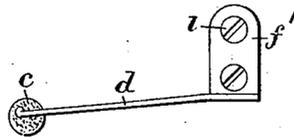
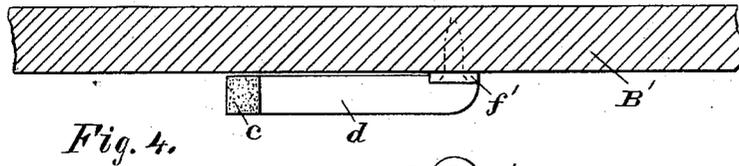
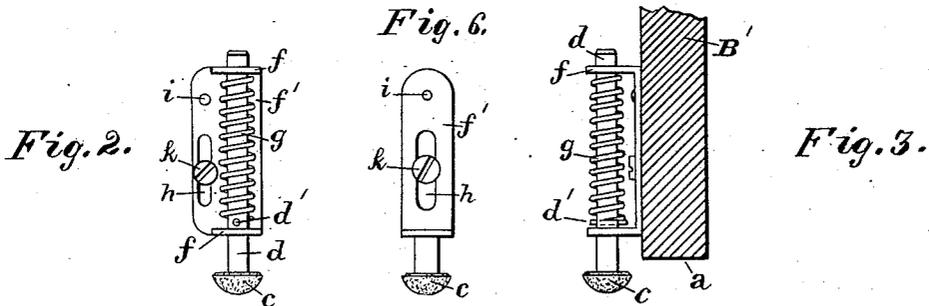
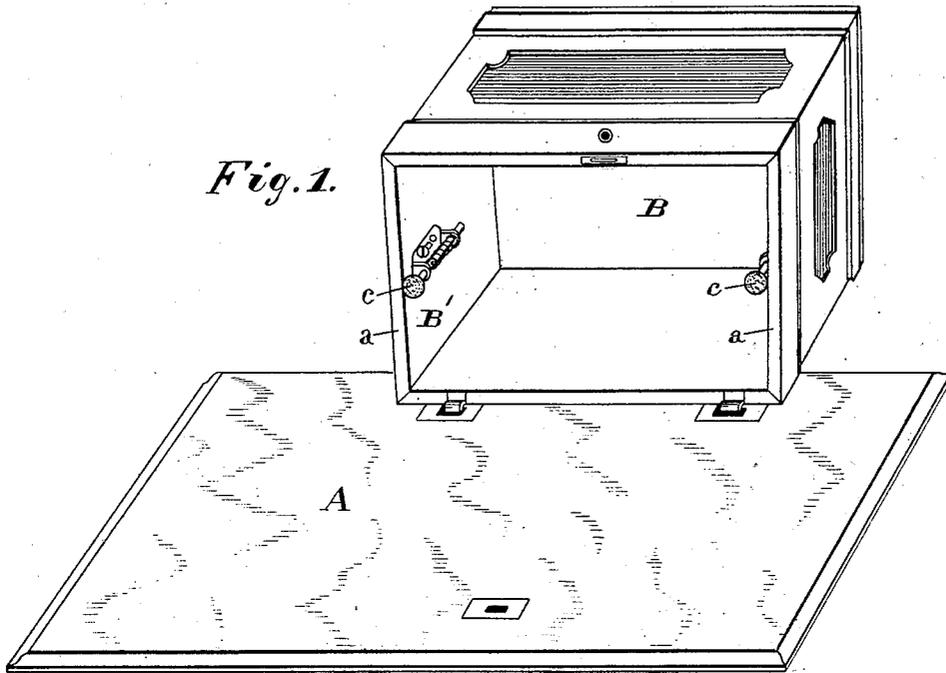


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SEWING MACHINE TABLE.

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Fig. 5.

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SEWING-MACHINE TABLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEVIN T. JONES, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Sewing-Machines, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in covers for sewing-machine tables. The polished tops of sewing-machine tables become marred and defaced by the box-cover which rests upon the top. When this occurs while the machine is in the hands of the dealer or agent, which is frequently the case, it is a detriment to the sale of the machine.

The object of this invention is to provide the box-covers of sewing-machines with means which will support the cover above the table-top in such way as to keep it from setting loosely on the top, and thereby prevent the cover from jarring on the table when the machine is moved or handled, thereby avoiding its liability to mar the top of the table.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a view of a table-top and cover, the latter provided with my improved supporting-pad. Figs. 2 and 3 are views of the pad attached to one form of yielding carrier or spring. Figs. 4 and 5 are views of the pad attached to another form of carrier or spring. Fig. 6 is a view of a pad attached to a movable or adjustable carrier without the yielding feature.

The letter A designates the top of a table; B, the box-cover. These covers are usually secured to the table by separable hinges and a lock, and rest more or less loosely on top of the table. The pad *c* may consist of rubber, cork, felt, or other material which will not chafe or damage the table-top; and instead of being attached, as heretofore, directly to the cover-edge *a*, which rests upon the table, it is attached to a yielding or adjustable carrier, which is secured to the cover. The construction of the spring may of course vary, and the material of which it is composed may vary. Three forms of pad-carriers are here shown which I deem desirable.

In Figs. 2 and 3 the pad *c* is attached to the

end of a bar, *d*, which has endwise movement in bearings *f*. A spiral spring, *g*, around the bar and between the bearings serves, by one end of the spring resting on a pin, *d'*, to keep the pad end of the bar pressed down. The bearings *f* are integral with a plate, *f'*, which has a vertical slot, *h*, and a hole, *i*. A screw, *k*, is passed through the slot and enters the side B' of the cover. By this arrangement of a slot for the screw the carrier may be attached loosely to the side, then the cover turned down and tried on the table to locate the carrier at exactly the right height, and finally, by tightening the screw *k*, secure the carrier firmly to its position. A tack or small screw driven into the hole *i* will prevent lateral movement of the carrier. By reference to Fig. 3 it will be seen the pad *c* projects lower than the cover-edge *a*. This is its normal position. When the cover is pressed down upon the table, the spring-bar which carries the pad yields, and the pad is thereby raised. Two of these devices will thus support the cover, and, however loose it may be, the cover will be prevented from rattling or jarring on the table-top.

In Figs. 4 and 5 the pad *c* is attached to the free end of a spring-plate, *d*. The other end of this spring-plate has a tang, *f'*, projecting up from one side, and screws *l* are passed through the tang and enter the side B' of the cover. If desired, this tang may have a vertical slot like that shown in Fig. 2, and for the same purpose. This carrier for the pad operates in the same manner as that shown in Figs. 2 and 3. A spring device substantially of this description for carrying the pad may be attached to the sides of the cover without cutting or mutilating the wood.

In Fig. 6 the pad-carrier is shown constructed without the yielding or spring feature; but it is movable or adjustable, so that the pad may be located on the cover at exactly the right height to suit the particular cover in question.

The means for vertical adjustment are the same as those shown in Fig. 2; but I do not limit myself to this single particular means, as it is obvious the means may be varied.

Having described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

5 The combination of a sewing-machine-table top, a box-cover, and hinges for securing the cover to the table, and springs attached to the box-cover, projecting below its lower edge and adapted to rest on the surface of the table-top

when the cover is on the table in position, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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