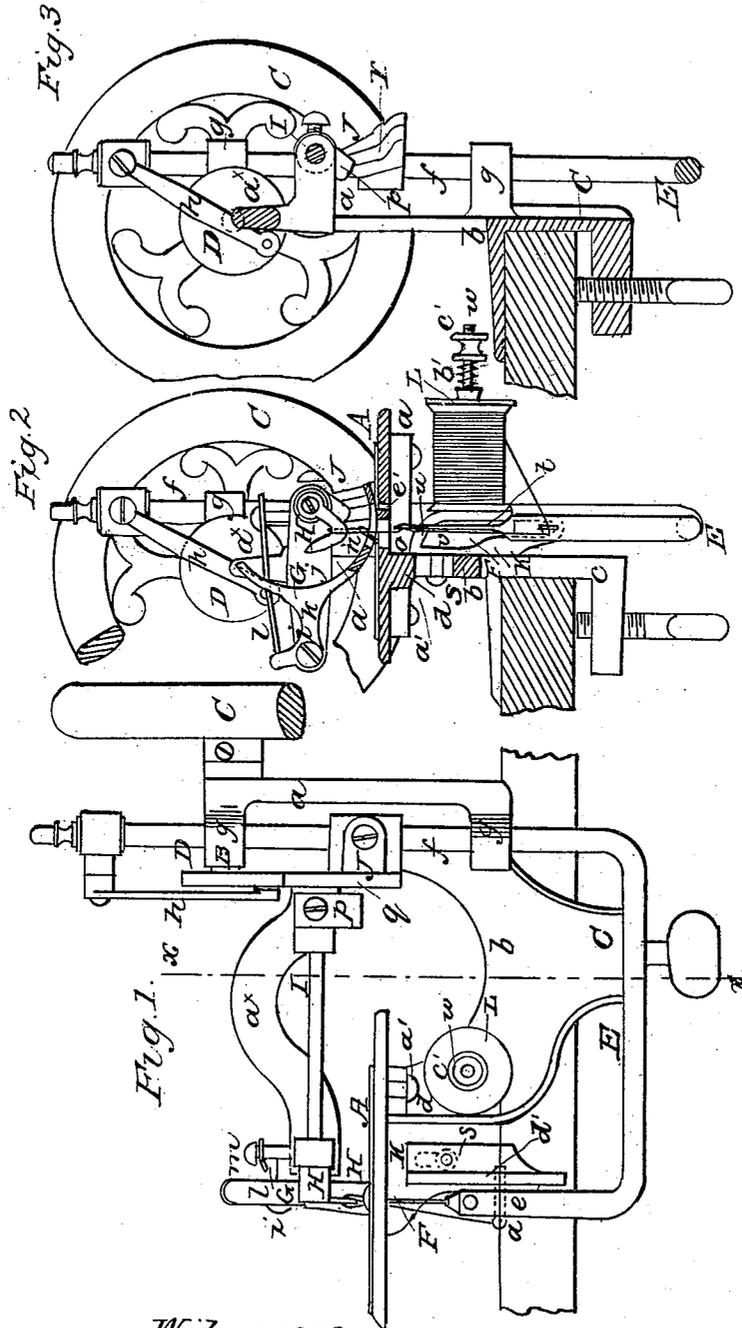


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, W. S. HILL, of Manchester, in the county of Hillsboro', and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and improved Sewing Machine; and that the following description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, hereinafter referred to, forms a full and exact specification of the same, wherein I have set forth the nature and principles of my said improvements, by which my invention may be distinguished from all others of a similar class, together with such parts as I claim, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent.

This invention relates to certain improvements in the single-thread or chain-stitch sewing machine; and it consists in a novel feed mechanism, the mode of operating the looper, and a general arrangement of parts, as hereinafter fully shown and described, whereby a very simple and efficient machine of the kind specified is obtained. In the accompanying sheet of drawings—

Figure 1 is a side view of my invention.

Figure 2, an end view of the same, with the cloth-plate in section.

