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Sewing-Machine Table-Covers.

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Fig. 1.

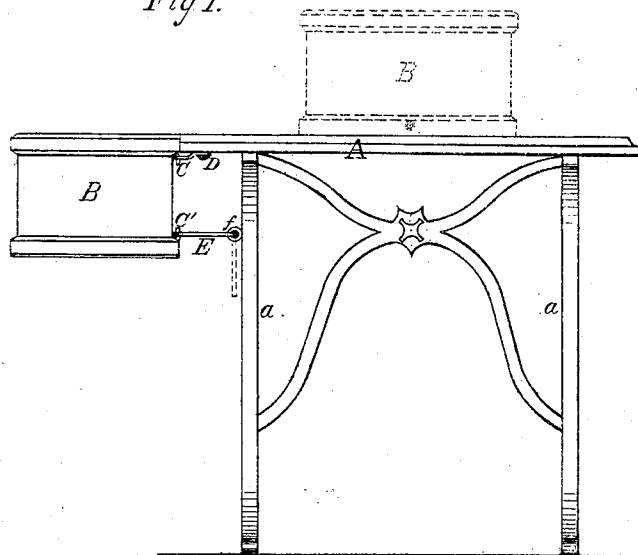


Fig. 2.

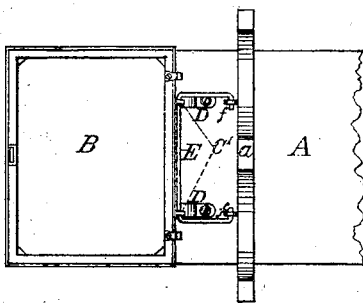
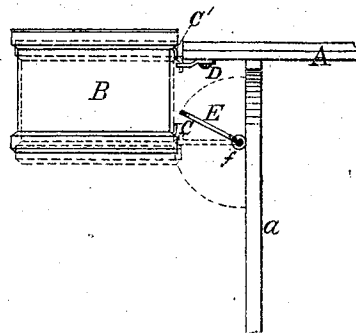


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE-TABLE COVERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. JEFFERY, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements on Combined Sewing-Machine Tables and Covers, of which the following is a specification:

My invention has for its object to protect the loose cover of sewing-machine tables from the accidental injury and loss to which they are liable from displacement when the machine is being operated, and at the same time to utilize it by making it serve as an extension of the table top or a receptacle for work; and it consists in arranging the cover, when removed from the machine, in such a relation to the table as to form either an extension thereof or a box to receive the work—the construction of parts to permit of such being set forth more fully hereinafter.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my combined sewing-machine table and cover; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the cover and part of the table in an inverted position, showing the devices for attaching the cover to the table. Fig. 3 is a fragmentary side elevation illustrating the mode of attaching the cover and the device for the same. In this figure the cover is shown in an inverted position, as when used as a receptacle.

As represented in the drawing, A is the table of the sewing-machine; *a a*, the legs of the same; and B, the detachable cover. In Fig. 1 the cover is shown attached to the end of the table, its top being on a level therewith for the purpose of extending the same, its position, when used as a cover, being represented by broken lines. The cover is furnished with a double set of hooks, C C', (best seen in Fig. 3,) arranged in inverse order, attached to the side of the cover at its upper and lower parts, and turned in opposite directions, for the purpose of attaching it to the table either in an inverted or upright position. The upper hooks C (Fig. 1) fit into corresponding eyes D, secured to the under side of the table, as shown, while the lower hooks C' embrace the bail or brace E. This brace may, if desired, be formed of strong wire, which will fit between the side of the cover and the turned-

up end of the lower hooks, as shown, and pivoted in the fixed eyes *f* secured to the legs of the machine. The operation of attaching the cover is shown in Fig. 3. The upper hooks are placed opposite the eyes D, while the brace E, which swings freely in the arc represented by the broken lines, is lifted to about the position shown when the upper hooks are allowed to fall into their corresponding eyes D. The brace E is then pressed downward until its longest side is placed between the side of the cover and the lower hooks, as in Figs. 1 and 2, when the cover then assumes the position represented by the broken lines, its top being level with that of the table, in which position it is securely held. The eyes D are on a pivot or swivel, so that they can be turned round under the table when not in use, while the brace E, when not in use, hangs close to the legs of the table.

The brace E may be made of cast iron, of ornamental design, if desired, or of any other suitable material or form, or brackets may take the place of the brace, or common screw-hooks and eyes may be used with equivalent effect.

When the cover is used to extend the table it is attached in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 1, and when used as a receptacle it is attached in an inverted position, as shown in Fig. 3. In the latter capacity it often proves of great convenience in retaining the articles being operated upon under the hand of the operator.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, is—

The cover of a sewing-machine provided with hooks C C', as set forth, adapted to engage with the eyes D D and *f f* on the table, the hooks C' and eyes *f f* having an intermediate brace or bail connection E, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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