

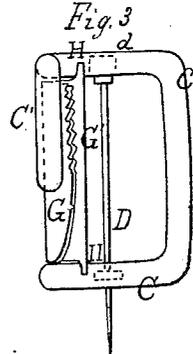
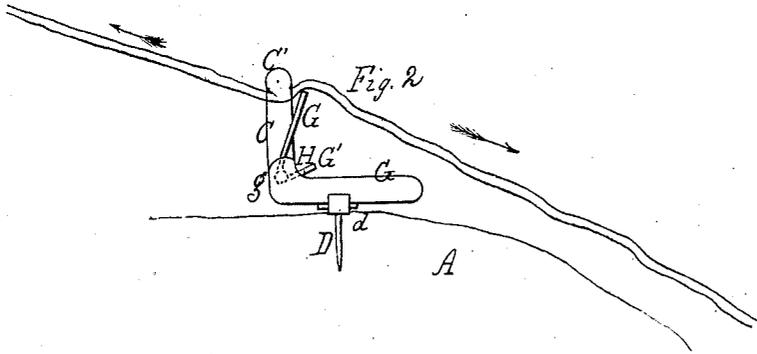
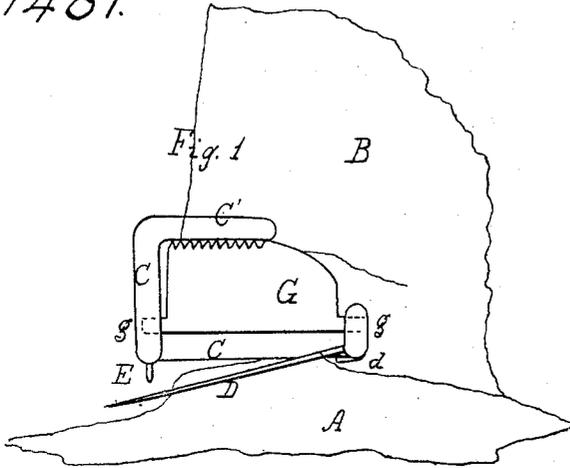
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SEWING-WORK HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE G. SCOFIELD, of North Stamford, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented a certain new and useful Instrument or Device for Holding Work in Sewing; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a front elevation. Fig. 2 is an end elevation, and Fig. 3 is a plan view.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts in all the figures.

I will describe my device by the aid of the drawings. Its object is to hold the sewed work so as to allow the work to be stretched by the left hand while the needle is operated by the right, and to hold the work in such a manner that it may be readily shifted thereon by merely drawing it through, in the opposite direction to that in which the strain of stretching the same is received. It is intended to be fixed upon the knee of the operator or other convenient place to which it may be secured.

In the figures, A is the clothes upon the knee of the operator and B is the cloth being sewed. The body of my instrument or work holder is represented by C, C', which is a piece of wire bent into the form represented. To the under side of C, a pin D is hinged at *d, d*, and made to fit into a hook E in the manner common to breast-pins. This pin with its hinge and hook, holds the instrument fast where it is desired to remain.

A single tongue of a proper form hinged to C at *g g* as represented completes the instrument. The part G of this tongue holds the work and is notched on its upper edge as shown. Another part G' of this tongue

extends from the axial line *g g* nearly at right angles to G. Two projections H, H, extend from G' and meet C so as to allow a motion of G to but a very limited extent.

When the work B is pulled to stretch it in the direction shown by the blue arrow, the tongue G holds the work B tightly between itself and C, and refuses to allow it to move in that direction. When the sewing has been finished to a considerable distance and it is desired to shift it so as to carry a portion of the finished seam beyond the work holder the work is pulled in the direction indicated by the red arrow. The tongue G then releases its hold on B and allows it to slip or be drawn freely through the instrument. The projections H, H, prevent the tongue G moving away from C, except to a very slight extent, and so soon as the work is again stretched by a strain in the direction of the blue arrow, G again holds it between itself and C'.

The top or working edge of G is rounded at the corner which receives the work, to allow the edge or fold of the work to be very readily introduced and removed from the instrument.

Having now fully described my device what I claim as new therein and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The open ended buckle C, C', G, as a new article of manufacture, when adapted to receive the edge or a fold in the cloth B to allow it to be drawn forward at will and to be introduced and removed, substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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