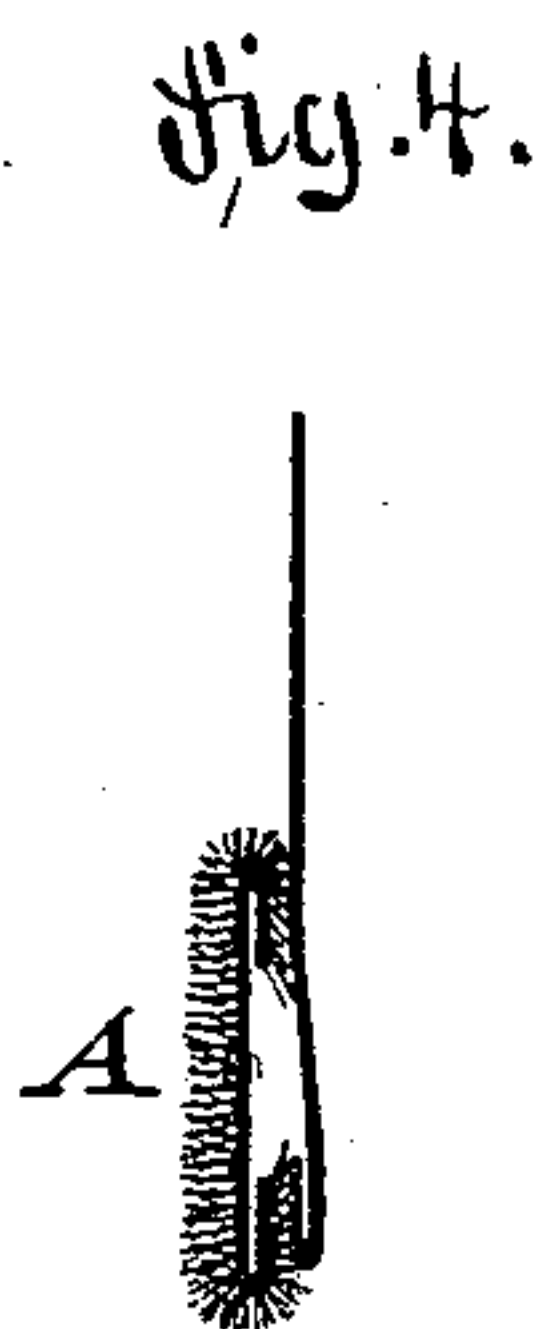
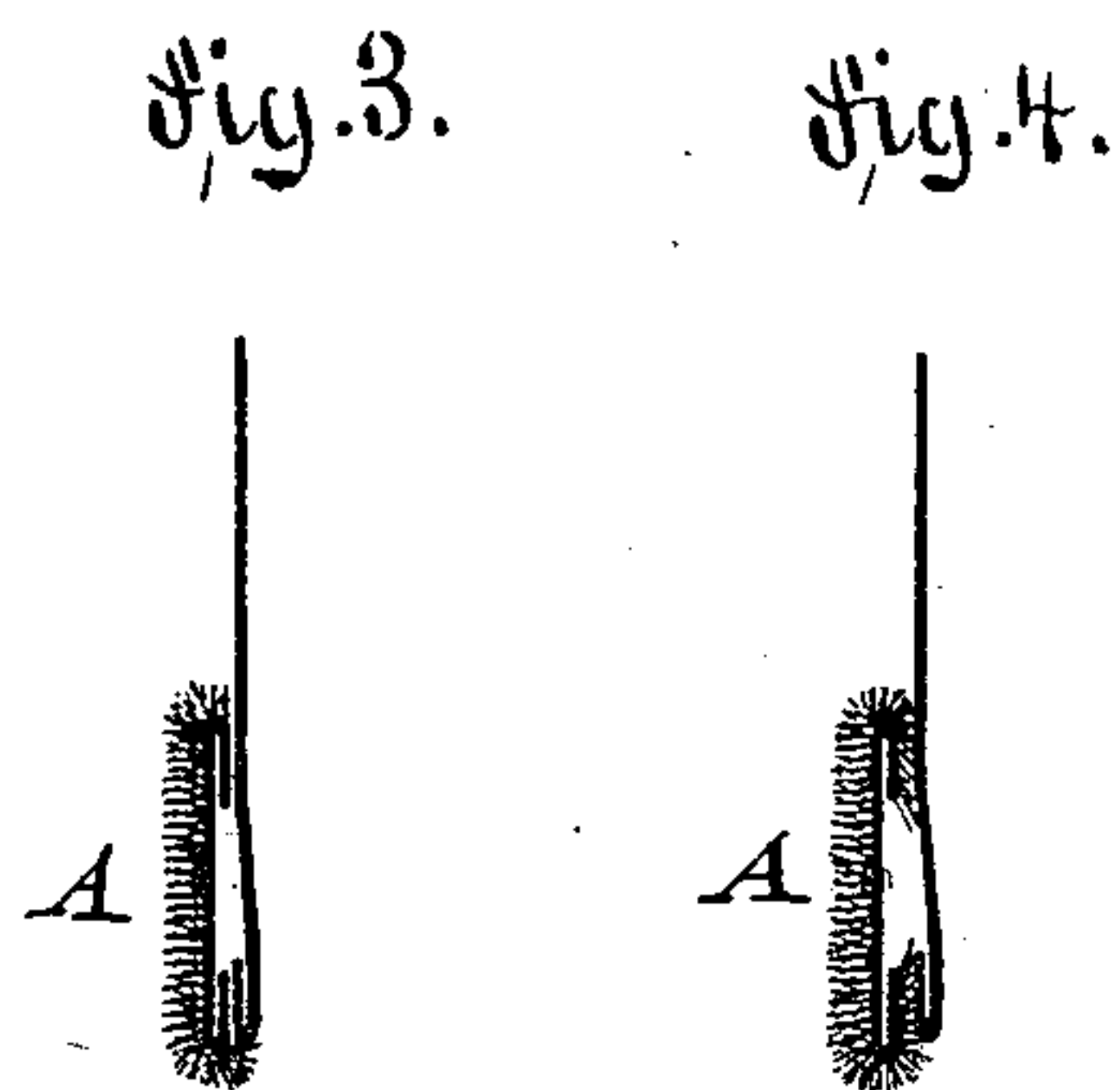
