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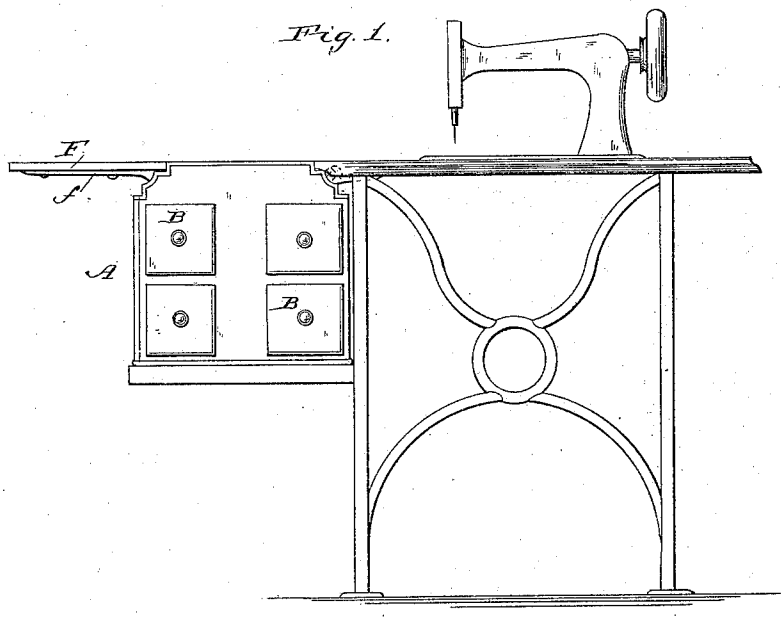



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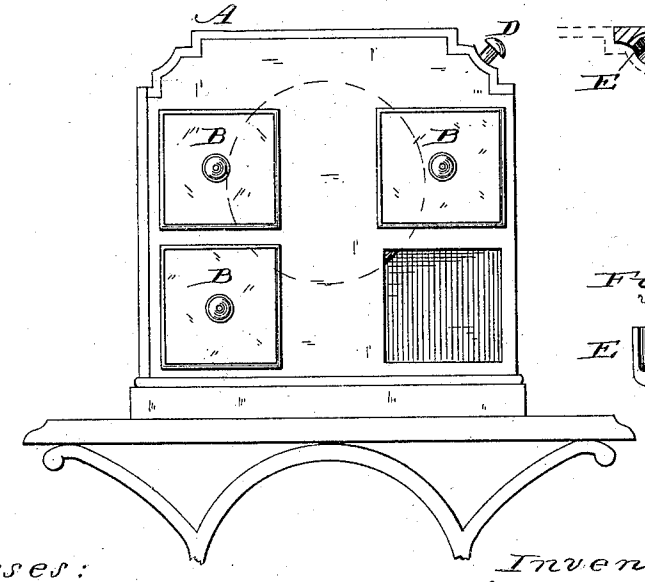



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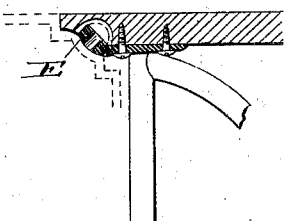
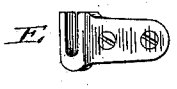



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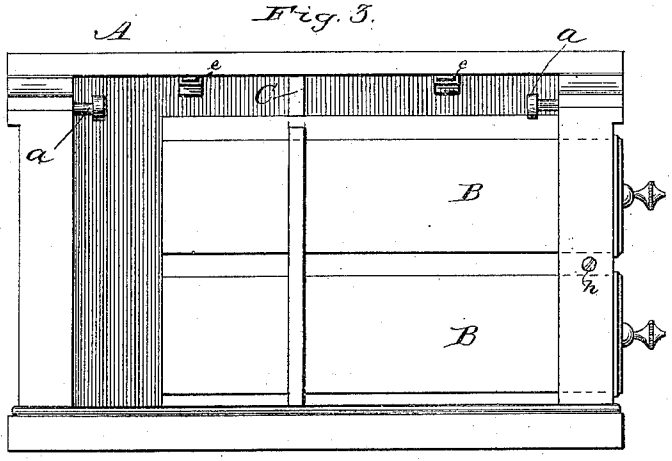



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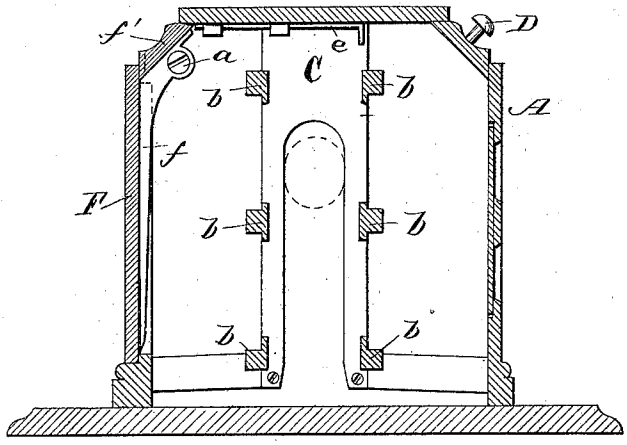
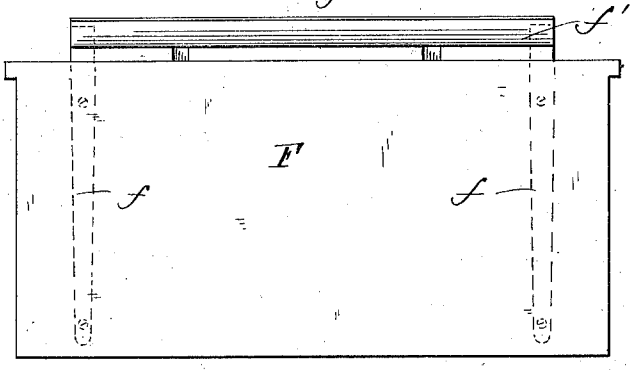



