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Sewing-Machine Table.

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Fig 1

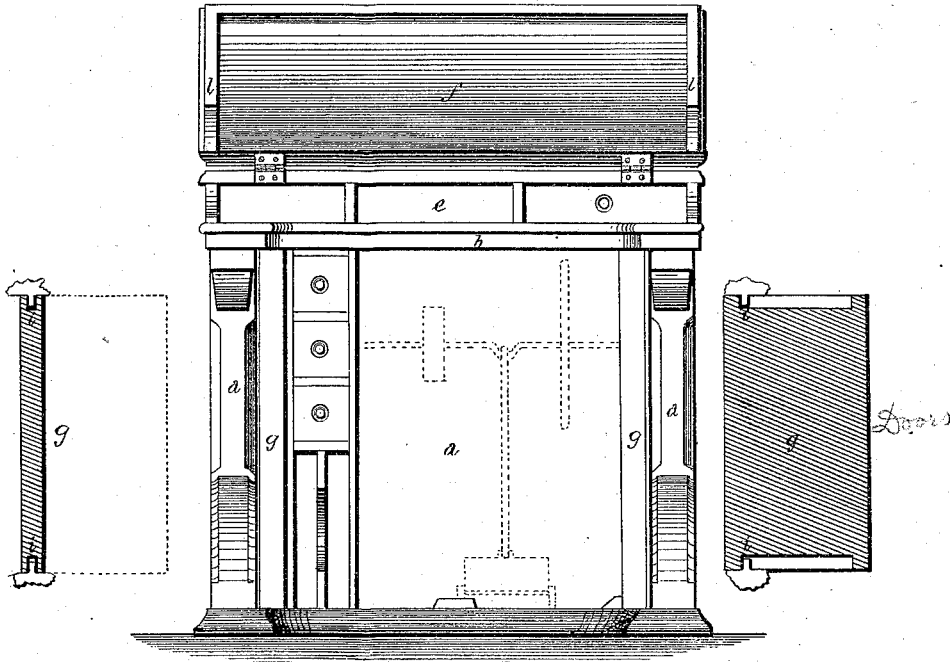
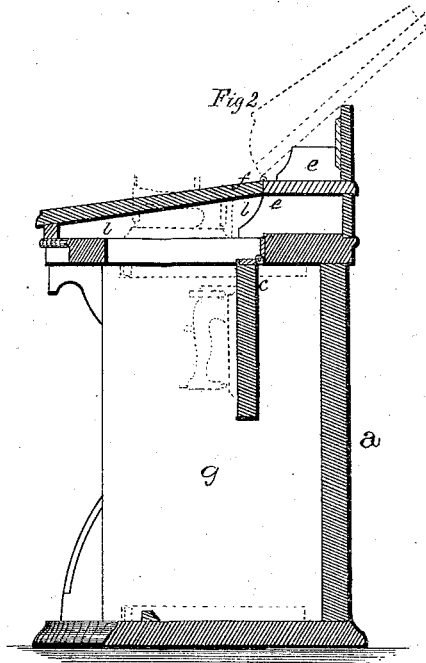


Fig 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-MACHINE TABLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANCIS R. WOLFINGER, of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sewing-Machine Tables; 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 pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to sewing-machine tables, having for its object to improve the construction of the same, whereby they are simple and convenient and durable in use; and it consists in providing, in a cabinet or table for sewing-machines, a leaf hinged to the back part of the writing-desk, and a hinged bed-plate combined, whereby the device can be used wholly for a writing-desk or a sewing-machine, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

The accompanying drawings represent my invention.

a represents an ordinary cabinet or frame for a sewing-machine. At or near the center of the table *b* the part *c*, that forms the bed-plate of the machine, is hinged at one of its edges, so that when the machine is not in use it can be swung downward into the cabinet, in the usual manner, so as to be out of the way. Formed on the rear edge of the cabinet-frame *a* is the part *e*, which serves as the back part of a writing-desk, and to its front edge is hinged the lid *f*, which extends forward to the front of the table, and thus forms a writing-desk, when the machine is dropped down below the level of the table. The lid *f*, when the machine is to be used, is lifted up and

laid back over the part *e*, to make room for the machine when turned up from under the table. Fastened under the leaf or lid *f*, and near its sides, are the pieces *l*, which extend from the front backward to where the lid is hinged, and are formed at their rear ends to fit the ornamental parts at the front edges of *e* in the shape of an arc or any other form, as shown. By thus forming a joint at the union of the parts *e* and *l* the part *l*, which forms the sides of the writing-desk when the lid is down, is lifted up with the lid, so as to be out of the way when the machine is to be used.

In the top and bottom edges of the doors *g* are grooves *o*, by which the pins *i*, projecting from under the top of the table and from the bottom of the frame, guide the doors when drawn out or pushed into the sides of the cabinet; and these pins serve both as stops, to prevent the doors from being drawn out too far, and also as pivots, upon which the doors turn when opened or shut. This arrangement allows the doors to be pushed into the sides of the cabinet out of the way of the operator.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

In a cabinet or table for sewing-machines, the combination of the part *e*, leaf *f*, hinged thereto, and the hinged bed-plate *c*, whereby the cabinet can be used wholly for a writing-desk or a sewing-machine, substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 4th day of March, 1875.

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