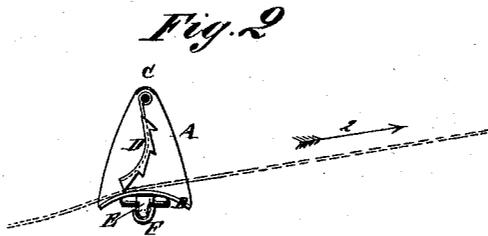
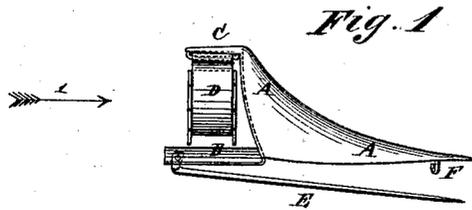


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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-BIRDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. McDERMOTT, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sewing-Birds, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved device. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same, looking in the direction of arrow 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved device for holding a lady's work while being sewed, which may also be used as a shawl-pin or ornament, and which shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, inexpensive in manufacture, and neat and ornamental in appearance.

The invention consists in the combination of the body, the bed-plate, the arm, the pivoted curved plate, having toothed flanges formed upon its side edges, the hinged pin, and its hook-catch, with each other, as hereinafter fully described.

A is the body of the device, which is made of sheet metal struck up into about the form shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Upon the lower part of the larger end of the body A is formed a curved plate, B, for the work to rest upon while being held. Upon the upper part of

the larger end of the body A is formed a small arm, C, to which is pivoted the upper end of the plate D, which is curved and has toothed flanges formed upon its side edges, to take hold of the work and hold it against the bed-plate B, as shown in Fig. 2, so that by drawing upon the work in the direction of arrow 2 the said work will be held more securely. By drawing the work in the other direction it will be released, and may then be adjusted as desired. To the under side of the plate B, near its outer end, is hinged a pin, E, the forward end part of which is hooked upon a catch-hook, F, after being passed through the object to which it is to be attached.

In using the device as a sewing-bird it is to be attached to the lady's dress over her knee, in proper position for holding her work.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A sewing-bird composed of body A, plate B, arm C, pivoted toothed plate D, and pin E, all combined, constructed, and arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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