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Instrument for Folding Cloth.

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Fig. 1.

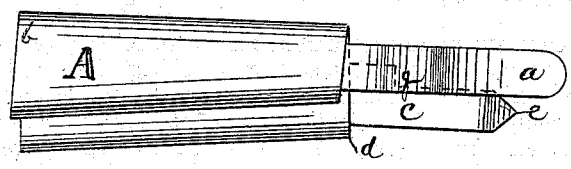


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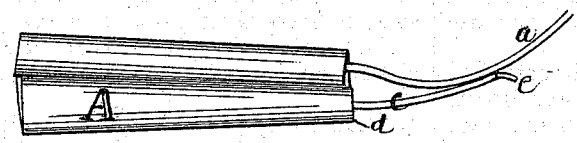
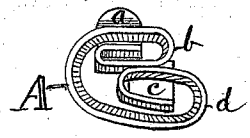


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN INSTRUMENTS FOR FOLDING CLOTH.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 124,968, dated March 26, 1872.

Specification describing an Instrument for Folding Cloth, invented by HERMAN MOSCHCOWITZ, of the city, county, and State of New York.

My invention consists in an instrument for forming folds in satin, silk, or other suitable material used for trimming ladies' dresses, hats, &c., and is composed of sheet metal cut into proper form, and rolled or folded into such shape that when the material is passed through it it is formed into the fold desired.

This instrument is intended to be used in the hand, and the tongues conformed to the shape desired for that purpose; and as the fold is passed through the instrument it is sewed or tacked into place with an ordinary hand sewing-needle and thread.

The folder shown forms what is known as a "milliner's fold," a style of trimming much used, and difficult to produce; but by the use of this device is made very rapidly.

I do not intend to confine my invention to this particular style of folder; but intend to form different styles of folds by a similar instrument by arranging my folder accordingly.

Figure 1 is a plan view, showing the instrument and the two tongues; Fig. 2, a side view, showing the opening at the side in the shell and the curve of the tongue; Fig. 3, an end view, showing the scrolls and their formation.

A is the shell or outside of my hand folder; *a*, the long or lower tongue as it is used; *c*, the upper short and notched tongue; *g*, the notch in tongue *c*; *e*, the point on tongue *c* for the purpose of marking for the stitching; *d*, the larger turn fold of the scroll; and *b*, the smaller turn fold of the scroll.

The material to be made into a fold is cut into bias strips about an inch wide and inserted into the large end of the instrument and drawn through, which conforms it to the shape of the folder, into which shape it is secured by stitching or tacking it, by stitching with an ordinary hand-needle and thread through the folds at the point where the notch *g* and point *e* are situated, allowing the needle to pass down upon the tongue *a*, which prevents it passing entirely through all the thicknesses and leaves the fold formed and secure upon the under side, the two tongues turning or folding the edges so as to leave the form of fold wished.

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

A hand-folder, substantially as shown, having tongues *a* and *c*, acting in combination with scrolls *b* and *d*, for the purposes set forth.

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