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Folding Covers for Sewing-Machines.

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FIG. 4.

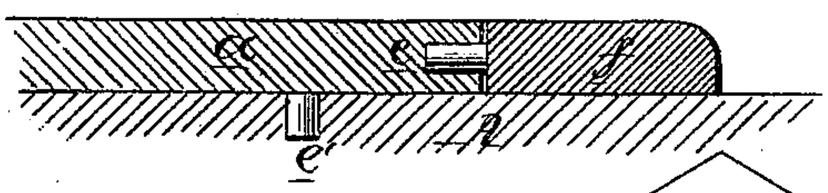

FIG. 2.

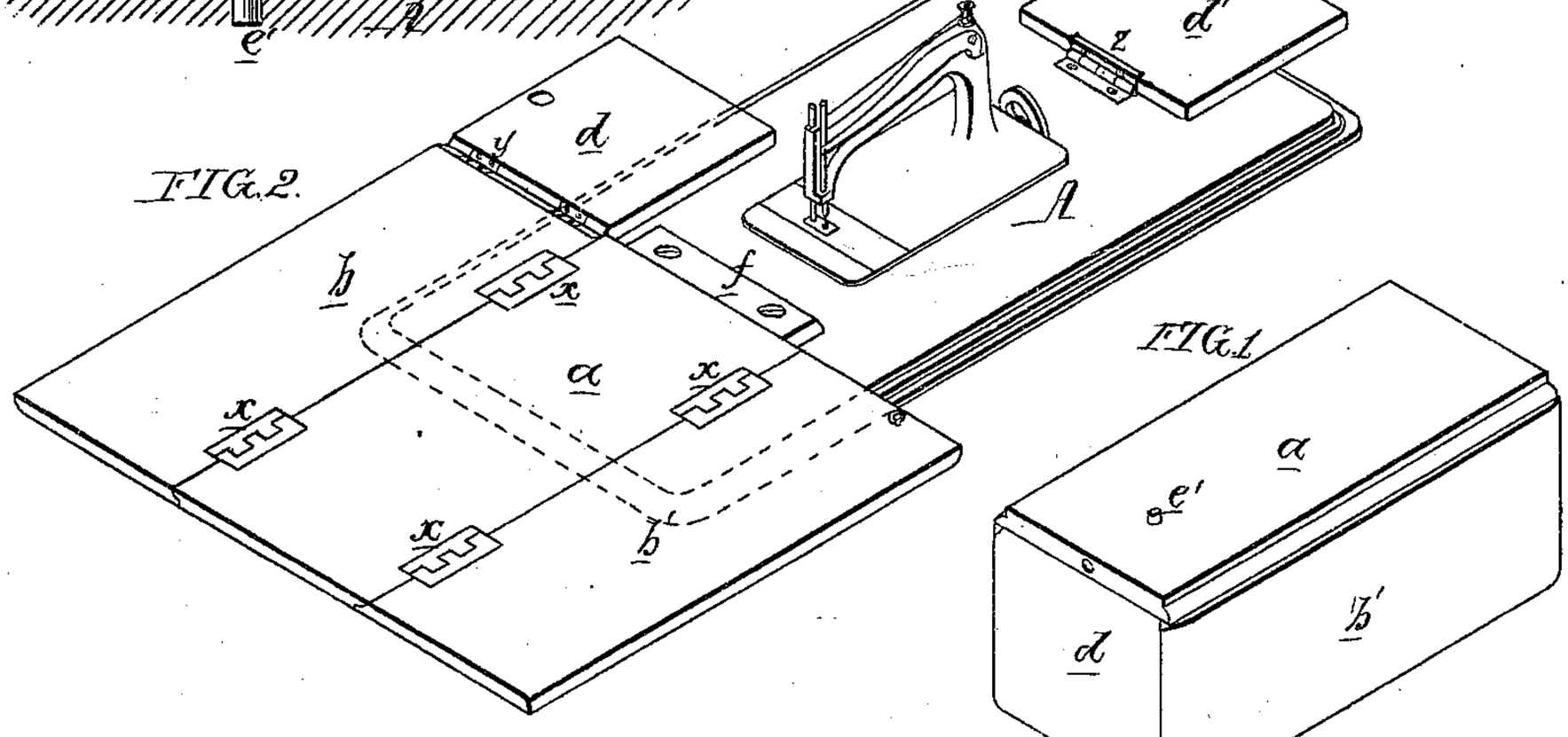

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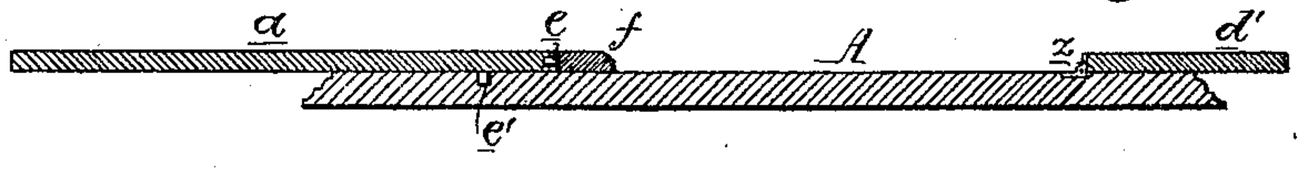
FIG. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING COVERS FOR SEWING-MACHINES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **141,169**, dated July 22, 1873; application filed April 17, 1873.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL JAMES PUSEY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improvement in Folding Covers for Sewing-Machines, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a cheaper, more convenient, and less bulky folding cover for sewing-machines than those of ordinary construction; and I accomplish this object by constructing and adapting the cover to a sewing-machine table in the manner which I will now proceed to describe, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cover as it appears when folded; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the unfolded cover and sewing-machine table; Fig. 3, a sectional view of the cover and table; Fig. 4, an enlarged view of part of Fig. 3.

The cover consists of a top piece, *a*, of sides *b b'*, hinged thereto at *x*, of an end piece, *d*, hinged to the side *b* at *y*, and of an end piece, *d'*, hinged to the table A at *z*. When folded, as shown in Fig. 1, the cover forms a simple rectangular box, which fits over the machine, and is retained in proper position upon the table, partly by a projection, *f*, on the latter, against which the end *d* of the cover rests, and partly by its end piece *d'*, which is permanently hinged to the said table; or, if this is not sufficient, pins on the under edges of the sides *b b'* may be adapted to corresponding holes in the table. When the machine is to be used the cover is lifted from the same and inverted, unfolded, and laid upon the table, so that its top *a* and sides *b b'* shall form a continuous extension-leaf for the latter, as shown in Fig. 2. The extension-leaf overhangs the table considerably, and requires, therefore, to be secured or supported to prevent it from toppling over. The simplest fastening which I have devised for this purpose is the arrangement of pins illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, one pin, *e*, on the projection *f* of the table entering a hole in the end of the portion *a* of the cover, and a pin, *e'*, of the latter entering a hole in the table; or the reverse of this arrangement might be employed.

It will be observed that the folding cover is of much more simple and economical construction than those in common use, and that it is more compact and convenient for the operator, as, when unfolded, it occupies but a portion of the top of the table, and that at the left-hand side of the same, where it is needed for the support of the work.

I claim as my invention—

A folding cover for sewing-machines in which the top, front, and back are hinged together, as described, so that they may be unfolded, inverted, and laid directly upon the top of the table at one side of the machine, as set forth.

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

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