

**Cloth-  
cut'ting  
Ma-chine'.**

A machine for cutting cloth into strips, or into shapes for making into garments.

Among the various forms and modes may be cited :—

Knives corresponding in shape to the various parts of a garment are mounted upon a reciprocating platen, and descend upon the material piled in thicknesses upon the bed beneath. Envelope blanks are cut out of the sheet in this manner.

A guillotine knife, straight or curved, and descending vertically.

A knife or saw reciprocating vertically in a constant path like a scroll saw, while the pile of cloth below is moved beneath so that the saw or knife follows a line marked upon the upper layer of cloth. The knife is reciprocated like the needle of a sewing-machine, and a presser foot holds the material. It has also an intermittent feed.

A hand-saw acting in the same manner.

A rotary cutter mounted on a vertical spindle which allows the edge of the knife to be presented in any direction.

A mandrel with rotary cutters to cut cloth into strips for carpet or for other purposes.