

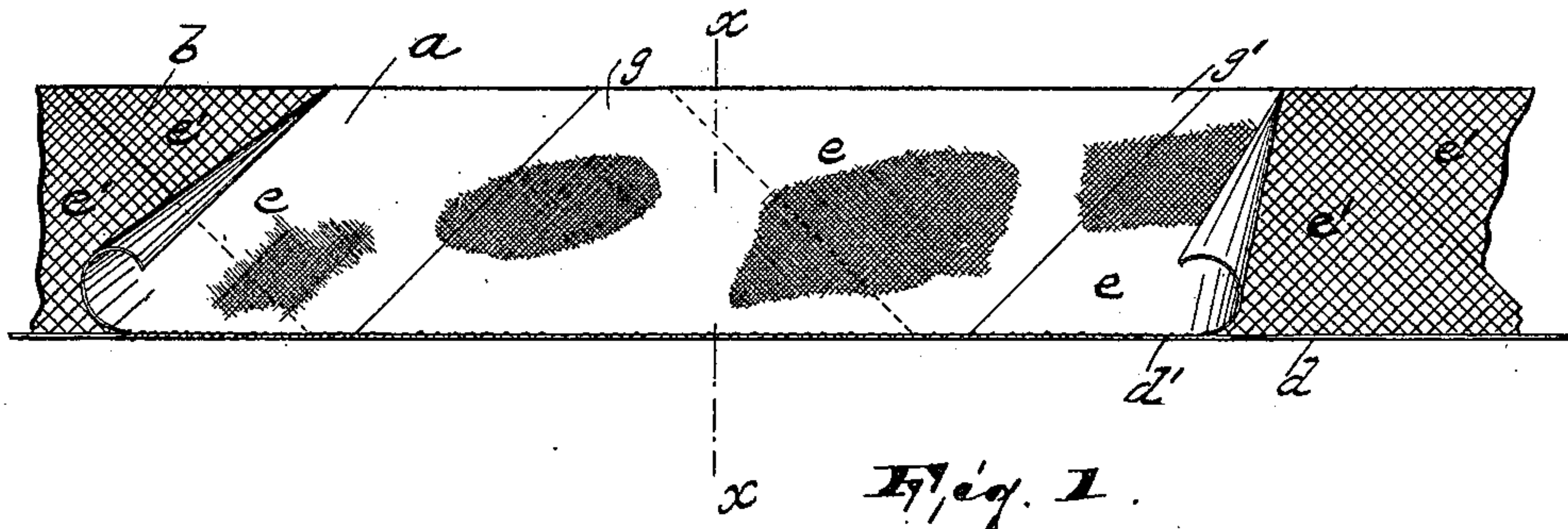
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FACING FOR GARMENTS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED C. McLAUGHLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing in Paterson, in the county of Passaic and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Facings for Garments; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to provide a facing for garments which will not only be inexpensive and easy to manufacture and be well adapted for its intended function in protecting the garment against wear, but which will be durable and have an attractive finish and appearance that will harmonize with the character of the garment itself.

The invention applies especially to the narrow facings commonly worn at the bottom of ladies' skirts. Though it is with reference to this particular adaptation of my invention that I will hereinafter describe it, I do not wish to be correspondingly limited, for it is obvious that my invention may be employed in various capacities of similar nature and where a facing for garments is desirable or necessary.

The invention is fully illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of my improved facing; and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of said facing, taken on the line *xx* of Fig. 1, the same being enlarged.

My improved facing consists of two layers, the upper one, *a*, of which is composed of a fabric of the finer quality, preferably silk, and the other one, *b*, of which is composed of a material, such as silesia, less expensive in character. These two layers are secured together the one upon the other by means of some adhesive substance, such as glue or mucilage *c*, for holding them together, so as to

produce practically a single and integral piece of material.

As a binding for one edge of the fabric—that is to say, that which would be the lower one after the facing is attached to the garment—a cording *d* is stitched thereto, as at *d'*.

Each layer of the facing comprises a series of pieces *e e'*, each one of which has been cut on the bias from the goods from which it is taken. The pieces of the upper layer *a* are disposed reversely to those of the under layer *b*, as shown in the drawings, though this arrangement is not essential. In order to insure a proper union of the two layers by means of the adhesive substance after they have been laid upon each other, they are rolled, or, better, are ironed. If this latter operation is properly and uniformly performed, the layers will not only be secured together as intended, but there will be no danger of the pieces comprising them rolling or peeling up at their corners, as at *g g'*. The under layer should be of thicker material than that of the upper one, especially where silk is employed for the upper layer, thus preventing the latter from being easily cracked when bent or wrinkled, as is often the case with silk. In order that in case the outer layer is worn through the worn spot will not be readily apparent, the two layers may be of the same color.

From the foregoing it will be seen that by using the under layer in connection with the upper layer and as a practically integral portion thereof the facing is one which not only protects the garment to which it is attached, but is itself reinforced.

Since each layer comprises pieces that are cut on the bias, an undue stretching of the layers is obviated. The advantage thus attained is, moreover, somewhat emphasized by arranging the bias-cut strips of the respective layers reversely to each other.

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

As an article of manufacture, a skirt-facing comprising two layers of suitable material se-

cured together by an adhesive, one of said
layers comprising a series of bias-cut pieces
of silk, and the other of said layers being a
reinforce therefor and comprising a series of
5 bias-cut pieces of stiff material reversely dis-
posed to those of said first-named layer, and
a cord stitched along one edge of said facing,
substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I
have hereunto set my hand this 6th day of 10
October, 1898.

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