

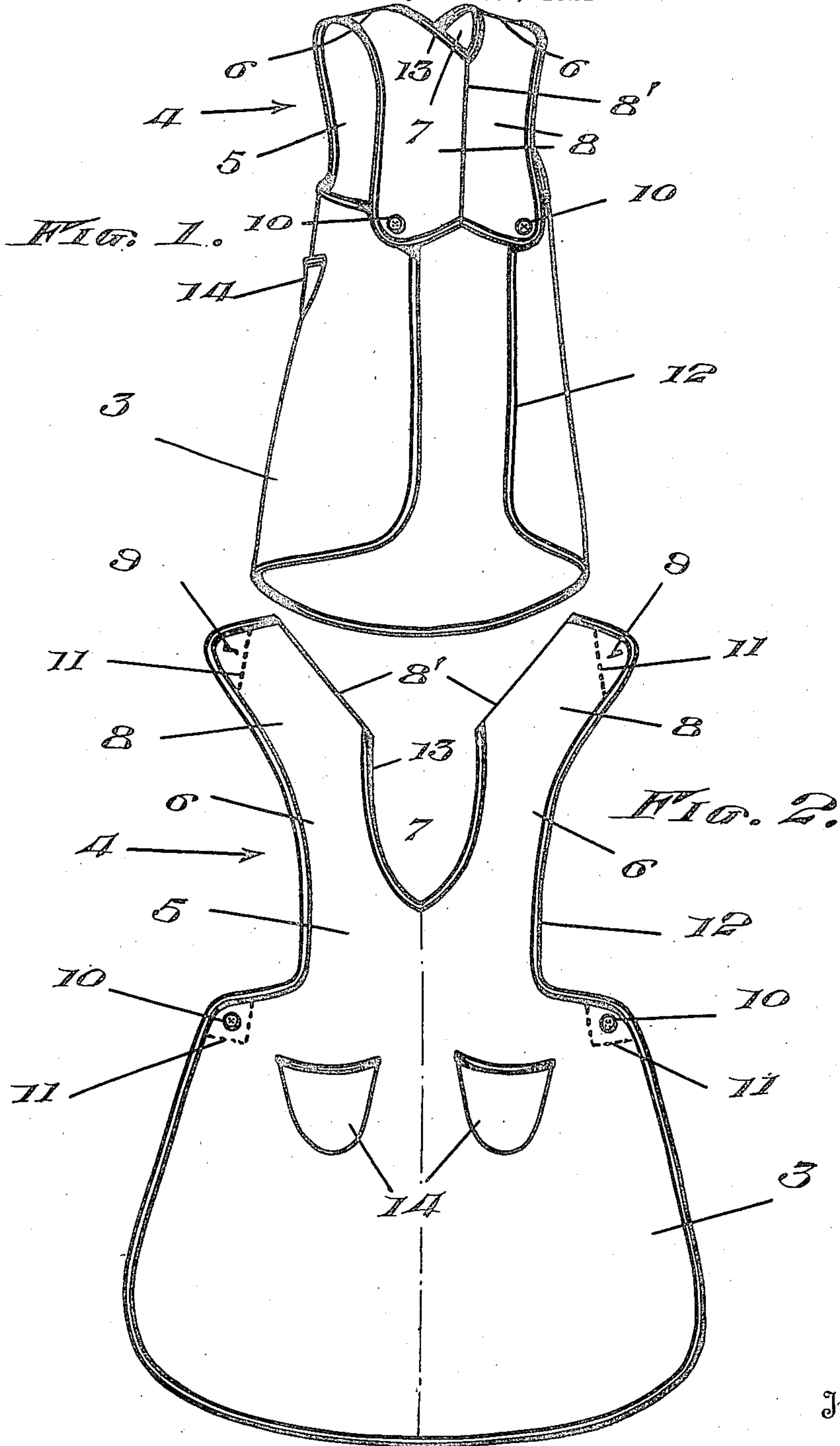
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ANNIE M. HIFNER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lexington, in the county of Fayette and State of Kentucky, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Aprons; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to aprons and similar garments, and aims to provide a novel and improved outer garment of that character which can be readily and inexpensively manufactured and which will be handy and convenient in use.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an apron having a skirt and waist, which can constitute a single blank of material, and providing for the stamping or cutting of a number of blanks simultaneously from several sheets of fabric.

