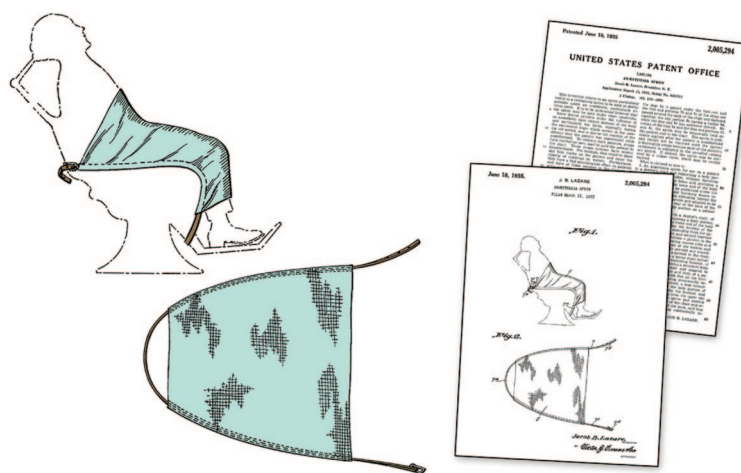


The Lazare Anaesthesia Apron



On the Ides of March in 1933, Jacob B. Lazare of Brooklyn, New York, filed for a U.S. Patent for his “Anaesthesia Apron” designed to restrain patients emerging from the excitement phase of nitrous oxide anesthetics in the dental chair. His invention featured a foot-rest loop attached to sturdy upholstery cloth with convenient straps (as featured above). According to U.S. Patent No. 2,005,294, the Lazare Anaesthetic Apron prevented many of the contusions, bone fractures, and even psychological trauma associated with prior efforts that had leather-strapped patients to dental chairs. A bonus, according to Lazare, was that his lady patients appreciated that his “Apron” prevented “the ripping of stockings.” (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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