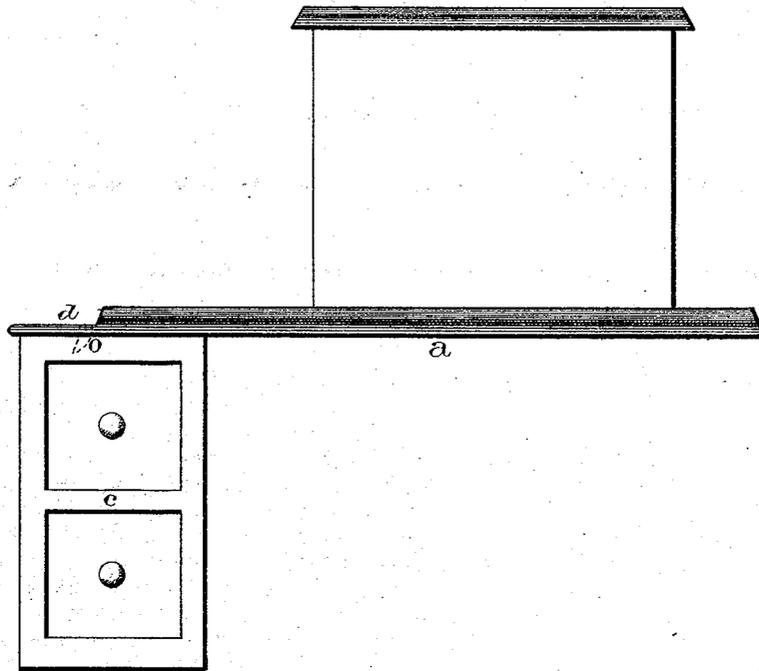


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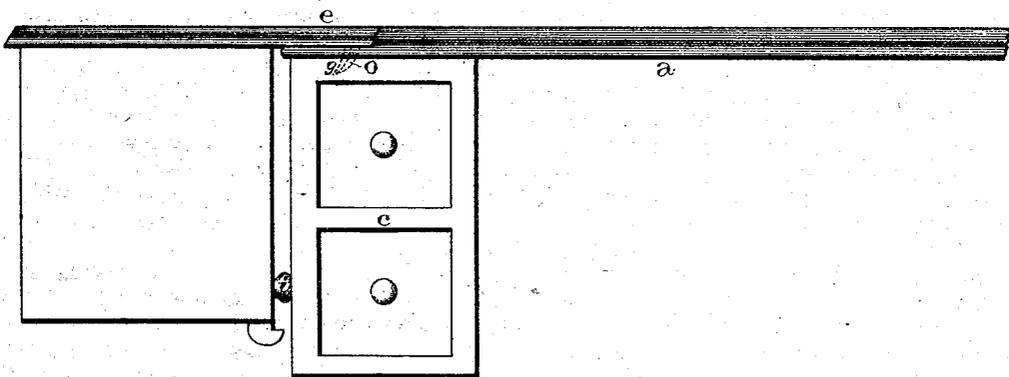
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN CASES FOR SEWING - MACHINES.

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*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that I, F. R. WOLFINGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Furniture for Sewing-Machines; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings which form part of this specification.

The nature of my invention relates to an improvement in cases for sewing-machines; and it consists in forming a flange or extension on one side of the top of the cover, and providing the flange on its under side with suitable hooks or catches; and in forming on the end of the frame a rabbet or recess, upon which the flange on the cover rests when it is desired to convert the cover into an extension of the frame or table, as will be more fully described hereafter.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention. *a* represents an ordinary sewing-machine frame provided at one end with a case of drawers, *c*. The top of the frame at the same end as the drawers is cut away so as to form a rabbet or recess, *d*, of any desired width, in the top of which are two or more slots or mortises, *o*, formed, in which the supporting-hooks of the top catch. This top, of ordinary construction, has a flange or extension, *e*, formed on one side of its top edge, of the same width of the recess *d*, and from the under side of this flange there project downward two or more supporting-hooks or catches, *g*.

When it is desired to form an extension to

the top of the table, the cover is taken from over the machine, and its flange or extension placed upon the top of the rabbet or recess, as shown, in which position it is securely held by the supporting-hooks or catches *g*, and the imitation knobs *i* near its lower edge, which bear against the side of the drawers, and steady and brace the cover in place.

By thus forming the flange and hooks on the cover, and the recess in the end of the table, the cover is not only more securely and firmly held in position, but an even surface is obtained such as cannot be produced in any other way.

I am aware that the cover has been attached to the end of the table by means of hooks and eyes alone, and this I disclaim.

These hooks are apt to get broken, or work loose, and are very unsafe in many respects; whereas by means of flange, recess, and knobs, the cover is braced almost as solidly in position as if it were a part of the table.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

The table or frame *a*, having the rabbet *d* formed at one end, and holes, *o*, formed in the top of this rabbet, and provided with a chest of drawers, *c*, against which the cover bears at its bottom, in combination with the top or cover provided with the flange *e*, hooks *g*, and suitable projections, *i*, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing; I have hereunto set my hand this 22d day of April, 1874.

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