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Sewing-Machine Cover.

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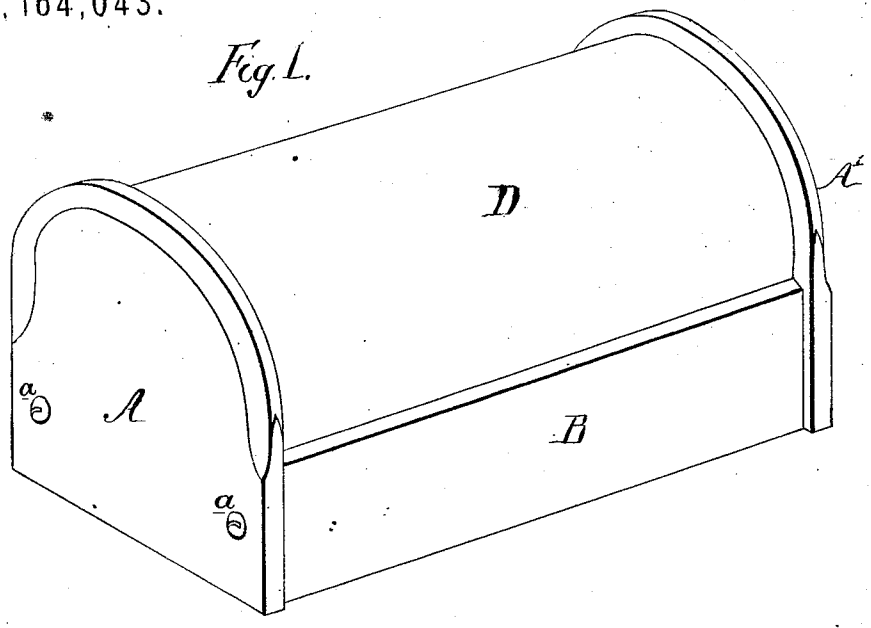
Fig. 1.



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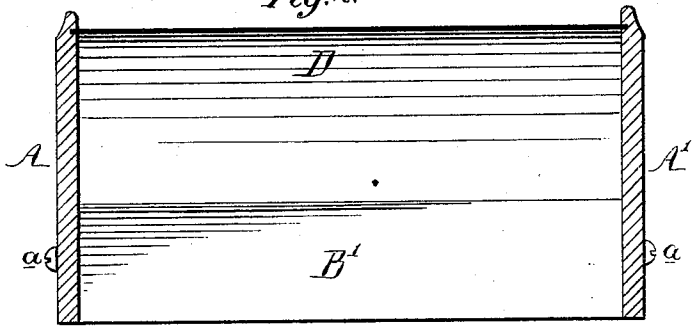

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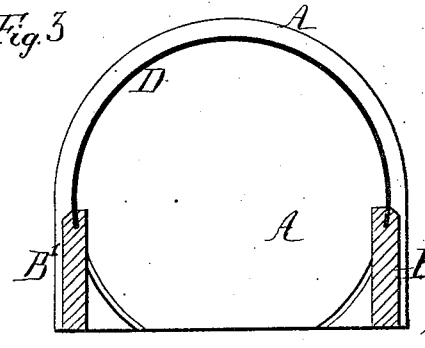

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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE COVERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **164,043**, dated June 1, 1875; application filed March 13, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE REHFUSS, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Cover for Sewing-Machines, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to make for sewing-machines a cheap, simple, and substantial cover, which can be readily taken apart and as readily put together; and this object I attain in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a transverse section.

The cover consists of five parts—namely, the two end pieces A and A′ and two side pieces, B and B′, of wood, and the arched top D, of sheet metal. The ends of the side pieces B and B′ are mortised into the end pieces A and A′, and are secured by ordinary screws *a*, one or more screws being used for each end of each side piece. Prior to the putting of the wooden frame together, however, a circular groove is cut by a lathe or otherwise in the inside of each end piece for the reception of the ends of the arched top D; and grooves are formed in the upper edges of the side pieces B B′, for receiving the edges of the said arched top.

In putting the parts together, the metal top is first fitted to the opposite side pieces and the end pieces A and A′, then fitted to both top and side pieces, and then secured by the screws *a*.

The wooden frame without the metal top piece is a comparatively fragile structure, but the said top piece imparts such rigidity as to render the cover more permanent and substantial than one made entirely of wood.

I am aware that sewing-machine covers have been made with arched tops, of veneer, permanently secured to end pieces; but these are fragile and easily damaged, and do not possess the important advantage of being readily taken apart and packed in a small compass for storage and transportation, the withdrawal of the screws *a* being all that is necessary prior to the separation of my improved cover into detached parts.

The metal top may be painted or japanned to imitate the wood of which the end and side pieces are made.

I claim as my invention—

The within-described sewing-machine cover, consisting of the end pieces A and A′, side pieces B and B′, all of wood, and the arched top D, of sheet metal, set within grooves in the end pieces, all being combined and secured for ready detachability, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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