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Soap Holder for Sewing Machines.

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Fig. 1.

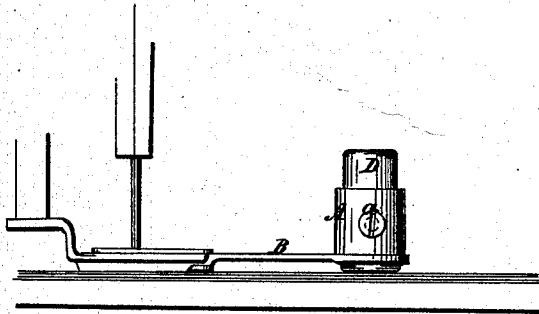
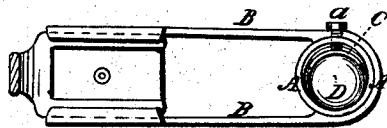


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SOAP-HOLDING ATTACHMENT FOR SEWING-MACHINE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY DEWEY, of New Albany, in the county of Floyd and State of Indiana, have invented a new and Improved Sewing-Machine Soap-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved sewing-machine soap-holder. Fig. 2 is a plan or top view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new device for soaping the cloth that is fed under the needle of a sewing-machine; and consists in a tubular soap-holder, of suitable construction, attached to the presser-foot of a sewing-machine, so that the soap will be rubbed over the surface of the cloth where the same is to be sewed to enable the needle and thread to pass through the cloth with greater facility.

A, in the drawing, represents a short tube, fastened in a vertical position to two (or more or less) horizontal spring-arms, B B, which can be secured to the presser-foot of a sewing-machine.

The two arms B shown in the drawing are

represented as provided with grooved inner edges, so that they may be fitted readily upon the end of a presser-foot. They may, however, be otherwise attached to the presser-foot in suitable manner.

The tube is or may be provided with an inner curved plate, C, that is regulated by means of a small set-screw, *a*, and that serves to secure a stick of soap, D, in the tube. The presser-foot, when forced down, will hold the lower end of the stick of soap upon the face of the cloth, and the latter will therefore be soaped before the needle passes through it. The stick of soap, as it is being worn, can be moved down in the tube to remain in contact with the cloth as long as required.

The holder A may, instead of being of cylindrical form, be made prismatic or otherwise, as may be desired.

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

A soap-holder attachment constructed as described, and arranged on the presser-foot of a sewing-machine, substantially as herein shown and described.

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