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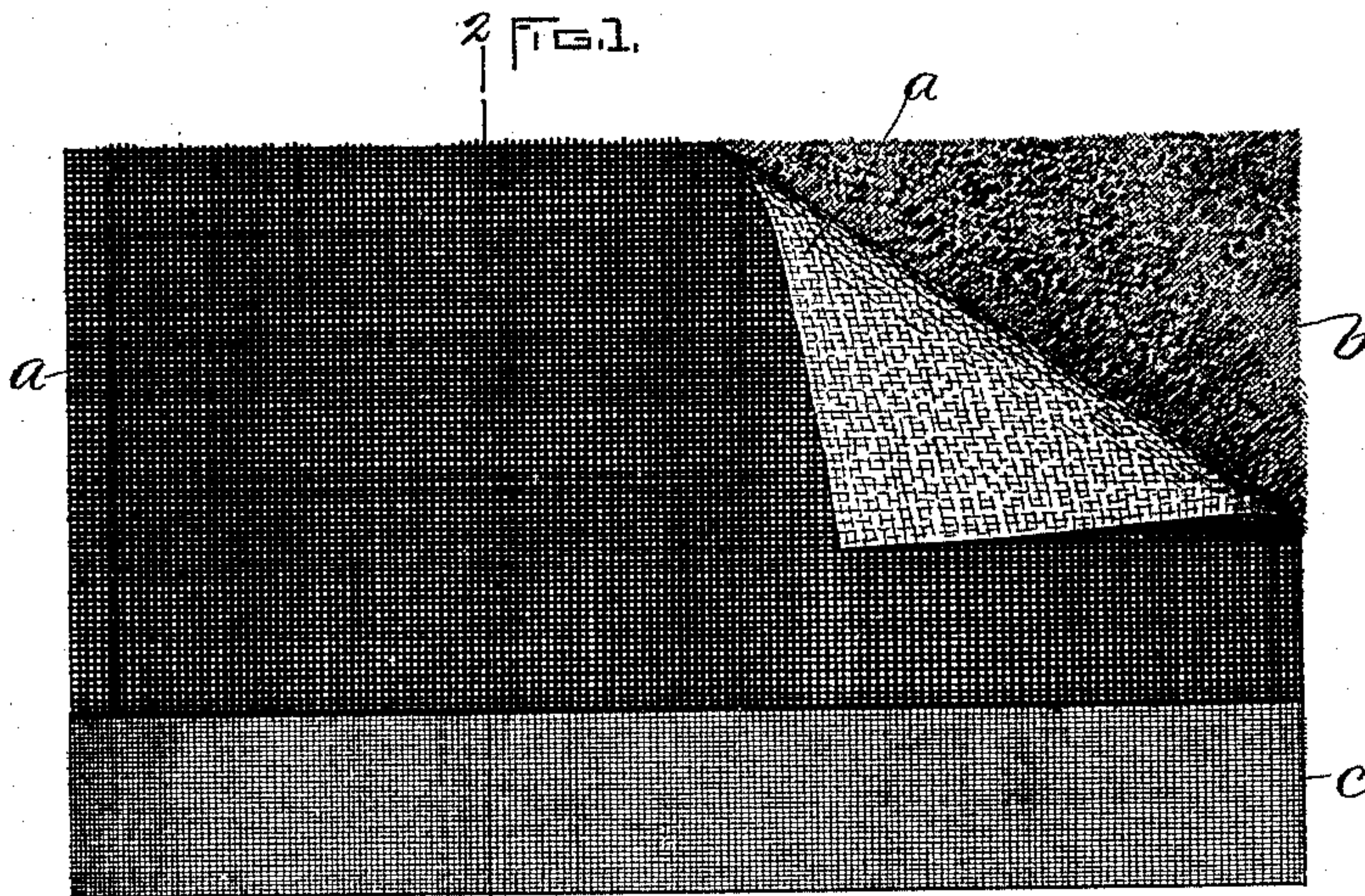


FIG. 2.

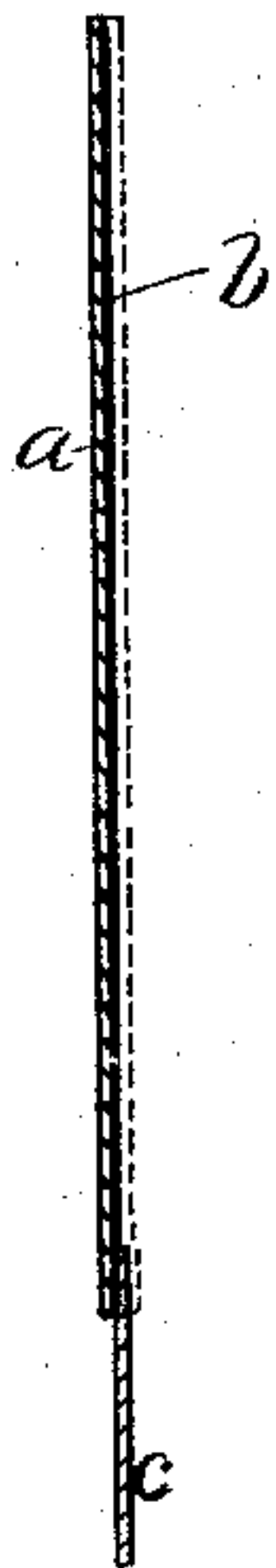


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE M. YOUNG, of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Dress-Facing and Dress-Protector, of which the following is a specification.