Figure 3, a transverse vertical section of the same, taken in the line *x x*, fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The frame of the machine is composed of an upright column, *a*, from which an arm, *a*^x, projects laterally, a base portion, *b*, with clamp *c*, and a short elevated portion, *d*, the cloth-plate *A* being secured to the latter by screws *a'*. The clamp *c* admits of the machine being secured to the edge of a table or other fixture, as shown clearly in figs. 2 and 3. The different parts of the frame may all be cast in one piece. In the upper part of the upright column *a* there is fitted a horizontal shaft, *B*, having a fly and crank-wheel, *C*, on one end, and a crank-pulley, *D*, on its opposite end. *E* is the needle-rod, of cylindrical form, and bent so as to form three sides of a quadrangle, the needle *F* being fitted in the upper end of a short side, *e*, of the rod, and a long side, *f*, fitted in bearings *g* on the upright column *a*, the side *f* being allowed to work freely up and down in said bearings. This needle-rod is operated by a rod, *h*, from the crank-pulley *D*. To the outer end of the arm *a*^x of the frame the presser-foot *G* is attached by a screw, *i*. This foot is composed of a curved portion, *j*, at the end of an arm, *k*, of bent or right-angular form, a spring, *l*, fitting into a projection, *m*, at the upper end of the arm *k*, and having a tendency to keep the presser-foot down upon its work, (see fig. 2.) The presser-foot has an oblong slot, *n*, made through its lower part, through which the needle *F* works, the usual slot *o* being made in the cloth-plate for the needle to work through, (see fig. 2.) *H* is the looper, attached to one end of a shaft, *I*, the bearings of which are on the arm *a*^x. On the opposite end of this shaft there is secured an arm, *p*, having a pin, *q*, projecting from it, which is fitted in a curved groove, *r*, in a plate, *J*, secured on the side *f* of the needle-rod *E*, (see more particularly fig. 3.) *K* is a plate, which is attached by a set-screw, *s*, to the frame of the machine, just below the cloth-plate *A*, (see figs. 1 and 2.) This plate *K* has a slot in it, the lower portion, *t*, of which is vertical and perfectly straight, and the upper edge, *u*, curved, (see fig. 2.) the upper part *v* of said slot opposite the curved edge *u* being considerably wider than the lower portion. *L* is the spool fitted on an arbor, *w*, projecting horizontally from the frame below the cloth-plate, the thread passing through an eye, *a''*, on the short side *e* of the needle-rod, and then through the eye of the needle, (see figs. 1 and 2.) The tension of the thread is regulated by a spring, *b'*, on the arbor *w*, bearing against the end of the spool, the pressure of the spring being regulated by a screw-nut, (see fig. 2.)

From the above description it will be seen that by turning the crank-wheel *C* and rotating the shaft *B*, a reciprocating motion will be given to the needle-rod *E*, and the needle *F* forced up through the cloth-plate, the cloth thereon, and through the slot in the presser-foot, and then drawn down below the cloth-plate. The looper *H* performs its usual function, and it is operated from the needle-rod *E* by the groove *r* in the plate *J*, and the pin *q* of the arm *p* fitting in said groove. The needle *F*, besides performing its usual function, also feeds the cloth along. This is accomplished as follows: The short side *e* of the needle-rod has a pin, *d'*, projecting laterally from it, and this pin works within the slot of the plate *K*. Each time the needle-rod rises, and after the needle has passed through the cloth, the pin *d'* comes in contact with the upper curved edge *u* of the slot in plate *K*, and throws the needle forward and consequently the cloth. As the needle descends the pin *d'* does not follow the curved edge *u* back, for if this were the case the cloth would be moved back again. The wide part

v of the slot allows the needle to descend vertically a sufficient distance to prevent the backward movement of the cloth, and the pin *d'* then enters the vertical narrow part *t* of the slot. In the cloth-plate *A*, underneath the presser-foot, there is a hole, *c'*, through which braid may pass to be sewed to the cloth. By having the presser-foot *G* of the form and arranged with a spring, *l*, as described, it may be readily raised to insert the cloth under it by simply pressing back its upper end. The length of stitch may be varied by adjusting the plate *K* higher or lower.

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

1. The combination of the needle-arm *E*, constructed as described, with the sliding-pin *d'* and cam *K*, substantially as and for the purpose specified.
2. The needle-rod *E* and its grooved cam-plate *J*, for operating the looper, substantially as described.

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