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BINDING FOR SKIRTS.

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Fig. 1.

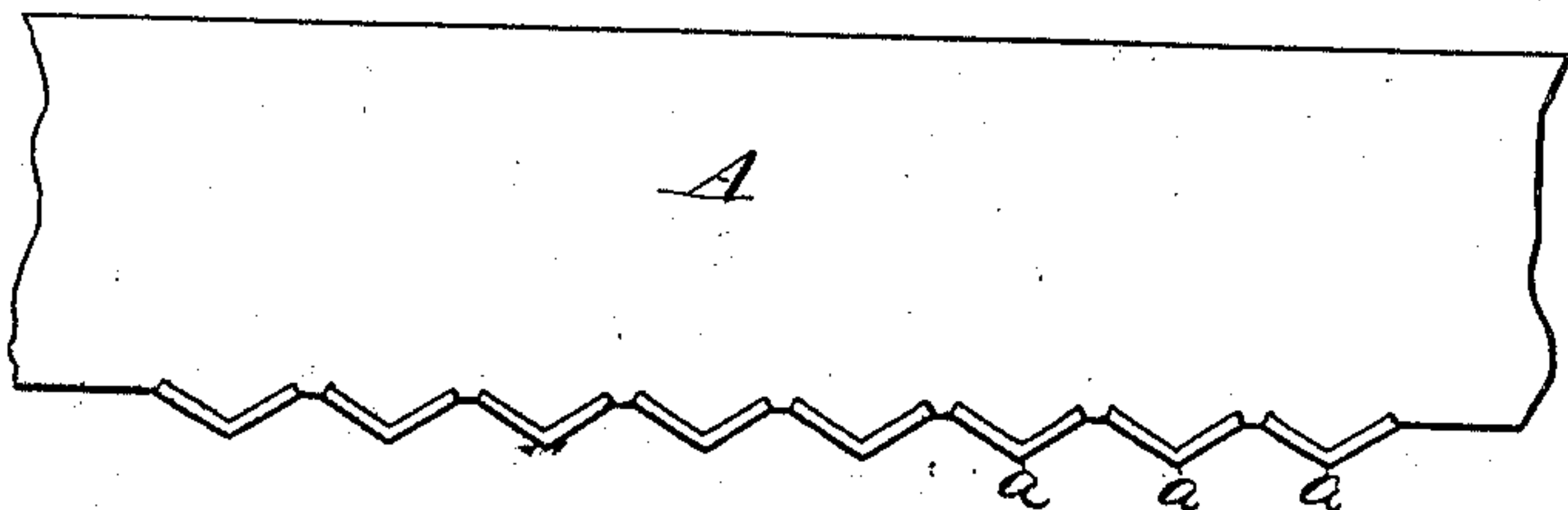


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

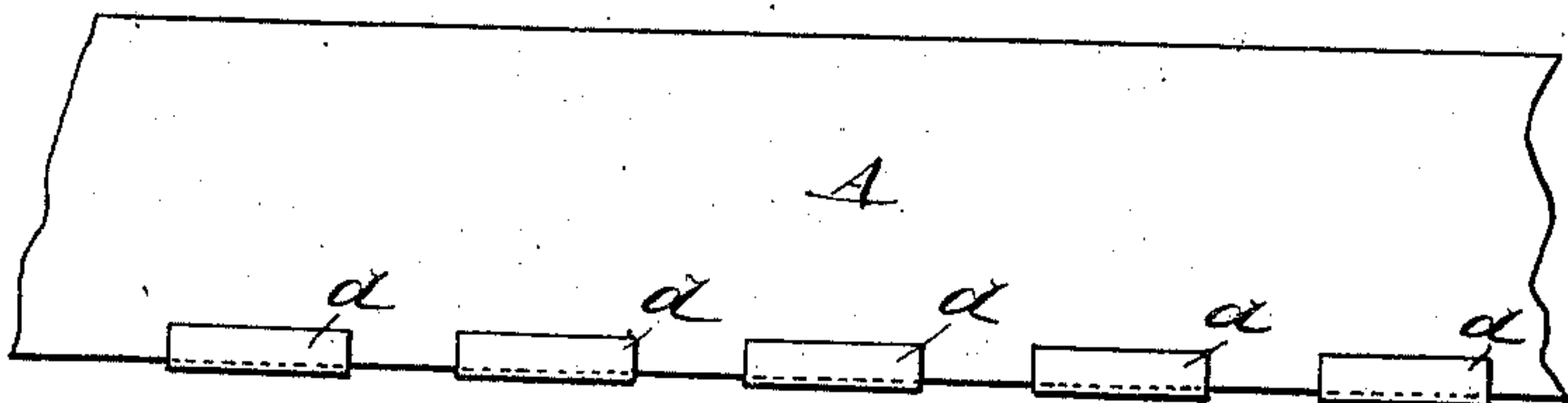


Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.

