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Sample of Leather.

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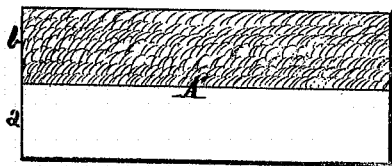
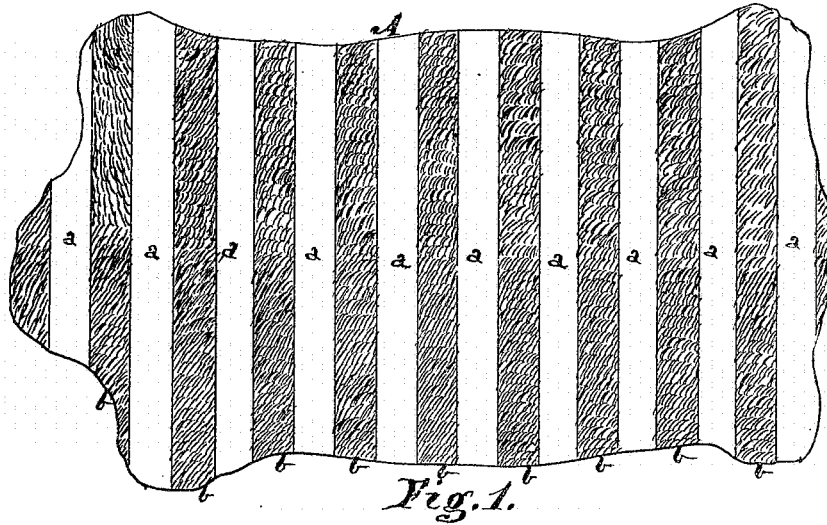


Fig. 2.

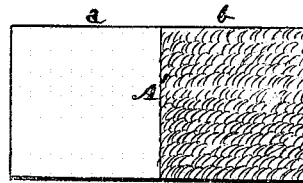


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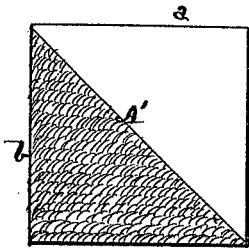


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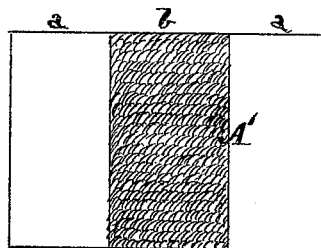


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SAMPLES OF LEATHER.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **196,673**, dated October 30, 1877; application filed September 20, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES KENT, of Gloversville, county of Fulton, in the State of New York, have invented a new and useful article of leather, which I denominate "Sample Leather," which invention is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a skin or hide of leather embodying this invention; and Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 are modified forms of sample-pieces made from the leather.

The object of my invention is to produce sample leather, which consists of one or more sections or strips free of hair, and tanned and finished, and one or more alternate sections of tanned and finished hair-covered strips, by means of which the kind of skin or hide of the animal from which the leather is made may be readily recognized, whether calf, goat, sheep, &c., together with the kind of tanning and finish of the same, so that, when the sample leather is examined in contrast with any skin or hide of leather alleged to be of the same character and finish, the difference or similarity may at once be perceived, and a manufacturer or dealer may readily observe whether the alleged leather is genuine or not.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a skin or hide of sample leather tanned,

dressed, and finished, which is composed of alternate strips or sections *a*, without hair, and tanned and finished hair-covered strips *b b*, so that one section will clearly show the nature of the tanning and finish, and the hair-covered sections will show the hair or wool of the animal from which the skin was taken, with the kind of tanning and finish underneath.

Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5 show modifications of my invention, in which A' A' represent sample-pieces of leather, consisting of tanned and dressed leather spaces *a* without hair and tanned and dressed hair-covered spaces *b*.

These sample-pieces may be made in any of the forms shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Having described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An improved leather sample consisting of sections *a b*, one or more of each, the former an exposed surface of tanned, dressed, and finished leather, the latter of tanned leather with the hair, fur, or wool remaining thereon, all of one piece, as shown, and for the purpose described.

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