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Fig. 1

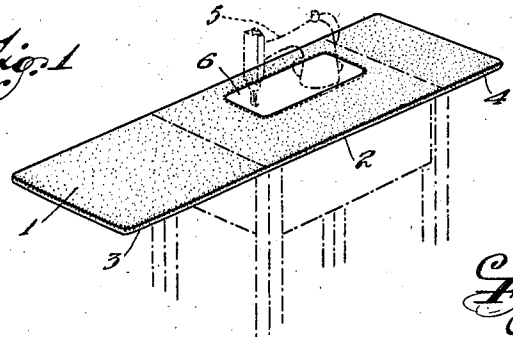


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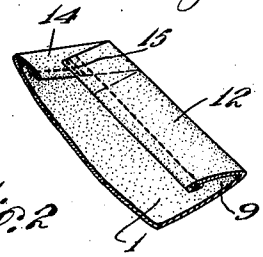


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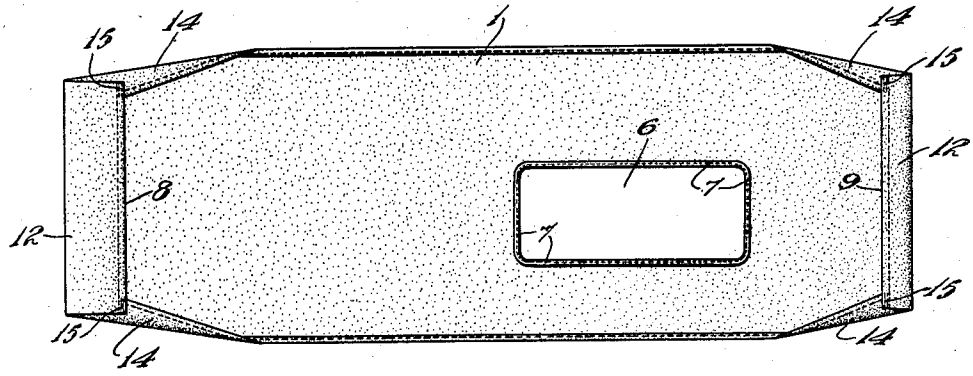


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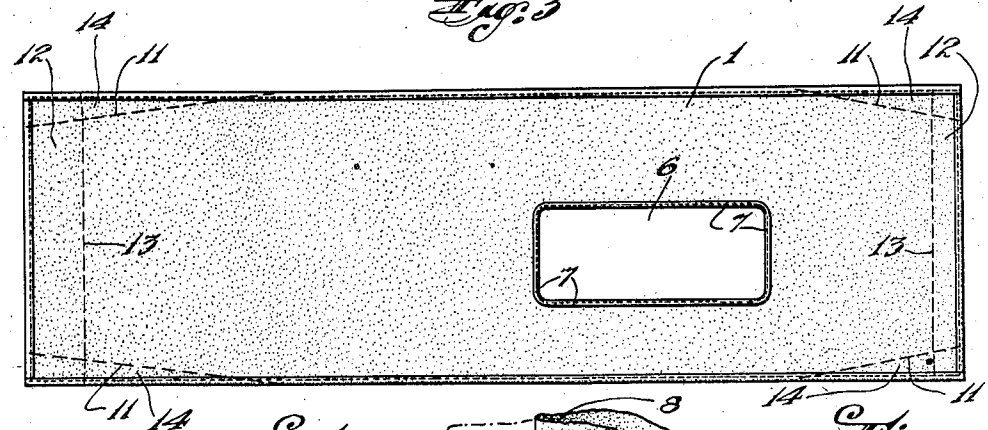


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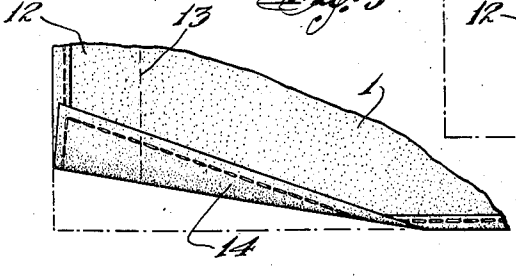
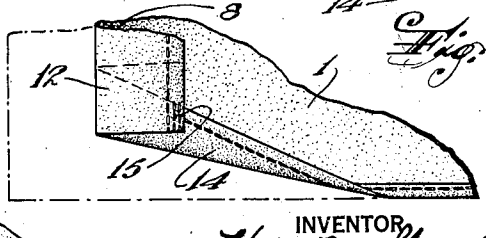


Fig. 6



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1 Claim. (Cl. 45—68.3)

This invention relates to covers adaptable to be removably applied over the top of a sewing machine when open.

