

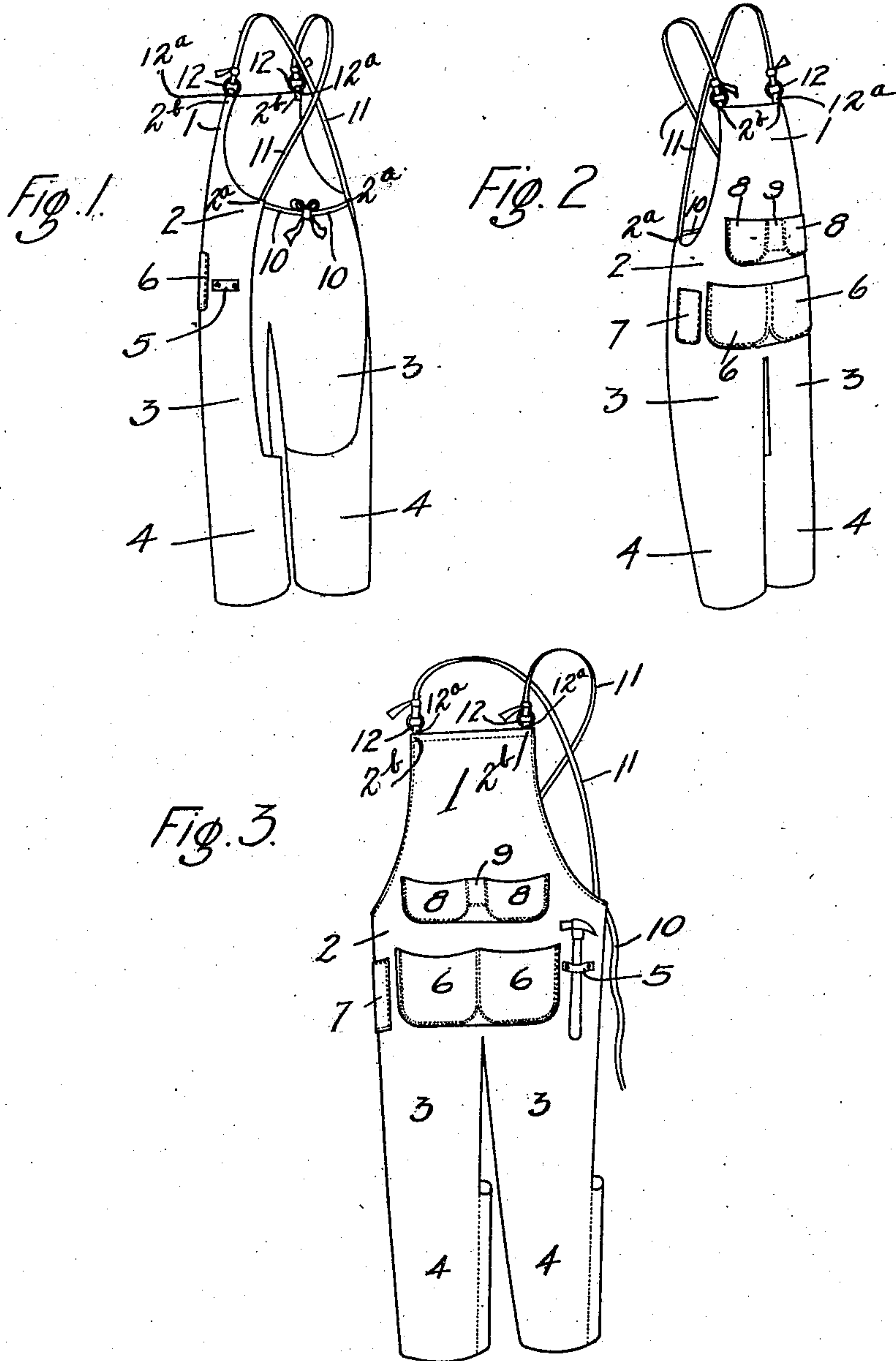
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN G. LYONS, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Tacoma, in the county of Pierce and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to aprons and similar protective garments, and especially to that class adapted for use in the mechanical trades, such as by carpenters, and has for its object to provide an apron which will not in any way interfere with the free action of the 15 wearer, and which shall be easily applied, and which can be so readily adjusted that it will not have to be sold in exact sizes to fit the individuals, but so that one size will take the place of a number of sizes, as usually 20 sold. I attain these objects by the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

25 Figure 1 is a three-quarter rear elevation of the apron, Fig. 2 is a three-quarter front elevation thereof, and Fig. 3 is a slightly enlarged view similar to Fig. 2, but taken from the other side.

30 Similar numerals of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

One of the principal causes for the accidental falling of carpenters from high structures during their work is found in the fact that the apron legs are strapped and buckled 35 to their legs and that these straps, while they are passing from one part of the structure to another, are very liable to catch in projections which have not been noticed and thus trip and throw the wearer.

40 This invention consists of an apron which for the purposes of description is divided into the following parts—a bib 1, a waist 2, open legs 3, and closed lower legs 4—all of which are formed from one piece of cloth or other 45 material. The waist 2 is provided with such straps and pockets as may be desirable, those illustrated being—a hammer strap 5 on the left side, two large nail pockets 6, a rule pocket 7 on the right side and two addi-

tional smaller nail pockets 8 above the pockets 6, with a pencil pocket 9 between them. The open legs 3 extend downward from the waist 2 and protect and cover the front and the sides of the legs of the wearer. The lower portion 4 of the legs are completed so 55 as to incase the leg from about the knee downward, the said parts 4 being the only part of the apron proper which extend to the rear.

A pair of apron strings 10 are fastened to 60 the corners 2<sup>a</sup> of the apron waist 2 and are adapted to be tied together in the usual manner. The apron is held up in position by means of the shoulder straps 11 which extend from each corner 2<sup>a</sup> of the waist 2 adjacent to the apron strings 10 to the upper 65 opposite corner of the bib 1, the said shoulder straps crossing each other about the middle of the back. The device for securing the shoulder straps 11 to the bib 1 is a great 70 saving in the wear of the shoulder straps as usually attached, and consists of the two rings 12 which extend upwards from the corners of the bib 1, being secured thereto by means of sewed loops 12<sup>a</sup>, and through which 75 the shoulder straps 11 pass and to which they are tied, as illustrated in the drawings. Since it is not necessary to unfasten the shoulder straps 11 from the rings 12 when the apron is removed, it is evident that when 80 they have once been adjusted and tied, to fit the individual wearing them, it will not be necessary to change them again, and since the apron strings can be tied at any point, it is evident that they will cause the apron to 85 fit properly around the waist. This apron is therefore readily adjustable, within reasonable limits, to fit a large variety of sizes.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

90 As a new article of manufacture, an apron comprising a bib provided at its upper end with two corners, each corner having an upwardly-extending loop secured at its lower end thereto, a ring secured in each loop, a 95 waist integral with and below said bib, said waist provided with a pair of horizontal, rearwardly extending corners, apron-strings



fixedly secured at their inner ends to the  
corners of said waist, shoulder-straps having  
their lower ends positioned parallel with the  
inner ends of the strings and engaging the  
5 corners of said waist, fastening means ex-  
tending through the inner ends of the strings  
shoulder-straps and the corners of the waist  
and securing all of said portions together;

and said shoulder-straps detachably secured  
at their upper ends to said rings.

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

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