A further object is to provide an apron having a waist of novel form, and a novel arrangement for fastening the apron on the body of the wearer.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be apparent as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes can be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the apron; and

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the apron laid out flat, as in blank form.

The apron is preferably composed of one single piece of material, and a number of the blanks can be stamped or cut simultaneously from superposed sheets of material, for economy in manufacture.

The apron comprises the skirt 3 and waist 4, and the skirt is of sufficient width to pass around the sides and partly in back of the wearer. The waist 4 comprises the front 5 extending upwardly from the skirt 3 and of narrower width than the upper end of the skirt, leaving the upper corners of the skirt, projecting, to pass over the hips of the

wearer. The front 5 of the waist 3 has shoulder straps 6 extending upwardly therefrom, and said straps are preferably wide to cover the shoulders, and the waist has an opening or crotch 7 between the shoulder straps 6, and back portions or halves 8 extend from the shoulder straps 6. When the blank is laid out flat, as seen in Fig. 2, the opening 7 forms a crotch between the shoulder straps 6 and the back portions 8 diverge away from one another.

To complete the waist of the apron, all that is necessary is to sew the adjacent edges 8' of the portions 8 together thereby forming the back of the waist, and closing the opening 7. Furthermore, the portions 8 being brought together will give the shoulder straps 6 the proper slope from the opening 7, and will give the upper portion of the waist the proper form to fit the wearer snugly.

In order to fasten the apron on the wearer, the lower corner portions of the back and upper corner portions of the skirt are fastened together, such as by means of buttons 10 secured to the upper corner portions of the skirt to engage through button holes 9 formed in the lower corner portions of the back. The lower end of the back serves as a connection across the back between the upper corners of the skirt, thus not only holding the side edges of the skirt in place, but also holding the back of the waist down.

To apply the apron, the waist is placed over the head and the back of the waist is then attached to the skirt. The sides of the waist are open for the free movement of the arms, and the front and back of the waist will afford protection to the garments worn under the apron. The apron will also fit several different sizes of persons, and the buttons 10 can be positioned to suit.

It is preferable to provide reinforcing pieces 11 for the upper corners of the skirt and lower corners of the back, where the buttons 10 and button holes 9 are located, to prevent the goods from tearing. It is also preferable to provide the edges of the skirt and waist with a suitable binding 12, and the edges of the opening 7 with a similar binding 13. The skirt may also have pockets 14.

By cutting the edges 8' of the blank accordingly and sewing them together, the



back of the waist can be made wider or narrower according to the size of waist wanted, thereby providing simple and convenient means of adjustment, in addition  
5 to the adjustment afforded by the positioning of the buttons and button holes at different points. No other alterations are necessary for changes in size. Manufacture  
10 of the apron is therefore simple and economical.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. An apron composed of a single blank of material comprising a skirt and a waist,  
15 the waist having a front narrower than and extending upwardly from the skirt, shoulder straps extending from said front and a broad back composed of two halves extending downwardly from the shoulder straps  
20 and secured together at their adjacent edges along the central vertical line of the back, the upper corner portions of the skirt extending from the front of the waist to extend around the hips, and said upper corner  
25 portions of the skirt and lower corner por-

tions of the back having means for detachably fastening them together.

2. An apron composed of a single blank of material and comprising a skirt and a waist, the waist having a front narrower  
30 than and extending from the skirt, shoulder straps extending from the front and having a crotch between them, and back halves extending from the shoulder straps and diverging apart, said back halves having adjacent  
35 edges adapted to be sewed together to form a broad back, the upper corner portions of the skirt extending from the front of the waist to extend around the hips, and  
40 said upper corner portions of the skirt and lower corner portions of said back halves having means for detachably fastening them together.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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