

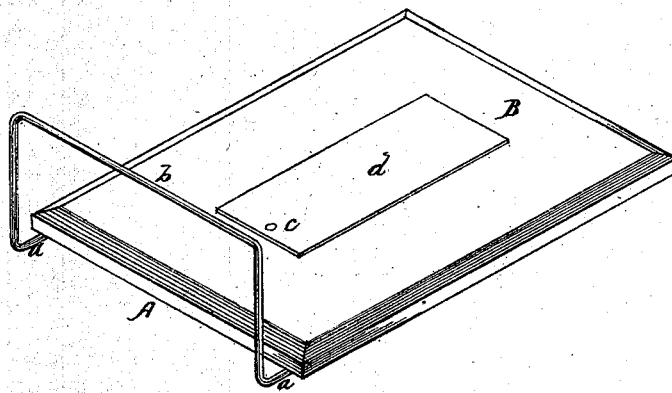
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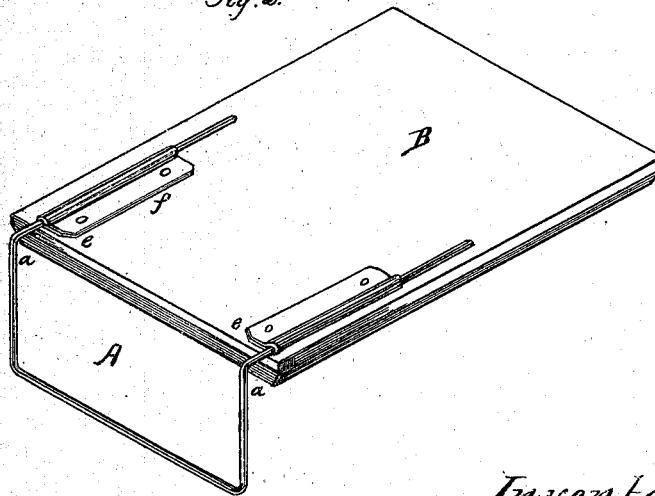
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE-WORK HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 115,288, dated May 30, 1871.

### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY EDDY, of North Bridgewater, in the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Sewing-Machine-Work Holder, of which the following is a specification:

### *Nature and Design of the Invention.*

The first part of my invention relates to the construction of a work-holder for a sewing-machine in such a manner that the work which is done on the machine may be at rest when it is desired, and not require constant effort on the part of the operator to prevent it from being drawn from the needle by its own size and weight, thus relieving the operator, that he or she may have both hands at liberty to manipulate the work, instead of employing one hand, as is usually the case, to counteract the constant tendency of all work of any considerable size to slide from the table as it is suspended or hangs from the side or end of the same. The second part of my invention relates to the attachment of the work-holder to a sewing-machine in such a manner that it shall be movable at the pleasure of the operator.

### *Description of the Accompanying Drawing.*

Figure 1 denotes a side view of a sewing-machine table with a work-holder at the left hand of the machine. Fig. 2 denotes a sewing-machine table inverted with a work-holder attached thereto.

### *General Description.*

I usually and of choice construct the holder A of some kind of metal which is not liable to corrode, of sufficient size and strength to sustain all kinds of work which is done on sewing-machines. I usually construct it of a single piece of metal, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. The holder A, as seen in Fig. 1, consists of the arms *a a* and the connecting-rod *b*. The arms *a a* of the holder sustain the weight of the work which is being done on the machine. The arms *a a* are bent at a convenient angle

for the purpose of raising the rod *b* to any desirable height above the line of the sewing-machine table, as seen in Fig. 1. The rod *b* furnishes a resting-place for the work, which can be easily moved in the line of said rod, while it counteracts effectually the tendency of the work to slide across said rod or at right angles to it. I usually and of choice attach the holder to the sewing-machine table by means of the sockets *f f*, as seen in Fig. 2. These sockets are made of sheet metal, folded, or rolled, or doubled in such a manner as to leave an opening at the point *e* for the reception of the arms *a a* when they are attached to the table of a sewing-machine. The arms *a a* are movable in the openings *e e* in such a manner that the rod *b* is brought near to the machine or removed to a greater distance from it, if desired, to accommodate different kinds of work.

The holder is easily withdrawn from the sockets and removed from the machine whenever occasion requires. The holder may be made in a different form, and may be made of wood or other material, and the arms may extend horizontally from the machine, and may be attached to some other parts of the same by some other convenient device, and may become permanently a part of the machine and subserve substantially the same purpose.

*d* represents the plate of a sewing machine upon the table B. *e* indicates the location of a sewing-machine needle.

I do not claim as my invention an extended sewing-machine table, or any extended surface for the accommodation of sewing-machine work.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An adjustable sewing-machine-work holder, consisting of the arms *a a*, the rod *b*, and the sockets *f f*, all constructed and arranged and operating substantially in the manner specified, and for the purpose herein set forth.

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