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DRESS MAKER'S TABLE.

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Fig. 1.

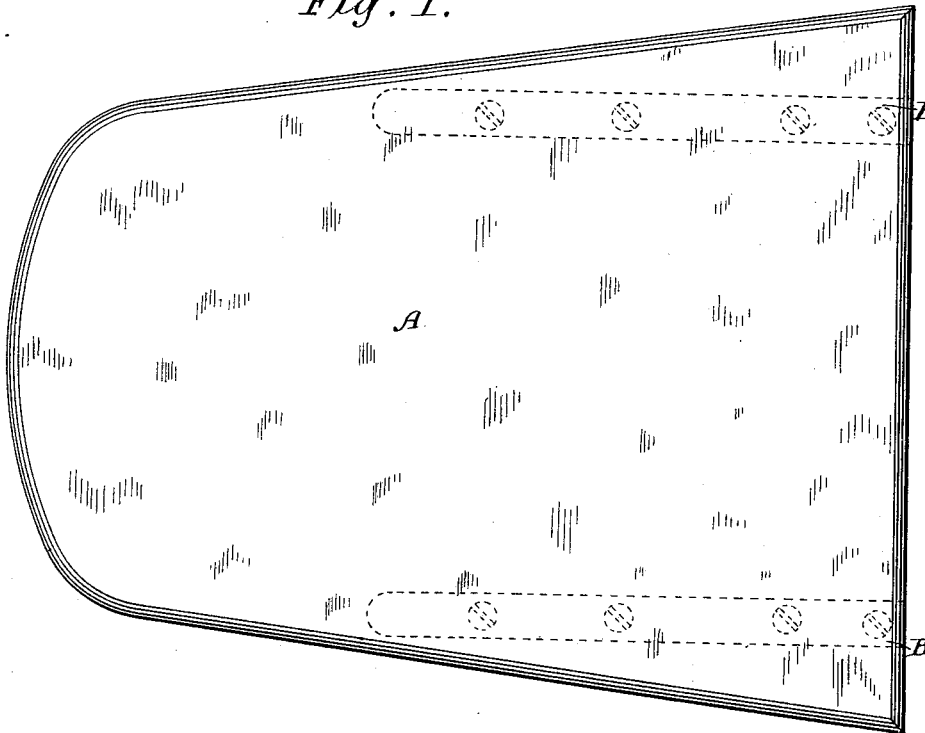
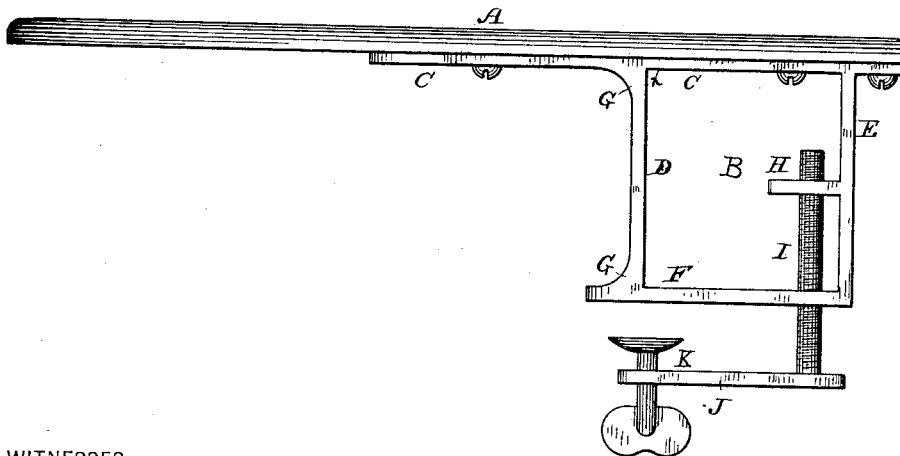


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH R. L'AFRICAIN, of Lowell, Middlesex county, Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dress-Makers' Tables, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists in a table adapted to be removably attached to an ordinary table.

My improved table is specially designed for dress-makers' use in trimming dress-skirts; but it is not necessarily so limited in its application, as it may be used for other purposes.

I am aware that ironing-tables capable of being removably attached to ordinary tables have been heretofore used. I am also aware that it is old to removably attach writing-tables to chairs; but I believe my improvements to be new, and that they afford a table having strength, compactness, and convenient adjustment.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of my improved table, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same.

The table-top A is preferably made of wood, and is in shape somewhat like a dress-skirt, so that the dress-blank may be laid on the table and conveniently trimmed around all the edges. The clamps B are preferably metallic, and are of an improved construction, as will now be described.

I have shown in the drawings a table provided with two clamps; but with certain obvious modifications one clamp may be used, or more than two may be employed. The bar C extends longitudinally along the bottom of the table from the extreme back edge toward the front, and is secured in place in any suitable way, as by screws, as shown. From the bar C depend two posts, D and E. The post D is located about midway between the ends of the bar C, and the post E is situated between the post D and the rear end of the bar. The distance between the post E and the end of the strip is about equal to one-half the distance between the two posts. The lower ends of the posts are connected by a bar, F, that extends from the inner end of the post E under the post D and a short distance beyond it. The bar F constitutes the upper jaw of the clamp. At both the lower and upper front ends of the post D, I preferably employ braces G. A lug, H, is formed on or secured to the post E, and is provided with an aperture that is screw-threaded to receive a screw-

rod, I, that is cast on the bar J. The rod I extends up through an aperture in the bar F, and is free to move up and down therein. The bar J is the lower jaw of the clamp, and is about equal in length to the jaw F. The bar J carries at its front end a clamping-screw, K, that is preferably provided with an enlarged flat end, that bears against the under side of the table to which the dress-table is secured.

Before placing the dress-table in position, the distance between the jaws F and J may be regulated by revolving the lower jaw and the screw-rods I, that work in the nuts H. The dress-table may be then attached to an ordinary table by means of the clamping-screws K. It will also be observed that the lower jaw, J, may be turned to avoid any projection or obstruction on the under side of the main table; but usually the lower jaw is located just under the upper jaw.

The frame supports the table-top by the strength of the post D at *x*, as well as the strength derived in leverage resistance, using table for power, post D for fulcrum, and strength in post E for resistance.

My improved table is strong and compact, and does not require supports in addition to the clamps under the body of the table-top A, as is the case in other tables of this class.

I claim as my invention—

1. The combination of the table-top A and the clamp for connecting it to an ordinary table, said clamp consisting of an upper jaw, F, connected by posts D and E, and a cross-piece, C, to the table-top A, the lower jaw, J, adjustably connected to the upper jaw, whereby the clamp may be made to accommodate objects of different thickness, and the clamping-screw K carried by the lower jaw just under the post D, substantially as described.
2. The combination, substantially as set forth, of the table-top, the stationary upper jaw, the connecting rods or posts between the upper jaw and the table-top, the internally-screw-threaded lug carried by one of the posts, the lower jaw, the clamping-screw carried thereby, and the screw-threaded rod secured to the lower jaw that works in the lug.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name.

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