This invention, having reference to the dress-making art, has for its object the provision, as a separate article of manufacture, of a dress-facing having an attached protector of rubber, leather, or other durable material and a sheet of suitably-arranged cement, which combined dress-facing and skirt-protector may be prepared and sold as a separate article of trade and be capable, as sold, of being readily applied to a dress and dress-lining, saving a very considerable amount of time, avoiding much expense in finishing the skirt of a dress or gown, so far as binding, protecting the inner lower surface, and facing the same is concerned, as well as to render the same much more durable than heretofore.

The invention consists, broadly, of a dress-facing and skirt-protector combined ready for application to the skirt of a dress and capable of sale as a complete article of manufacture, the same comprising in its construction a facing of canvas or other suitable fabric or material, a sheet of cement connected with one side thereof, and a protector connected at one of its edges to the facing, so as that in use the dress fabric may be cemented to the facing and the protector turned up on the inner side of the facing and cemented or otherwise connected thereto, and so form a binding for the bottom of the skirt and a protector to the inner lower face thereof.

Reference is to be had to the annexed drawings, and to the letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, the same letters designating the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 designates a face view of a piece of dress facing and protector combined constructed in accordance with my invention, a corner of the dress-facing being turned down from the sheet of cement to show the relationship of the parts. Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a sectional view show-

ing the manner of connecting a dress-skirt with the facing and a way in which the protector may be turned up so as to form a binding to the bottom of the skirt and a guard to the inner lower surface thereof.

In carrying out my invention I take a strip of canvas, buckram, or other material *a* adapted for forming the facing to the skirt of a dress and connect therewith in any suitable way on one side a sheet of rubber or other suitable cement and cement or otherwise attach to the lower edge of the canvas one edge of a strip of rubber, kid, leather, or other durable material *c* in such manner that the free edge of the strip of rubber will extend a considerable distance below the lower edge of the material *a*. In this condition the invention is placed upon the market and sold, and the buyer is enabled to use it by placing the dress goods upon the facing, with the sheet of cement *b* between the dress goods and facing, as indicated by the full and dotted lines in Fig. 2, employing a hot iron or other device for ironing down and cementing the dress goods to the facing. Finally the free edge of the protector *c* is carried over to the inside of the lower edge of the dress-skirt and ironed down and cemented to the facing *a*, as indicated in Fig. 3. I make protector *c* sufficiently wide to have it extend up on the inside of the facing to a considerable extent, so as to form a binding for the lower edge of the skirt and to take the place of velvet, braid, and the like at present employed as a protector for the lower inner face of the dress-skirt. The protector *c* may be turned up on the inside of the facing and stitched or cemented thereto prior to placing the article upon the market for sale, though I prefer in most cases to leave it with but one edge cemented to the protector, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, so that the user may exercise her own taste or convenience in the matter of connecting the free edge of the protector to the facing. In cases where a lining is employed the same may be connected with the facing, as has been described with reference to the dress goods, and the latter stitched or otherwise connected with the lining and facing in any suitable way.

The saving to dress-makers and others both in time and money by the employment of my

said improvement is very considerable, the skirt-facing being procured with the serviceable protector connected therewith and the facing ready to be at once applied, while at
5 the same time the appearance of the dress when cement is employed is greatly improved by reason of the absence of lines of stitches.

It is obvious that changes other than those described may be made in the form and arrangement of parts comprising the invention
10 without departing from the nature or spirit thereof.

Having thus described the nature of my invention and explained a way of constructing
15 and using the same, though without attempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made or all of the modes of its employment, I declare that what I claim is—

As an article of manufacture, a dress-facing
20 and skirt-protector combined, consisting of a

sheet of suitable facing material *a*, having a sheet of cement connected with one face thereof, and a protector connected at one of its edges to one edge of the facing material and extending a considerable distance beyond the
25 said edge, whereby after the facing is attached to the dress goods the protector may be turned up on the inside of the facing and be cemented thereto, and so form a means for preserving the lower edge and inner lower face of the
30 skirt against undue wear, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, this 12th day of November, A. D. 1891.

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