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Dress Facing.

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Fig. 3.

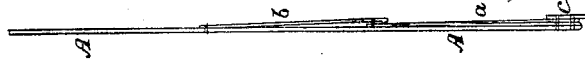


Fig. 1.

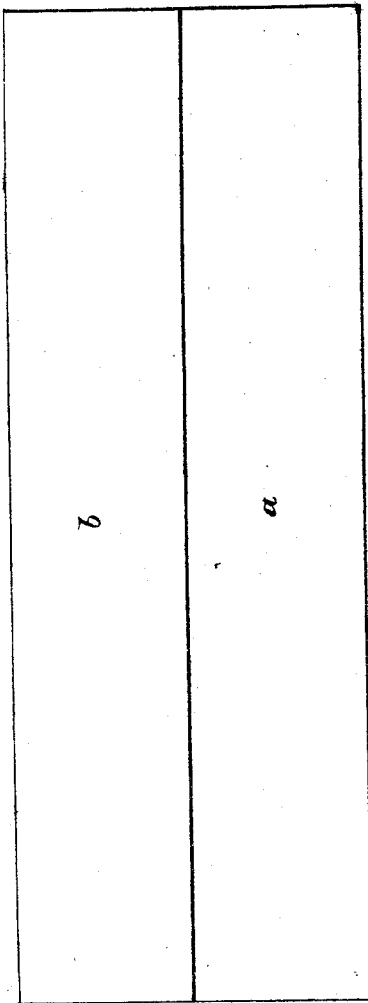
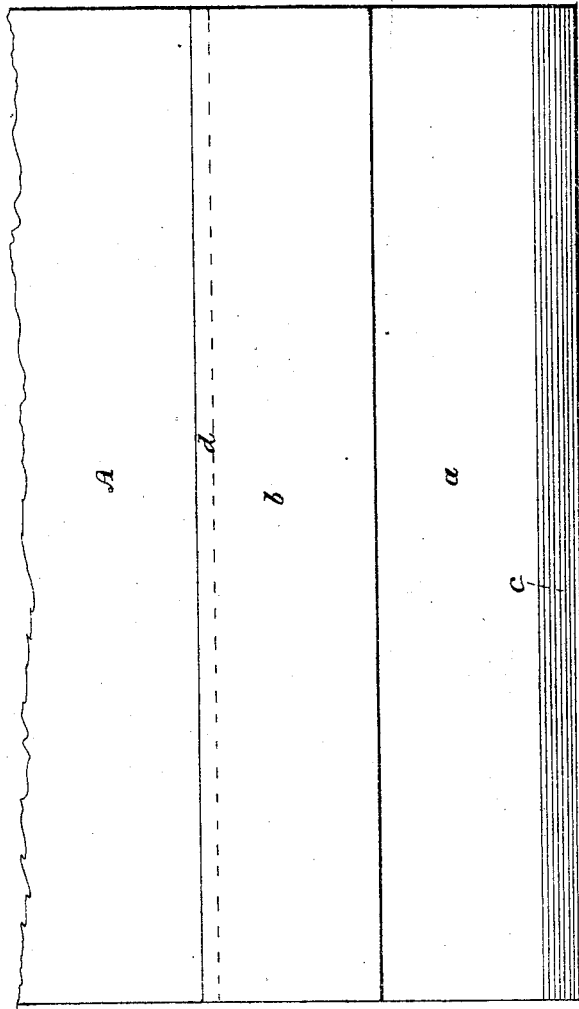


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN DRESS-FACINGS.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, JAMES A. MACKEE, a resident of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Dress-Facing; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side view of such facing. Fig. 2 denotes its application to the lower part of a dress. Fig. 3 is a transverse section of Fig. 2.

Prior to my invention it has been customary to face the bottom of a dress with a band of leather or enameled cloth or like material having a water-proof glazing or surface. Owing to variations of temperature and other atmospheric changes, the band, particularly at its upper edge, would become either elongated or contracted at times more than at others, and so as to pucker the dress and cause it to have a bad appearance where stitched to the band. Furthermore, owing to its stiffness, it becomes difficult to attach it at its upper edge to the dress without causing the dress to hang badly in its folds, or be liable to become worn and defaced along the stitching or seam. In order to obviate these difficulties, I have combined with the glazed water-proof facing a thin flexible cloth band or glazed linen facing, the two being connected together by laying one flatwise on the

other, with the edge of one directly over that of the other, or about so, and stitching or sewing the two together, and afterward unfolding the two.

In the drawings, *a* denotes the water-proof facing, and *b* the thin linen facing, *A* being a portion of the lower part of a dress.

In applying the "combination-facing" to a dress the lower edge of the water-proof band is to be sewed to the bottom edge of the dress, and is to be protected by a band of braid, *c*, stitched to the dress and the water-proof facing. The flexible linen facing at or near its upper edge is to be stitched to the dress, the line of stitching being shown at *d*.

The combination-band facing not only makes a better finish to the dress, but can be applied to much better advantage, and will operate much better than the single band of water-proof material.

I claim—

The new manufacture or combination dress-facing as composed of the water-proof or enameled cloth band and the flexible linen band, or its equivalent, arranged and connected together in manner and to be used substantially as specified.

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