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Skirt.

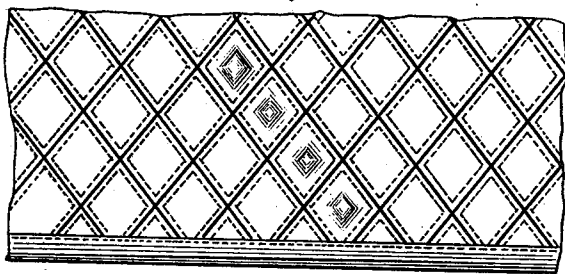
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*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SKIRTS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MCCOWAN, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Skirt; and that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 represents a side view of the improved skirt; Fig. 2, a section of the imitation facing of quilted work; and Fig. 3, a transverse section of the same.

Previous to this invention skirts made of felt have been made with a facing of quilted work from the bottom upward, by way of ornamentation.

Imitations of quilted work, obtained by using goods of thin texture, like farmers' satin, with a backing of goods of the nature of flannel, fastened to it with paste or other material, which was subsequently embossed between rollers or plates, upon the surface of which was engraved a design representing quilted work, have also been used for such facings, the embossed imitation goods being cut in the proper shape and sewed upon the skirt.

My invention consists in dispensing entirely with the use of an independent facing, and to produce the same appearance of quilted work by embossing the imitation of a quilted facing directly on the felt cloth constituting the skirt.

This is accomplished by applying the necessary color, as it is termed—meaning the color-

ing material of the color desired—to the surface of the felt cloth of the skirt, and then embossing on it a design imitating or representing quilted work by any of the methods employed in embossing felt cloth. This imitation facing may be embossed directly on the felt skirt as made; or the skirt may be made in two parts—upper and bottom—the bottom part being embossed, and then attached by an ordinary seam onto the lower edge of the upper part.

By this invention I am able to produce a felt skirt with all the appearance of a facing of quilted work at a great saving of material, labor, and cost rendered necessary in the use of an actual facing of that character.

I do not claim the process of employing the color, or of embossing the skirt, nor the design, nor the imitation of quilted work by embossing; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a felt skirt having an imitation quilted facing embossed in color directly on, and indented into, the cloth of which the skirt is made, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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