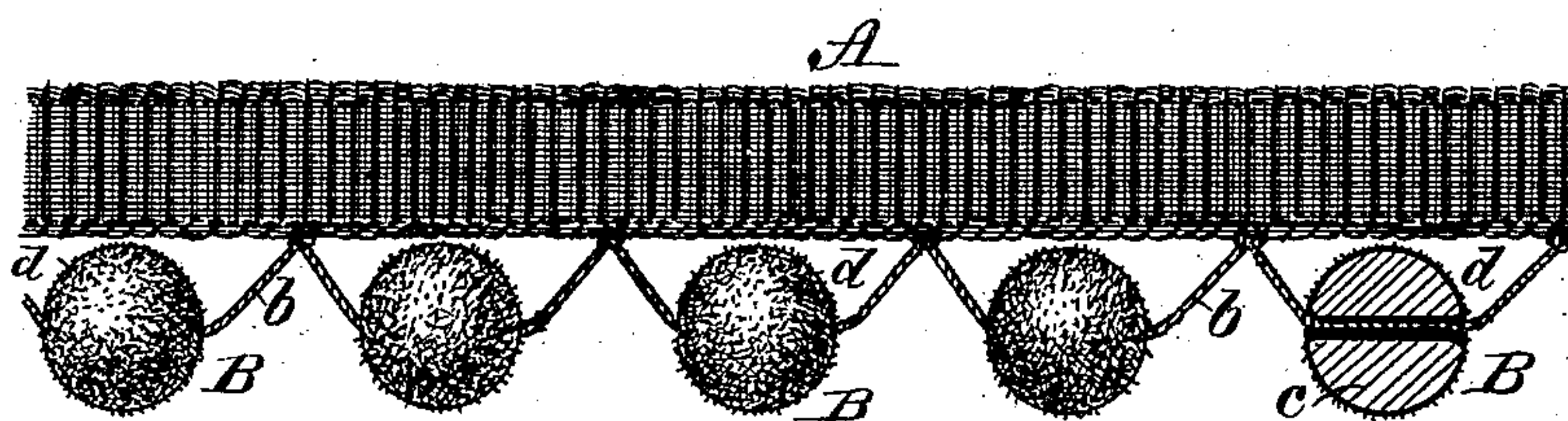


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOACHIM MAIDHOF, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in
5 Dress Edgings or Trimmings, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to ball-edgings, such as used for ladies' dress-goods; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement
10 of parts, all as hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claim.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which the drawing represents a longitudinal
15 view of a piece of ball-edging embodying my invention with one of the balls in section.

A is the strip or tape of the edging, and B the balls pendent from one edge of the strip by a thread or cord, *b*, tacked to the strip and
20 arranged to form a series of loops or festoons, each of which carries a ball, the thread or cord passing through it, as in the case of other ball-edgings.

The perforated balls B are each composed
25 of a ball-shaped core or body, *c*, made of wood or other suitable material coated externally with flock *d*, made to adhere to said core. The flock may be dyed of any desired color to match any particular dress-goods, and when
30 applied as a covering to the balls give to the edging a peculiar ornamental appearance, the balls then resembling solid flock or felt, or felt or cloth like covered ornaments.

A convenient way of applying the flock to
35 the bodies or cores of the balls is to make said cores or bodies of wood and to soak or smear them with glue or sizing, so as to fill the pores, and after the same are dried to apply varnish to their surfaces; or the varnish might be ap-
40 plied direct and the glue or sizing be omitted. This gives a smooth exterior to the cores or bodies, and before the varnish dries upon them said cores or bodies may be put in a mass into

a revolving cylinder into which a handful or small quantity of loose flock has been thrown. 45 The cores or bodies being kept in agitation causes the flock to adhere and to be uniformly distributed over the wet or damp varnish on their surfaces. The flock-covered balls may then be removed from the cylinder and be al- 50 lowed to dry, when they will be ready for application to the strip or tape of the edging, as described.

I am aware that a wooden tassel-top having a flocked surface is old; and I am also aware 55 that a fringe consisting of pendants having tufts on their lower ends and suspended from a cord festooned from the edge of a strip is likewise old. In my trimming the apertured cores flocked externally are strung as beads 60 on the cord, so as to be free to turn upon the cord transversely to the length of the trimming, thereby permitting them to be turned to expose different portions of their surfaces as the flock becomes rubbed or worn off. The 65 pendants resist change in shape and are of sufficient weight to keep them and the festoons of the cord in form.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters 70 Patent—

As an improved article of manufacture, dress edging or trimming consisting of the strip A, the cord *b*, festooned from the edge of the same, and the pendants B, composed of 75 apertured cores having flocked surfaces and strung upon the said festooned cord, whereby the pendants will retain their shape and hold the festoons in form, and provision made for exposing the different surfaces of the pendants 80 to wear, as set forth.

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