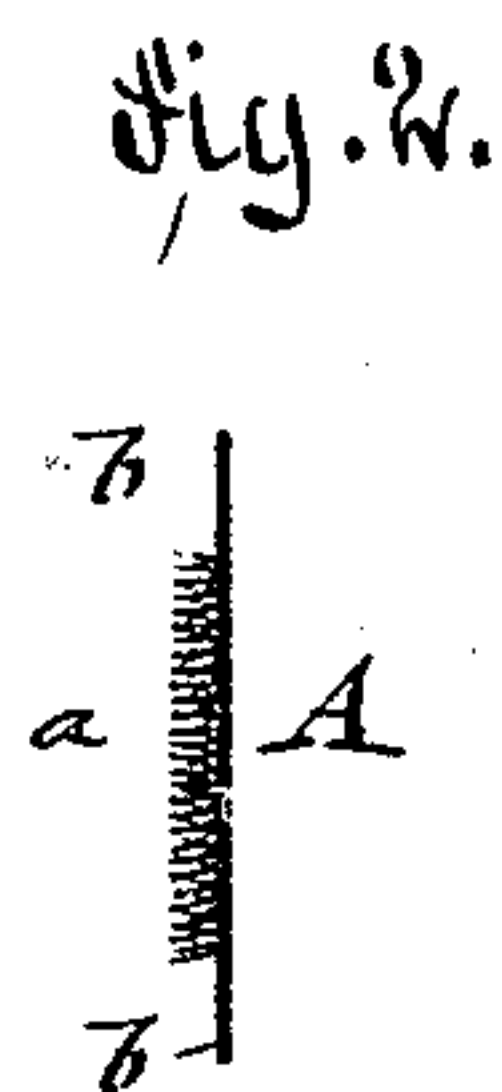
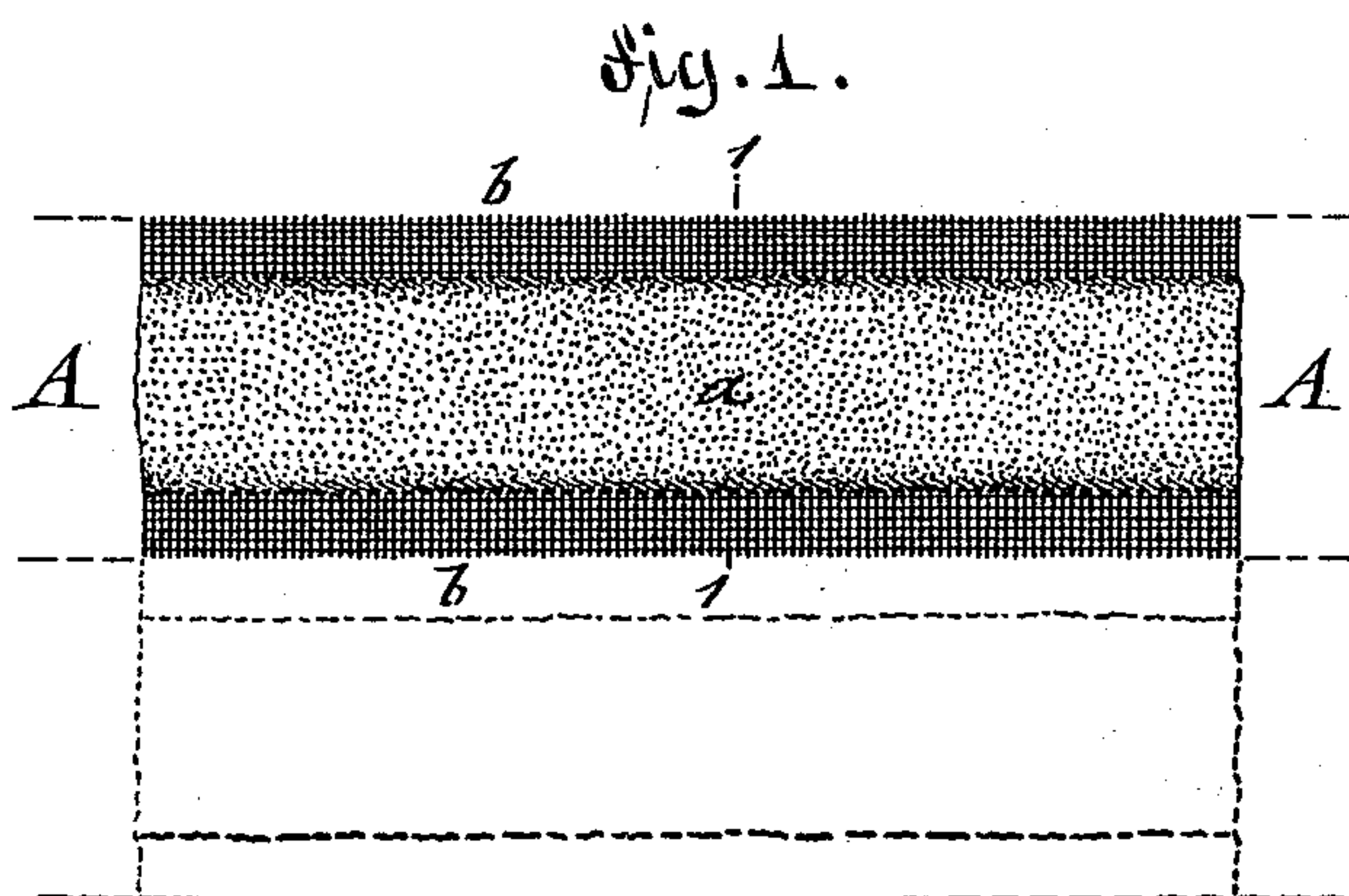


