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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN L. HENDERSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in Norwood, county of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

10 The object of my invention is to provide an apron for use by employees in factories and the like, which may be manufactured readily in large quantities, and at very slight cost, and in which there shall be very little waste of material, and the invention consists of a rectangular body portion of suitable cloth material in which diagonal portions are cut from the upper corners of the body of the apron and a single continuous strip is made use of to form the tie strings around the waist, and for the support around the neck, which strip is also used as a binding for the edges of the diagonal edges of the upper body portion of the apron.

25 In the drawings Figure 1 is a plan view of the apron ready for use. Fig. 2 is a detail cross section of one diagonal edge taken on the lines 2—2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the portion shown in Fig. 2, with the binding strip opened out.

1 is the body of the apron of suitable cloth material and cut of proper size. The upper corners of the cloth are cut away on diagonal lines to allow for the arms of the wearer.

2 is the binding and tie strip made in a single continuous piece to form a binding 3

for the diagonal edges on each side, for the tie strings 4, 4, for the waist and for the neck support 5.

A strip of cloth of proper width and of a length sufficient for this purpose is folded lengthwise, and the edges of the strip folded in at 6, 6. The diagonal edges of the apron body are then inserted between the folds, leaving sufficient length at each end for the tie strings 4, 4, and for the neck support 5. and then two lines of stitches 7, 7 are run the entire length of the strip to bind in the apron edges and to form the tie and neck bands and the apron is ready for use. In this way a very inexpensive and serviceable apron is produced which can be manufactured rapidly and in large quantities. The tie and binding strips are previously folded in a continuous length, and the apron bodies are cut in quantities, so that to manufacture the apron complete a single operation of inserting the diagonal edges and running the stitches is all that is required.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

In an apron, the combination with the body piece, having the upper corners diagonally cut away, of a continuous binding strip for the diagonal edges of the body piece, with an intermediate portion to form a neck support and free ends to form tie strips for the waist.

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