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Skirt-Protectors.

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Fig. 1.

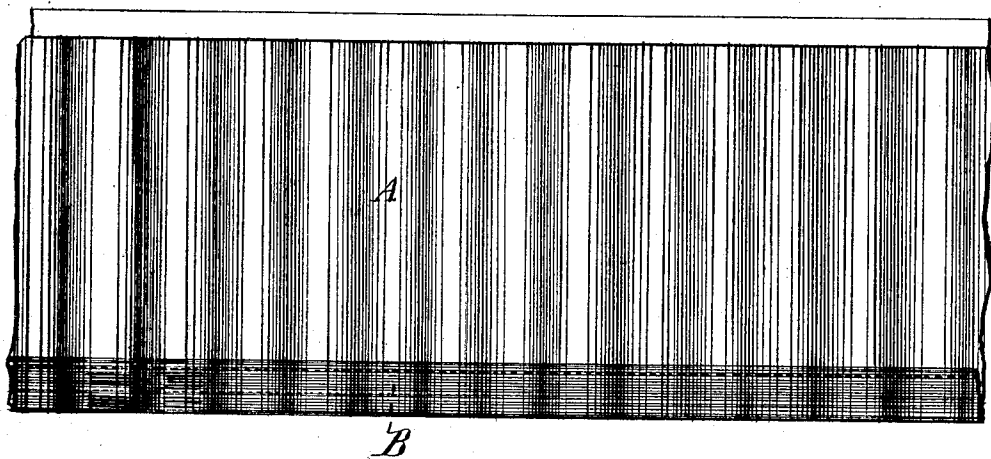


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRT-PROTECTORS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. KING, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress and Skirt Protectors; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to such skirt-protectors as are made of strips of cotton, woolen, or other suitable fabric, and commonly known as "wiggings;" and the nature of my invention consists in the attachment of a narrow strip of thin sheet metal to the edge of such skirt-protector, either by sewing, riveting, or otherwise fastening the metal strip on either or both sides of the fabric.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a skirt-protector embodying my invention; and Fig. 2 is an edge view of the metal strip attached to the protector.

A represents a skirt-protector made of a strip of cotton, woolen, or other suitable fabric, and B represents a strip of thin sheet metal attached to the lower edge thereof. The metal strip B may be sewed, riveted, or other-

wise permanently attached to the protector A, either on one or both sides of the fabric.

The strip of metal may be used plain with the fabric, or, after attachment, may be crimped, fluted, plaited, or otherwise gathered, as desired.

The metal strip B may be colored to any desirable shade to correspond with the material with which it may be combined.

The advantages of this improvement are mainly as follows: Durability—the edge of the facing, being metal, is able to endure much more wear than an edge of any textile or felted fabric. Economy—when the metal edging is used a cheaper and lighter fabric can be employed for the body of the article, the metal edging costing a mere trifle. The metal edge prevents the protector from losing its shape if dampened, and gives it the properties of accommodating, conforming, and retaining any fullness or shape of the skirt to which it may be applied.

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

The metallic strip B, when applied to a dress or dress-protector, substantially in the manner, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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