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### *To all whom it may concern*

Be it known that I, HENRY C. F. KOCH, of the city, county, and State of New York, a citizen of the United States, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Velvet Skirt-Bindings, of which the following is a specification.

In finishing the skirts of ladies' dresses a velvet binding is used which heretofore was cut from the piece and applied as a binding to the lower edge of the skirt. The edges of this binding are turned in, which turned-in edges render the binding thick and clumsy.

The object of my invention is to supply to dress-makers and others a skirt-binding which is made up ready for use and which can be instantly applied without the delay incident to cutting it off the piece, and which reduces the thick and clumsy appearance of the binding heretofore in use; and the invention consists of a skirt-binding formed of a piled central portion of suitable width and plain unpiled side portions the edges of which are cut and without a selvage, so that the binding can be folded and applied to the skirt in such a manner that the unpiled side portions reduce the thickness of the binding.

The invention consists, secondly, of the combination, with the body of the skirt, of a binding formed of a middle piled portion and of plain unpiled side portions having cut edges, whereby the side portions may be readily folded, and thereby the thickness of the edge of the skirt reduced.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front view of my improved skirt-binding. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same on the line 1 1, Fig. 1; and Figs. 3 and 4 are vertical transverse sections of my improved binding and of the old style of binding, respectively, shown as applied to the lower edge of a skirt.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

In the drawings, A represents a skirt-bind-

ing; which is made in any suitable length, as found convenient for use, and which is composed of a middle piled portion *a*—such as cotton or silk velvet—and of plain unpiled side portions *b b* of less width, which are not woven with a selvage, in the nature of piled fabrics woven on a hand-loom, but which are cut into longitudinal strips from a piece of suitable width woven specially for this purpose, so that no selvage is obtained. A binding of such construction gives a better finish to the edge of the skirt, as the smooth side portions are readily folded inwardly, as they have no piling at the folded portions of the binding, whereby all the advantages of the old-style velvet or velveteen skirt-binding are obtained without rendering it so thick and clumsy as the same.

My improved skirt-binding is supplied in strips of from four to five yards in length, the original woven piece being cut into longitudinal strips for this purpose. The binding is thereby furnished ready for use and can be sewed onto the skirt with great facility.

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

1. A skirt-binding composed of a middle piled portion and of plain unpiled side portions, said side portions having cut edges without selvages, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with a skirt, of a binding having a piled central portion and plain unpiled smooth side portions having cut edges, said side portions being folded in and stitched to the edge of the skirt, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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