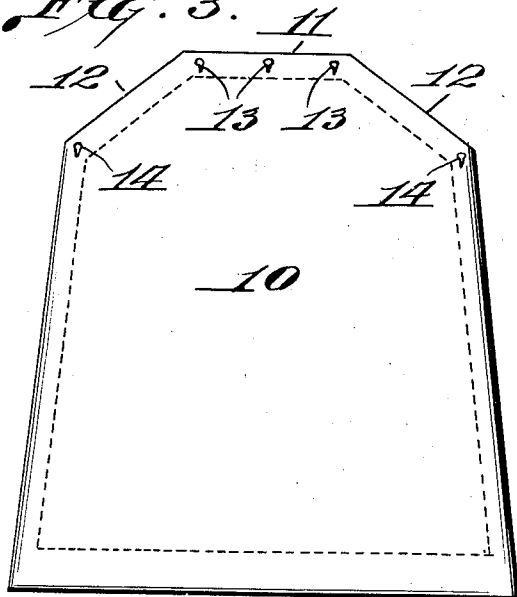


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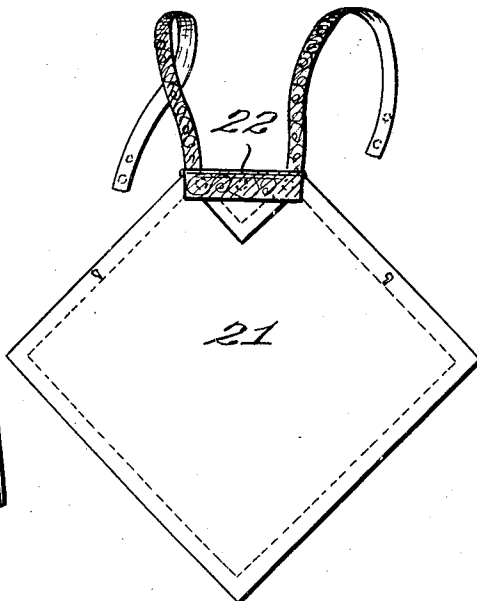
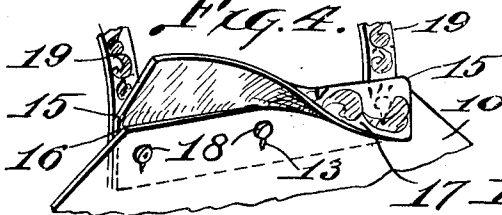


Fig. 4.



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My invention relates generally to wearing apparel, and more particularly to an apron, the principal objects of my invention being to provide a relatively simple and practical apron that may be easily and cheaply produced, readily laundered, and which presents a neat, finished and pleasing appearance.

A further object of my invention is to provide an apron that may be easily and quickly applied to or removed from the body of the wearer, and to provide a construction that involves but two main parts, namely, the apron body and a removable yoke, the latter having straps that pass over the shoulders of the wearer and serve to support the apron in position upon the wearer's body.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts that will be hereinafter more fully described and claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of an apron of my improved construction.

Fig. 2 is a rear elevational view of the apron.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the section of material that forms a typical apron body.

Fig. 4 is a detail perspective showing the yoke that is detachably connected to the upper portion of the apron body with one end of the yoke turned upward to show the attaching means.

Fig. 5 is a front elevational view of a modified form of my improved apron.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, which illustrate a practical embodiment of my invention, 10 designates the body of the apron which may be formed of any desired fabric and which has its edges hemmed or finished in any desired manner. The preferred form of apron body, as illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 is substantially rectangular in form, and has its upper corners cut away, thereby producing at the top of said apron body a centrally arranged straight edge 11 and inclined upper side edges 12. Formed along the centrally arranged straight edge 11 is a series of buttonholes 13, and formed adjacent to the corners between the inclined upper edges 12 and the

straight side edges of the body 10 are buttonholes 14.

