No. 737,102. PATENTED AUG. 25, 1903.

L. HOLT.

DRESsMAKER'S MARKING Pliers.

APPLICATION FILED APR. 11, 1903.

INVENTOR:

Lettie Holt.

By her Attorney,

WILLIAM C. WILCOX.

THE WOODS & CO. INVENTORS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LENA HOLT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dressmakers' Marking-Pliers; and I do hereby declare the following to be full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has for its object to provide an improved tool especially adapted for use by dressmakers and is in the nature of a pair of marking-pliers.

To the above ends the invention consists of the novel devices and combinations of devices hereinafter described, and defined in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views.

The improved tool is illustrated in plan in Figure 1. Fig. 2 is a detail in side elevation showing a portion of the upper lever of the tool. Fig. 3 is a detail in plan showing a portion of the lower lever of the tool, and Fig. 4 is a section on the line 2e 2e of Fig. 1.

The tool comprises a pair of levers 1 and 2, provided at their rear or shorter end with finger and thumb loops, such as are provided for shears and scissors. The levers 1 and 2 at their long projecting ends are provided with holders or clamps adapted to hold pieces of crayon or chalk 2. These clamps are preferably afforded by spring-clamps 3, the socket-like ends of which are formed with inwardly-pressed barbs 4, which engage the crayon and prevent the same from slipping. Thumb-screws 5 serve to tightly draw the jaws 3 onto the crayon. The two pieces of crayon when thus held and when brought nearly or quite together by the closing movements of the levers stand in axial line, so that when pressed onto the opposite side of a piece of cloth or other material they will produce dots or marks thereon which stand in line with each other, but on the opposite side of such material.

A light spring guard-plate 6, having a perforation 7 in line with the lower piece of crayon, is secured at one end, as shown, by the keeper 8 to the lower lever 2. This guard-plate when the lower lever is run under the material to be marked serves to hold upward or support such material, so that it will not be marked by the lower piece of crayon until force is applied to the levers. When the upper piece of crayon is brought to the point to be marked, the levers are pressed together, and under this pressure the guard-plate will of course yield and permit the lower piece of crayon, as well as the upper one, to be brought into contact with the material and to simultaneously mark the same on both sides, or, if several pieces are placed together, to mark both the upper pieces.

This instrument is especially adapted for use in cutting out waists and skirts, where it is desired to mark out both sides of the particular section of a garment from a pattern by one and the same operation.

It will of course be understood that the device is capable of modification within the scope of the invention herein set forth and claimed.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is as follows:

1. A marking-tool, comprising a pair of pivotally-connected levers, the said levers being provided at their free ends with crayon-holders, substantially as described.

2. A marking-tool comprising a pair of pivotally-connected levers provided at their free ends with crayon-holders, pieces of crayon held in axial alignment by said holders, and a perforated spring guard-plate secured at one end to one of the levers, with its perforation in line with the crayon held by the said lever, substantially as described.

3. A marking-tool comprising a pair of pivotally-connected levers having at their free ends the spring clamping-jaws 3 formed with the sockets having retaining-points 4, the spring guard-plate 6 attached at one end to one of said levers and provided with a perforation 7 aligned with the seat formed in the cooperating pair of jaws 3, and pieces of crayon or similar material held by the said jaws, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

LENA HOLT.

Witnesses:

ELIZABETH H. KELIHER,
F. D. MERCHANT,