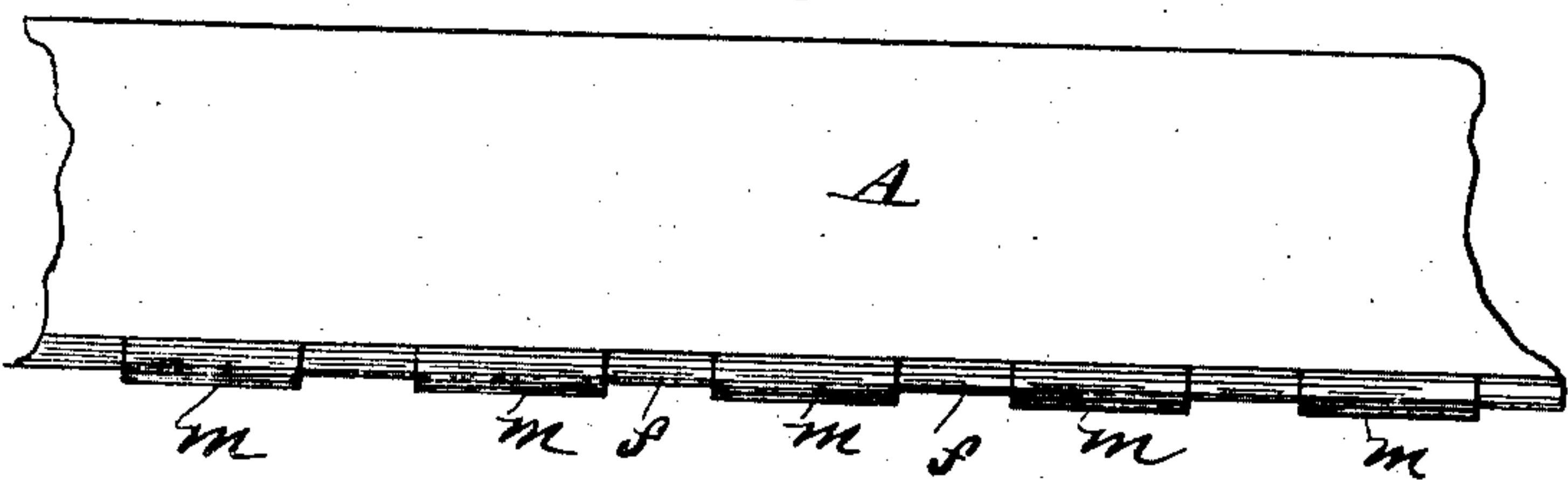


Fig. 6.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BINDINGS FOR SKIRTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, T. B. DE FOREST, of Birmingham, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and improved Binding for Dress Skirts; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent different modes of binding.

This invention relates to the binding of ladies' dress skirts to protect the lower edge from wearing by contact with the floor or pavement, and consists in a binding having one edge protected by a metallic covering.

To enable others to construct and use my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

In Figure 1, A represents the binding, its lower edge pointed or scalloped, and the edge of each scallop or point covered with a metallic clasp, *a*, as seen in Figure 2, the clasp being pressed or stamped so firmly upon the binding as not to be easily removed; the binding A is then ready for attachment to the bottom of the skirt in the usual manner. In Figure 3 the edge of the binding is represented as straight, in which case I close upon the edge a succession of metal clasps, *d*, as seen in Figure 4, or as in Figure 5, forming the binding A, with a cord, *f*, and closing upon the said cord a succession of similar clasps, *m*, as seen in Figure 6. These clasps or metal portion of the binding I make extremely light, and place them sufficiently near together to prevent the binding from coming in contact with the pavement, and thus greatly increase the durability of the binding without materially changing the appearance of the binding generally used. Different forms of edge and other methods of attachment may be used, in accordance with the taste of the manufacturer or the demands of the wearers.

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

A binding having one edge protected, substantially as described, as a new article of manufacture.

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