Stay-gage. (Sewing-ma-chine.) An attachment to the cloth-plate to guide a strip over the goods or leather, so as to be laid upon and sewn over a seam to cover and strengthen (stay) it. Used also as a guide in sewing or trimming.

It is attached to the cloth-plate with the flat-headed screw accompanying it, and adjusted so that the needle will strike the binding as desired. Insert the binding as in the seam stay-foot, but pass the seam to be stayed above the gage and under the presser-foot, and guide the seam so as to stitch the binding as near the seam as is desired.

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