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## COVER FOR SEWING-MACHINE TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE A. ANNETT, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at Bothwell, in the county of Kent, Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Sewing-Machine Tables, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide covers for sewing-machine tables of such construction that they will be adapted to serve as drawer-cases, table-extensions, and drop-leaves, thereby combining cheapness and compactness with convenience in this class of manufactures.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improved cover in its operative relation to a sewing-machine table when in use as a table-extension. Fig. 2 is a front end view of my cover with one of the drawers removed in position on the table. Fig. 3 is a rear side view with the drop-leaf removed. Fig. 4 is a cross-section showing the relation of the cover to the table and arm of the sewing-machine. Fig. 5 is a detail view of the drop-leaf. Fig. 6 is a sectional detail view showing one of the fastening-plates on the table, and Fig. 7 is a detail perspective view of one of said plates.

A indicates my cover, which in general form and appearance may be similar to any of the covers now in use.

To utilize the heretofore usually unoccupied space in the interior of the cover, I provide the same with a series of drawers, B, arranged to slide longitudinally of the cover, and opening at the end thereof at the left hand of the operator, said drawers being so placed as to leave sufficient space horizontally between them for the bracket-arm of the machine and its attached head. The drawers are made about three-fourths of the length of the cover, so as to leave room for the balance-wheel of the machine behind them. The position of the balance-wheel is indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 2. The drawers are sustained and guided by a series of ribs, *b*, which I have shown as being arranged on the insides of the drawers only, as these inside ribs will generally be sufficient, as the outer vertical frame-work of the cover will hold the drawers in place on the ribs *b*. If desired, however, a corresponding series of ribs may be provided for the outsides of the drawers.

To facilitate the adjustment of the cover on the machine, I provide in the interior of the former a recessed or forked guide-piece, C, adapted to embrace the arm of the machine, and serving, also, as an interior support for the ribs *b*. Two or more such guide-pieces may be provided, if desired; but one will usually be sufficient, as the cover, when over the machine, is to be hooked at its rear end to the top of the table in the usual way.

To avoid marring the varnish on the arm of the machine, the interior of the guide-piece is lined with cloth, felt, or some equivalent soft material.

The cover A is detachably secured to the table of the machine, when it is to serve as an extension therefor, by means of headed pins or buttons D, attached to the upper front side of the cover, and slotted brackets E, fastened to the table, the slots of the said brackets being open at one end to admit of the entrance of the shanks of the said pins or buttons, as will be readily understood from the drawings. The pins or buttons D are neat and ornamental, so that they will add to rather than detract from the appearance of the cover. By arranging these pins or buttons on the front side of the cover it follows that when the cover is attached to the machine, as shown in Fig. 1, the drawers will be on the front side of the machine, and conveniently accessible to the operator.

To increase the capacity of the cover as an extension of the table, the former is provided with a drop-leaf, F, pivoted to the cover by pins or screws *a*, passing through ears in metallic ribs or arms *f*, to which the drop-leaf F is secured, said pins being placed on the insides of the ends of the cover.

To sustain the drop-leaf in an elevated position when raised, sliding bolts *e*, Figs. 3 and 4, or other suitable devices, will be provided. A molding, *f'*, attached to the drop-leaf F or the arms *f*, serves to preserve the symmetry of the cover when the drop-leaf is down. A screw-bolt, *h*, is preferably passed through the front end of the cover, to strengthen the same and secure said end firmly together.

The manner of using my improved cover

will be too clearly apparent from the foregoing to require further description, and as my cover is adapted to serve as a table-extension and drop-leaf, as well as drawer-case, it will be obvious that it affords an unusual combination of compactness and cheapness with convenience in this class of manufactures.

While I have shown my cover as being specially adapted for attachment to the front end of the table of the machine, which I deem most desirable, it will be understood that it may be adapted for attachment to the opposite end of the table by such simple changes as will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art to which my invention relates.

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

1. The combination, with the table of a sewing-machine, of attaching-brackets secured thereto, a cover provided on its front side with devices fitted to engage said brackets, drawers arranged longitudinally of the said cover and opening at the end thereof at the left hand of the operator, and a drop-leaf hinged to said cover, said drop-leaf, when raised, being on a level with the top of the said table, whereby the cover is adapted to serve as an extension for the table and the drop-leaf as an additional extension, with the drawers at the front thereof conveniently accessible to the operator, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination, with the table of a sewing-machine, of the slotted brackets E, attached thereto, the cover A, having the headed pins or buttons D on its front side, the drawers B, opening at the end of the said cover at the left hand of the operator, and the hinged side or drop-leaf F, which, when raised, is level with the top of the said table, whereby the cover is adapted to serve as an extension for the table and the drop-leaf as an additional extension, with the drawers at the front thereof conveniently accessible to the operator, substantially as set forth.

3. A sewing-machine cover having an internal forked guide-piece fitted to closely embrace the bracket-arm of the machine, and thus hold the cover in place on the table, substantially as set forth.

4. A sewing-machine cover having a series of drawers extending longitudinally thereof for about three-fourths of the length of the said cover, leaving sufficient space behind said drawers for the balance wheel of the machine, substantially as set forth.

5. The combination of the cover A, the drop-leaf F, the ribs or arms *f*, pivotally attached to the said cover, and the molding *f'*, for preserving the symmetry of the said cover when the drop-leaf is down, said drop-leaf, arms, and molding being all rigidly connected together, so that they will move simultaneously up or down, substantially as set forth.

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

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