Cloth-cutting
Machine.
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 de-
sending vertically.
A knife or saw reciprocating vertically in a con-
stant 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 mandrel with rotary cutters to cut cloth into
strips for carpet or for other purposes.