The apron yoke comprises a section 15 of suitable fabric that is folded along its longitudinal center line, thereby producing a rear section 16 and a front section 17. Secured to the front face of the rear section 16 are buttons 18 that are spaced so that they may be engaged through the button holes 13, and when so engaged the front section 17 is folded downward over the upper front portion of the apron body, thereby concealing the buttons 18 and buttonholes 13. Secured to the end portions of the rear part 16 of the yoke are the ends of straps 19, preferably formed of the same fabric from which the yoke is formed, and when the apron is worn these straps pass upward, thence rearwardly over the shoulders of the wearer, across the wearer's back, and the lower ends of said straps are provided with buttons 20 that are adapted to engage the buttonholes 14.

Various pleasing and distinctive effects may be produced by forming the apron body 10 from plain or uncolored material and using colored or decorated material in the production of the yoke and straps 19. Inasmuch as the apron body 10 consists of a plain substantially rectangular section of the fabric, devoid of buttons, hooks and eyes, snap fasteners, or the like, it may be readily laundered and passed through laundry machinery, such as mangles, wringers and the like, and this is an economical advantage, by the reason of the fact that plain pieces of material without buttons and the like are laundered at a lower rate than articles having buttons, hooks and eyes, or other similar fastening devices.

My improved construction enables the wearer to use an indefinite number of apron bodies 10 with a single yoke and supporting straps, for, by reason of the position of said yoke and straps upon the wearer's body, they will not become soiled as quickly as the body portion 10 of said apron.

In the modified construction illustrated in Fig. 5, the apron body 21 is in the form of a square of fabric, one corner thereof being turned downwardly so as to lie on the front upper portion of the apron body, and the yoke 22 is applied to said overturned upper corner. This particular structure produces

an apron having a pointed lower end and with the side points disposed on the rear portion of the wearer's dress or skirt.

The construction of my improved apron is such that it may be very easily and economically produced as it is obvious that short lengths and "scraps" of materials that would otherwise be thrown away may be utilized in its manufacture.

The readily detachable connection between the yoke and straps and the apron body enables the latter, when soiled, to be removed and replaced by a clean apron body member.

While I have shown and described the yoke and strap portions of the apron as being detachably connected to the apron body by means of buttons and buttonholes, it will be understood that other readily detachable fastening means such as hooks and eyes, snap fasteners, loops or eyelets may be used.

The yoke member 15 in my improved apron is herein illustrated and described as being formed from a substantially rectangular section of material, but if desired said yoke member, and particularly the outer or overhanging portion thereof may be given any desired shape and trimmed or decorated as desired. In some instances, for the purpose of economy of production, the front overhanging portion of the yoke member may be entirely eliminated.

The convenience and utility of an apron of my improved construction is materially increased, due to the fact that, if a wearer about to put on the apron, finds that the yoke and strap portion is being laundered or has been mislaid, the apron body can be readily applied for use by running a suitable cord or tape through buttonholes 13 and 14 and passing said cord or tape over the wearer's shoulders.

It will be readily understood that minor changes in the size, form and construction of the various parts of my improved apron may be made and substituted for those herein described without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In an apron, the combination with an apron body formed of a one-piece section of plain smooth flexible material, provided adjacent to its upper edge with a series of buttonholes, of a one piece yoke folded on a centrally disposed longitudinally extending line to form front and rear portions, buttons secured on the inner face of the rear portion of said yoke, which buttons are adapted to engage through certain of the buttonholes in the apron body, the front portion of said yoke depending and overlying the front upper edge of the apron body so as to cover the button and button hole connections between said yoke and apron body and straps secured to the ends of the rear portion of said yoke and adapted to be detachably connected to the upper portions of the sides of said apron body.

2. In an apron, the combination with an apron body comprising a one-piece section of plain smooth flexible material having a plurality of button holes formed in its central portion adjacent to its upper edge, there being button holes formed in the upper portion of the apron body near its side edges, of a one-piece yoke folded on a longitudinally disposed medial line to form front and rear portions, buttons secured on the inner face of the rear portion of said yoke, which buttons are adapted to pass through the button holes in the upper central portion of the apron body, the front portion of which yoke depends and overlies the front upper edge of the apron body when said yoke is secured to said body, so as to cover the button and button hole connections between said yoke and apron body, straps secured to the ends of the rear portion of said yoke and buttons carried by the free ends of said straps, which buttons are adapted to engage through the button holes in the upper portions of the sides of the apron body when the apron is on the wearer's body.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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