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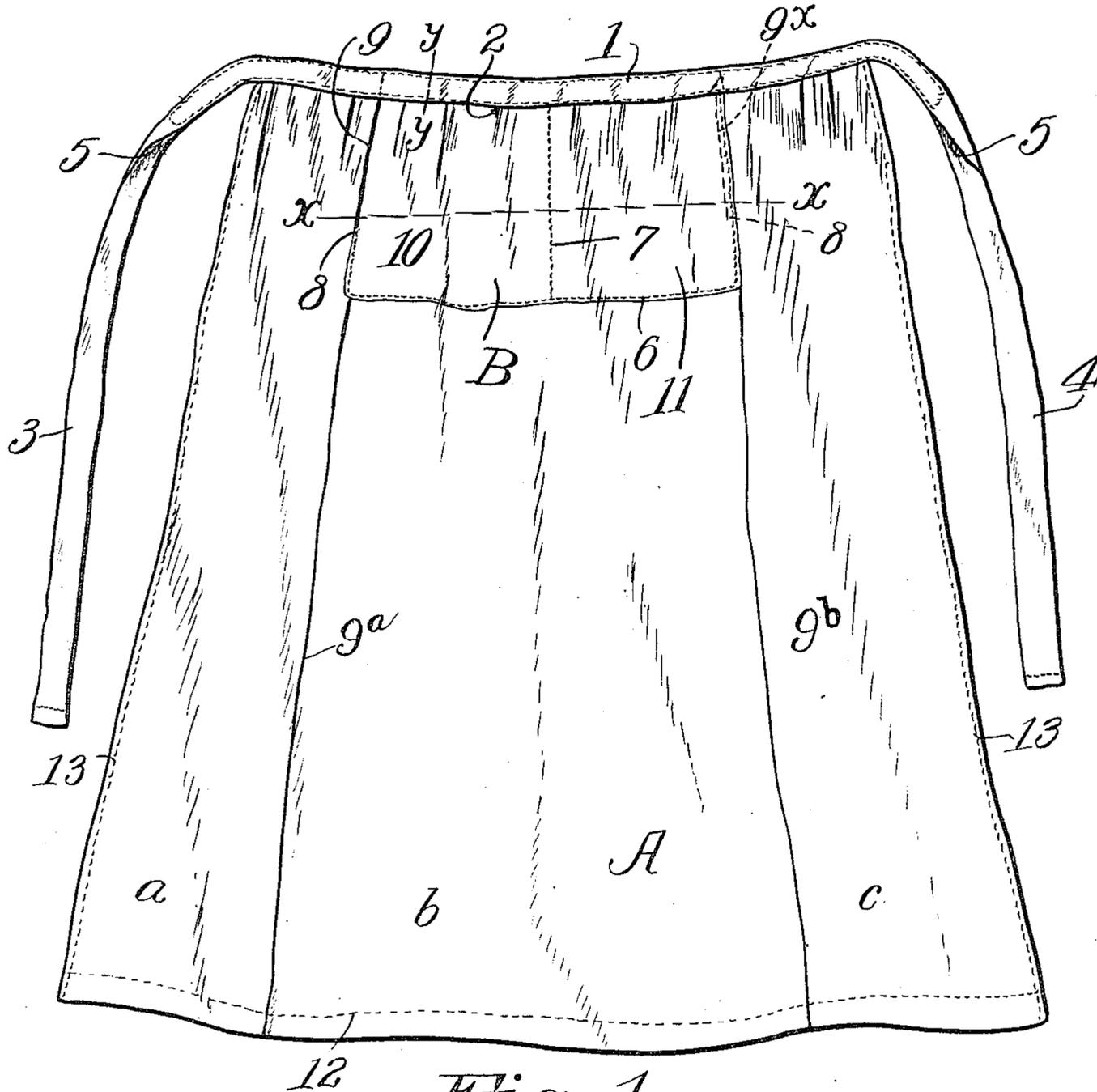


Fig. 1.

