

—One of the last surviving of the old sumptuary laws, now almost forgotten, but considered of great importance in maintaining one branch of Sheffield trade, was that directed against covered buttons. The town dealt largely in horn buttons of different kinds for common wear, as well as in metal and plated buttons for the better class of coats, waistcoats and gaiters. From 1720 to the end of the century the town annals show that there was considerable, though fitful zeal, under the statute of 8 Anne, against the vendors and users of covered buttons. In 1791, a tailor was convicted in a penalty of 40 shillings a dozen for setting covered buttons on a gentleman's waistcoat, and the wearer in like penalty for appearing in a garment thus adorned. General action was taken against offenders by the master and journeymen button makers of Sheffield, as late as 1802, but the magistrates gave so little encouragement to these prosecutions that the law, though it

long remained unrepealed, fell from that time into desuetude. —Athenaeum.

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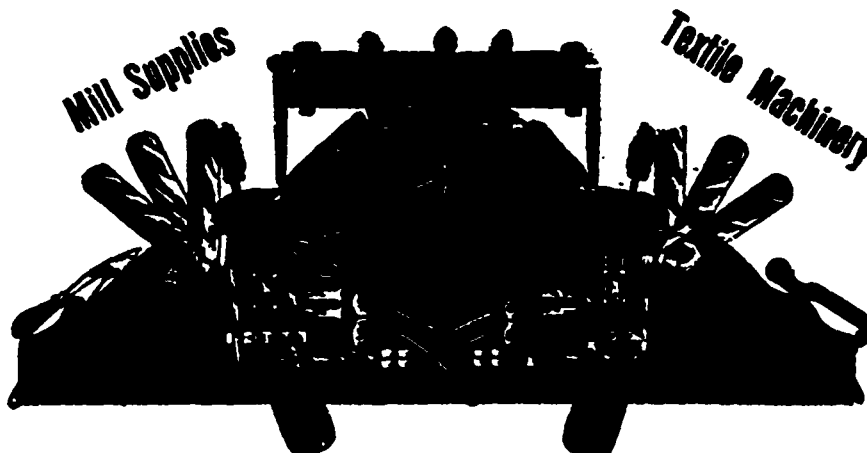
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