Sewing machines in use today are provided with highly polished surfaces, mainly for appearance sake, and in order that the material being worked upon can readily pass over the top of the machine when in open position. Usually the highly polished tops and leaves of the machine when open quickly become marred and nicked due to the careless handling of the sewing devices, such as scissors and the like, used by the operator, necessitating the refinishing and repolishing of the machine top and leaves to restore their original appearance, which is a highly expensive procedure. In order to overcome the above objections, I have provided a cover for the top of the sewing machine when in open position with leaves extended, which simulates the original high polish of the sewing machine and enables the same easy movement of the material over the top of the machine while being worked.

The object of the invention is to provide a cover for the top of a sewing machine of the type provided with hinged leaves at each end which when extended can be removably applied to said top and leaves and securely maintained thereover in a smooth and taut condition, presenting a smooth surface for the work.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a cover of this character which is simple in its construction, inexpensive to make and which is also strong and durable in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a removable fabric cover for top surfaces of sewing machines designed to protect the leaves and the top of the machine when it is in open position, from being marred and dented by carelessly laying thereon scissors, and the like.

These and other advantageous objects, which will later appear, are accomplished by the simple and practical construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and exhibited in the accompanying drawing, forming part hereof, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective elevational view of a sewing machine when in open position with a cover made in accordance with my invention applied to the top of the machine, and the two end leaves of the same in extended position,

Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the cover made in accordance with my invention,

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the cover made from a single piece of suitable material before the ends thereof are formed into suitable pockets, the marginal edges of the single piece of material forming the cover and the opening in the cover being provided with the usual stitching,

Fig. 4 is a broken view in perspective of one of the end pockets formed in the cover made in accordance with my invention,

Fig. 5 is an enlarged fragmentary view illustrating the first fold in the formation of the pocket, and

Fig. 6 is a similar view illustrating the second fold and the stitching employed in the formation of the pocket.

In the drawing, the cover 1 is comprised preferably of a single rectangular piece of suitable material of a length and width suitable to cover the top and the edges of an open sewing machine 2, having extending therefrom the hinged end leaves 3 and 4. To accommodate the drop head 5 of the sewing machine, shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, an opening 6, preferably rectangular in form, is provided in the cover upon the circumferential edges 7 of which the drop head rests as clearly illustrated in said figure. The edges 7 of the opening and the marginal edges of the cover 1 are provided with suitable stitching as is common.

The cover is further provided at each end with a suitable pocket 8 and 9, and provided with open ends at the corners thereof, preferably but not necessarily of different depths to receive the ends of the leaves 3 and 4 for securing the cover to the machine.

The end pockets of the cover are formed in the following manner and inasmuch as they are alike the description of one pocket will be sufficient. The longitudinal edges of the cover at the ends are folded over along the dotted lines 11—11 (see Fig. 3) to form portions 14—14, and thereafter the end 12 of the cover is folded along the dotted line 13 over the folded portions 14—14 (see Fig. 2) and stitched together at 15, producing an open pocket of angular shape with open corners. In this manner pockets of sufficient width are made but are less than the width of the sheet to snugly receive the ends of the sewing machine leaves.

Due to the fact that the corners are open, the pockets readily accommodate themselves to the leaves and cause the two longitudinal edges of the cover to be drawn taut over the edges of the machine top and the leaves, to form a protecting cover therefor.

It is obvious that when the ends of the leaves are inserted in the pockets, which is preferably done when the leaves are slightly raised above the top of the machine, and the leaves are then

lowered, the material along the longitudinal edges of the cover will form a protecting cover for the edges of the leaves and the edge of the top of the machine as clearly illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawing.

It is to be understood that the top of the machine and the tops of the leaves of the machine are highly polished for two reasons. First, for appearance sake, and second, to permit the work to be done on the machine to easily pass thereover. As has been previously stated, operators when using a sewing machine are prone to lay the scissors and sewing devices upon these highly polished surfaces with the result that they become nicked and marred to such an extent that they have to be refinished which is an expensive procedure.

The cover I provide is preferably made of a material commonly known as "coated fabric" of a high grade, the under surface of which is preferably but not necessarily provided with a soft finish, and the upper surface is preferably provided with a smooth finish simulating that of the highly polished original finish of the top of the machine and the leaves, which will enable the material being worked to have the same ease of movement over the top of the machine.

I am aware that protective covers have been made for furniture, pianos, tables and the like, but I believe that I am the first to have provided a protective covering for the purposes described, to be used in connection with the top of a sewing machine when in open position with the leaves extended, and I therefore desire to claim it as broadly as the art will permit.

The foregoing disclosure is to be regarded as descriptive and illustrative only, and not as restrictive or limitative of the invention, of which, obviously, embodiments may be constructed, including many modifications, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention herein set forth and denoted in the appended claim.

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

A cover for the top of a sewing machine, comprising a rectangular sheet of suitable material having an opening therein to accommodate a sewing machine head, said rectangular sheet having adjacent the ends thereof its side edges folded over to provide triangular flaps overlying the underside of the sheet, the end of the sheet being folded over the flaps and the underside of the sheet and stitched to the flaps to cooperate with the flaps to provide a plurality of pockets.

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