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## COMBINED CHAIR AND SEWING MACHINE TOP.

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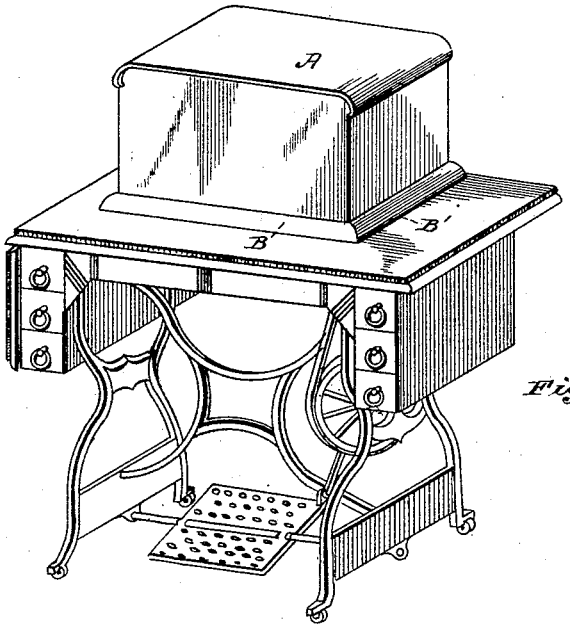
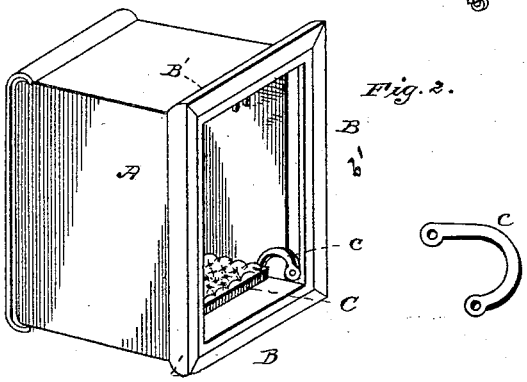



Fig. 1.

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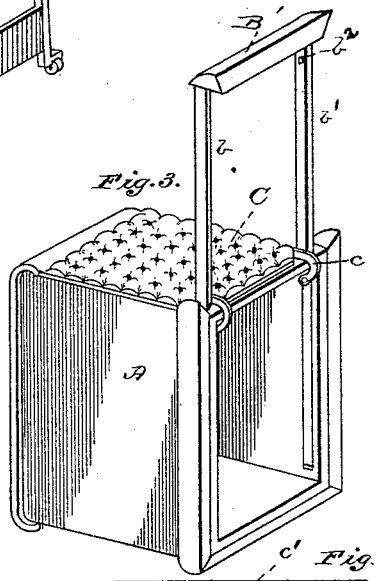


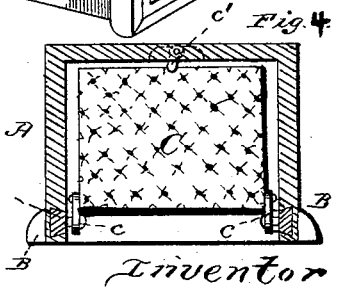


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARIA M. BOSTICK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in a Combined Chair and Sewing-Machine Top; and I do hereby declare the following to be a 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 relates to certain improvements in the tops or covers of sewing-machines; and its object is to combine convenience with economy in converting the top or cover of the machine into a comfortable seat when the said top or cover is removed from the said machine.

Reference is had to the accompanying drawings, wherein the same parts are indicated by the same letters.

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a sewing-machine with the top on. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the top removed. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of my improved combination-chair ready for use. Fig. 4 represents a section of the top or cover, looking toward the left and showing my method of securing the cushion in place when not in use.

A is the machine top or cover.

B is the beading around the bottom thereof. The part B′ of the beading is not connected to B, but is attached to two sliding bars or rods *b* and *b′*, which may be made either of wood or metal. These sliding bars may either slide in a groove in the side of the machine-cover or they may travel between two side cleats attached to the said cover. The said slide should preferably be dovetailed. The part B′ of the beading thus furnishes a convenient back for the box-seat. In order to keep the said back up or down, or in any desired position, I provide a board or flat plate having hinges engaging the end of the stanchions *b* and *b′*, as shown. A cushion to be used with the said board or plate may be provided. As a means of stowing the said board or plate and cushion snugly in the machine, and at the same time furnishing a support for the chair-back, I have the device shown in the drawings, where C represents such a cushion, preferably secured to two bent metal hinges *c*, which connect to a frame-work of metal at the outer edges of the base of said cushion; or the said cushion may be mounted on a flat board or metal plate, to which said hinges are pivoted. The other end of the bent hinge *c* is pivoted to the sliding stanchion *b* or *b′*, as the case may be. When the cover is on the machine, the cushion is held at one end of the interior of the cover, as shown in Fig. 4, where, after the cushion is thrown backward in its end of the machine-top and the stanchions slid down, so that the beading is in place, the thumb-lug *c′* engages the opposite end of the cushion. This thumb-lug may be loosely hinged, so as to fall in place when the machine-top is tilted over, or it may be moved by hand to engage the edge of the cushion-platform; but when the seat is to be used the chair-back B′ is pulled up and the cushion hangs vertically. The cushion is then thrown upward between the stanchions *b* and *b′* and falls in place on top the chair-seat, as shown in Fig. 3. Should it be desired, the bent hinges *c* may act as the support for the stanchions *b* and *b′*, for it is evident in a chair constructed as shown in Fig. 3 that the back could not come down so long as the cushion is on the seat.

It will readily be seen that by making the groove or guides for the stanchions *b* and *b′* inclined I may have an inclined back for my chair.

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

1. In a combined chair and sewing-machine cover, the combination, with the box A, having parallel grooves or guides therein, of the cross-piece B′, the stanchions *b* and *b′*, attached thereto, and the cushion C, with bent hinge *c*, connecting the said cushion to the said stanchions, substantially as described.

2. In a combined chair and sewing-machine cover, the combination of the box, the chair-back arranged to slide out therefrom, and the cushion attached to said chair-back and so fastened thereto as to support it when elevated, substantially as described.

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

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