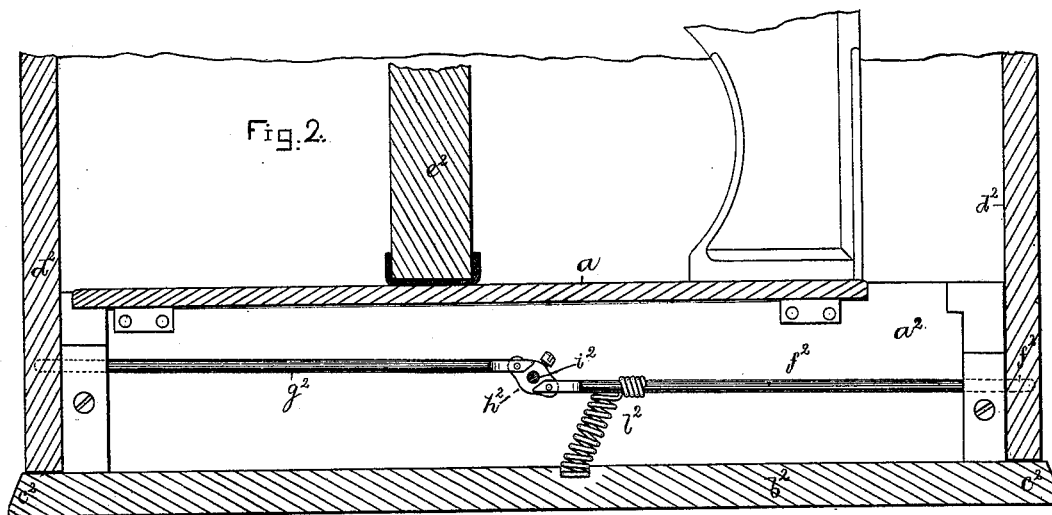
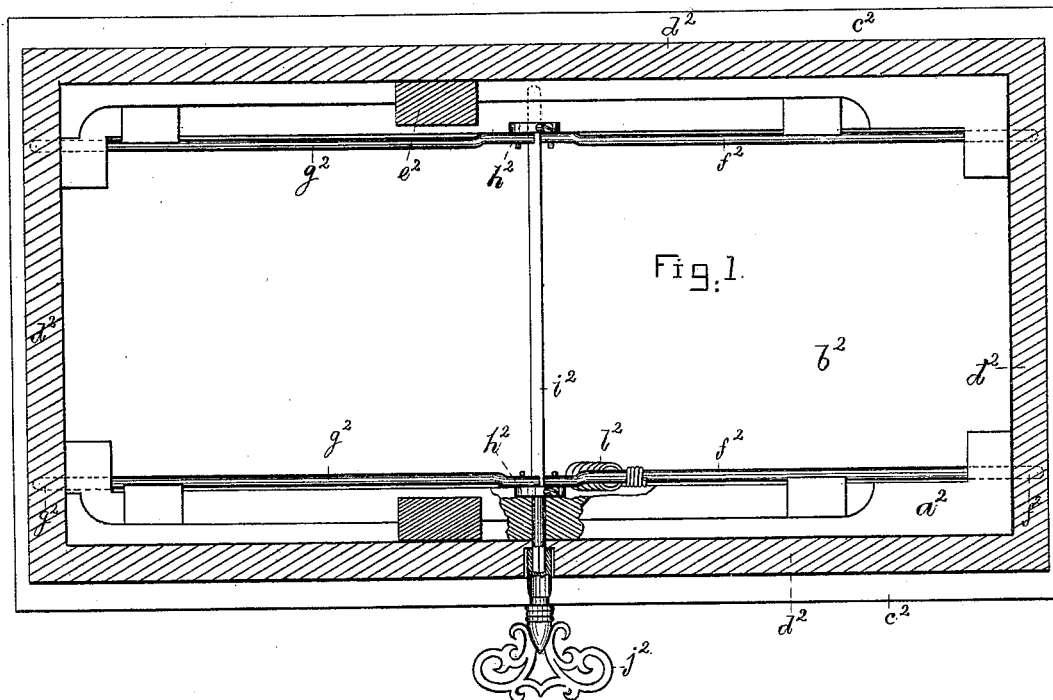


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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE CASES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AURELIUS STEWARD, of Bridgeport, in the county of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improved Sewing-Machine Case, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in cases for sewing-machines.

In this my invention the case is represented as adapted to contain a sewing-machine to be operated by hand, the shape and size of the case being such as to retain the machine in the smallest possible compass and pack it for transportation.

The base to support the machine is made to constitute the bottom of the case, the cover of which, when in place, besides inclosing the base, also holds the machine in place thereon.

Figure 1 shows in horizontal cross-section my improved base and cover, the line of section being taken below the cloth-plate of the sewing-machine. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof, the cloth-plate and part of the standard of the machine being shown in position within the case and the cover fastened, the braces forming part of the cover, acting to hold the machine firmly upon its base for transportation.

The cloth plate or support *a* of the machine rests upon the top of the wooden base *a*², composed of two side pieces suitably connected, and extended upward from a bottom piece, *b*², preferably of wood, the bottom piece being preferably extended outwardly, as at *c*², beyond the side pieces, to receive and support the cover *d*², which is made as a box without a bottom. Within this cover, at its sides, or it may be at its ends, are braces *e*², preferably shod or clothed at their lower ends, to rest upon the bed-plate *a* of the sewing-machine when the cover is held in place over the base, the said braces holding the machine firmly and securely upon the base while the cover, base, and machine are being carried, as in traveling. This base, when the cover is removed,

serves to support the machine, thereby enabling a part of the box in which the machine is packed and held when traveling to serve the purpose of a base for the machine when being used, it then resting upon a table or other flat surface, and being turned by hand, or by a belt connected with any usual foot-power, if it is so desired to drive it.

The cover is held in place upon the base by a duplex system of bolts, *f*², supported at their outer ends in portions of the base, and connected at their inner ends with levers *h*² on a rod, *i*², adapted to be turned by a key, *j*², to move the bolts *f*² *g*² longitudinally, and cause them to enter holes in the cover and hold it in place upon the base, or permit the bolts to be drawn back within the base preparatory to removing the cover.

A suitable bolt-holder, shown as a spring, *l*², will preferably be used to hold the bolts in either of their two positions against accidental movement.

I claim—

1. The combination, with the base, of the two sets of bolts *f*² *g*², arranged upon opposite sides of the base, the rod *i*², extending through the case, and levers *h*², connecting the bolts *f*² *g*² and rod *i*², substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. In a sewing-machine case, the bottom piece and uprights thereon, to receive and sustain the sewing-machine, and locking devices connected therewith, combined with a cover, *d*², provided with braces to bear upon and hold the sewing-machine in position in its supporting-case when the cover is locked to the base, substantially as described.

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

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