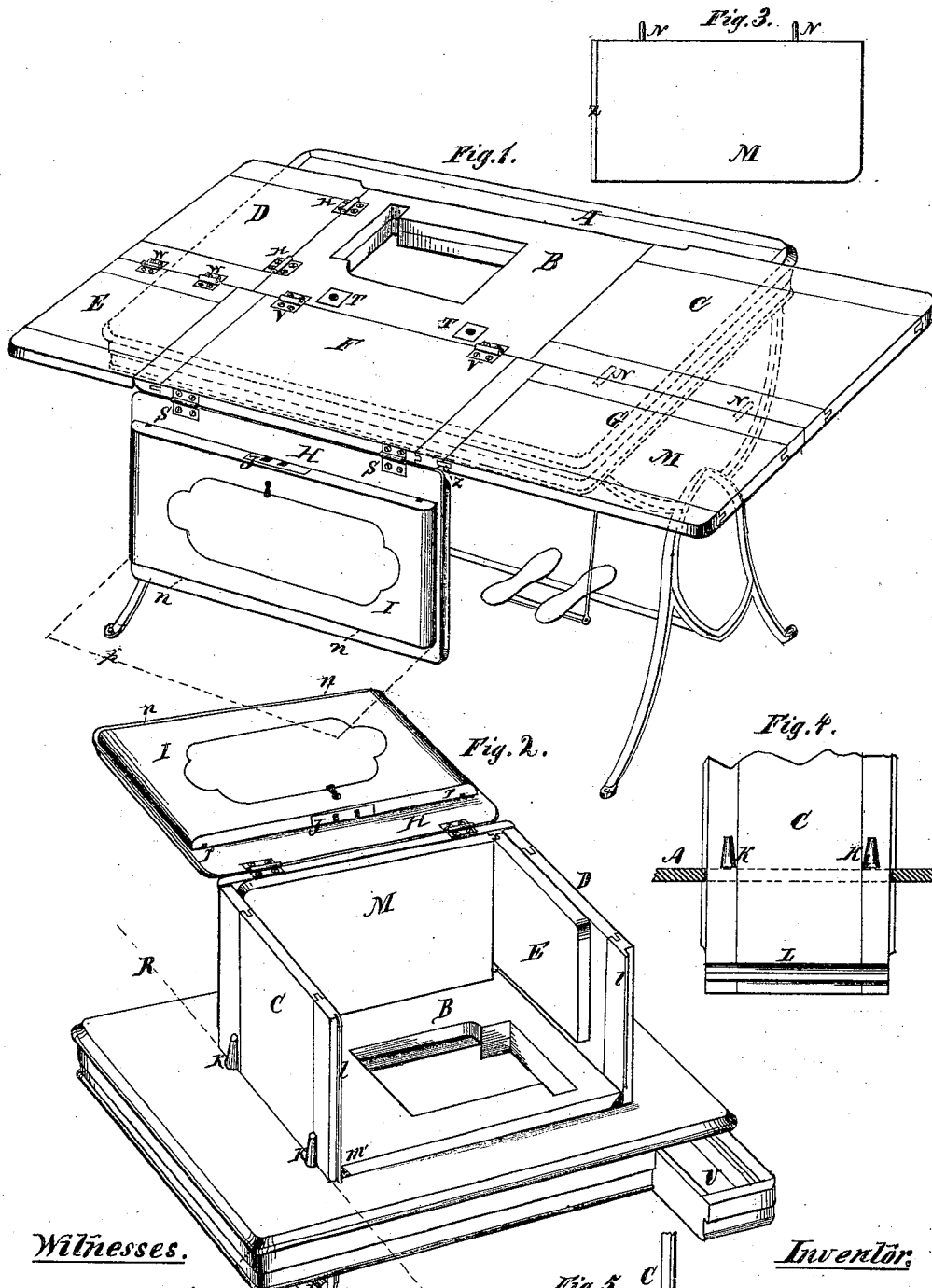


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IMPROVEMENT IN COVERS AND TABLES FOR SEWING-MACHINES.

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To all whom this may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS R. WOLFINGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Covers and Tables for Sewing-Machines; 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, and letters marked thereon, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective representation of my improved cover and table for sewing-machines, with the folding parts spread out as when they are used as a table for holding goods as they are being sewed; Fig. 2, a perspective representation of the folding parts as they are being formed into a case to cover the machine; Fig. 3, one of the leaves detached from the other parts. Figs. 4 and 5 show the folding and sliding leaf.

The object of the present invention is to provide an enlarged smooth-top table, extended from and supported by the bed of the machine, and to so arrange the folding parts or leaves that they can be readily folded to form a cover for the machine, while at the same time the said parts, whether folded or spread out, shall have a neat and substantial appearance; and its nature consists in arranging one of the leaves which form the table-top to slide vertically through the bed, and to form a part of the cover or case when set upright, and to turn down and form a part of the table when combined with the other parts or leaves, as the whole is hereinafter fully described and shown.

A represents the bed of an ordinary sewing-machine table, to which is securely fastened a central table-piece, B, having an opening through it for the convenience of allowing the machine to have a proper position for use relative to the bed A.

To one side of the piece B is hinged a folding leaf, F, to which a top or cover, H, is hinged at S S, and to the cover H is hinged the front side I of the case, as shown at *n*, Fig. 1. This piece I, when the case is unfolded, as when sewing is done, is locked fast to the cover H at J; but it is swung open

at right angles, as shown by dotted lines *p*, preparatory to closing the machine.

A leaf, D, is also hinged to the piece B, as shown at *x x*, and to the leaf D is hinged, at *w w*, a smaller leaf, E, which is folded flat onto the leaf D before the latter is folded.

The leaf C is arranged both to slide and to fold; and in order to accomplish this a mortise or slot is made through the bed A, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and the leaf placed therein.

To hold the leaf when laid flat on the bed A, its inner or lower end *m* is beveled, so as to catch under the beveled end *m'* of the table-piece B, as shown in Figs. 2, 5; and to hold the leaf up when it forms one end of the case, stops or lugs K are secured to it so as to rest on the bed A.

To fill out the corner between the leaves F C, a leaf, M, is doweled to the leaf C, and may be doweled to the leaf F, and its inner end is beveled, so as to lap under the leaf F, as shown at Figs. 1 and 3.

To fold the leaves so as to form a cover or case, the leaf M is removed and set upright on the piece B, its dowels N entering holes in plates T, attached to said piece B. The leaf C is then set upright, as shown in Figs. 2, 4, and 5, and the leaf D brought to an upright position after the leaf E has been folded upon it. The parts H I are then made to form the top and front of the case, when the latter is complete, the inside of the front I having grooves *r*, in which tongues *t* on the front edges of leaves C D enter as the said parts come together.

In the foregoing description it will be seen that the place usually occupied by the drawer is taken up by the sliding leaf C; consequently I place the drawer at the opposite end of the bed, as shown at U, Fig. 2.

Claim.

The leaf C, arranged to slide down through a slot in the bed A, and form a leaf of greater extension and smooth surface for supporting goods when being sewed, as set forth.

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