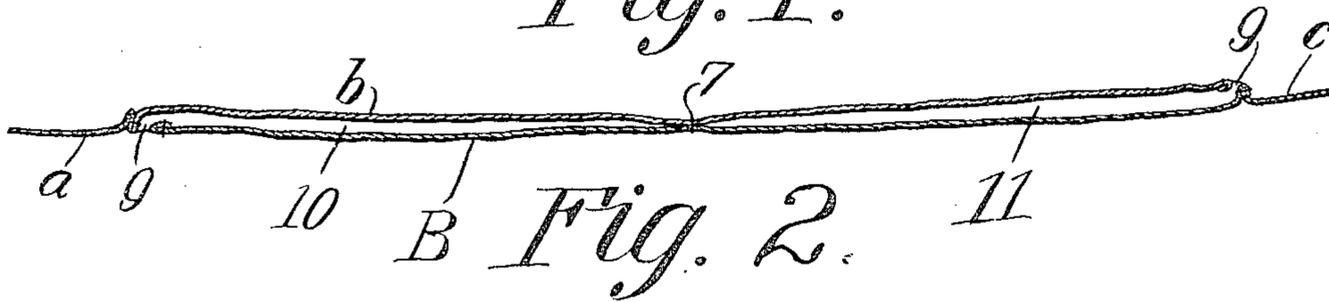


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IDA MAY RUTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in aprons, the object being to provide a reinforced reversible apron provided with pockets, the said pockets being formed by the reinforcement. The apron is constructed and reinforced in such a manner that one of the pockets formed therein will always open on the right hand side, regardless as to whether the apron is worn with the reverse side visible or to the contrary.

By constructing the pockets in the manner provided from the reinforcement, an effectual saving in material is provided, thereby reducing the cost of manufacture over and above that of other aprons not similarly constructed, where the pockets necessitate additional material for their construction.

With the foregoing object in view, my invention consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings Figure 1, is a view of the apron complete; Fig. 2, is a section on an enlarged scale on line  $x-x$  of Fig. 1, and Fig. 3, is an enlarged sectional view on line  $y-y$  of Fig. 1.

A, is the skirt or body part, composed of sections  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , the said sections being sewed together in the usual manner as indicated by the seams  $9^a$  and  $9^b$ .

B, is the reinforcement, the said reinforcement being usually made of the same material as that of the skirt, so as to render it less noticeable, and is secured to section  $b$  of the skirt A at the top thereof, and extends across the top of section  $b$  transversely to the length thereof; 1, is the waist-band to which the skirt A is secured, both the reinforcement B and the section  $b$ , of the skirt A, being secured to the waist-band 1, by the same

means, as indicated by the sewing or stitches 2; 3 and 4 are the apron-strings, which are continuations or extensions of the waist-band 1, from the points designated 5; 6 indicates the sewing or stitches by which means the reinforcement B, at its lower edge is transversely secured to the section  $b$  of the skirt A; 7 and 8 indicate similar sewing or stitches securing the reinforcement B to section  $b$  longitudinally to the length of the latter, the stitches 7 dividing the reinforcement B into two compartments forming the pockets 10 and 11; 9 and  $9^x$  indicate the openings in the respective pockets, and are constructed respectively as follows: The seam  $9^b$  joining sections  $b$  and  $c$  is left unsewed a sufficient distance below the waist-band 1, to form the opening 9; on the other side the reinforcement is left unsewed forming the other pocket opening; the seam  $9^a$  joining sections  $a$  and  $b$ , continuing throughout the entire length of the said sections; 12 and 13 indicate the usual hems on the garment.

It will be readily seen that an apron constructed as hereinbefore described will always present a pocket opening on the front right hand side, regardless as to whether the garment be worn reversed or not, and by being enabled to wear the garment reversed, the life and usefulness of the garment is considerably prolonged.

Slight changes might be resorted to in the form and arrangement of the several parts described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, hence I do not desire to limit myself to the exact construction herein set forth.

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

An apron formed of a central and side sections united by vertical seams one of which terminates short of the top, a reinforcement secured upon one side of said central section forming a pocket and extending to the top thereof and left unattached for a portion of its length on one side, and a waist-band secured across the top of said

sections and reinforcement, whereby the un-  
attached portion of said reinforcement forms  
an opening to said pocket from one side of  
the apron, and the opening between the sec-  
5 tions above the seam terminating short of  
the top forming means of access to said  
pocket from the other side of the apron.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
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