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LADIES' WORK-TABLES.

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Fig. 1

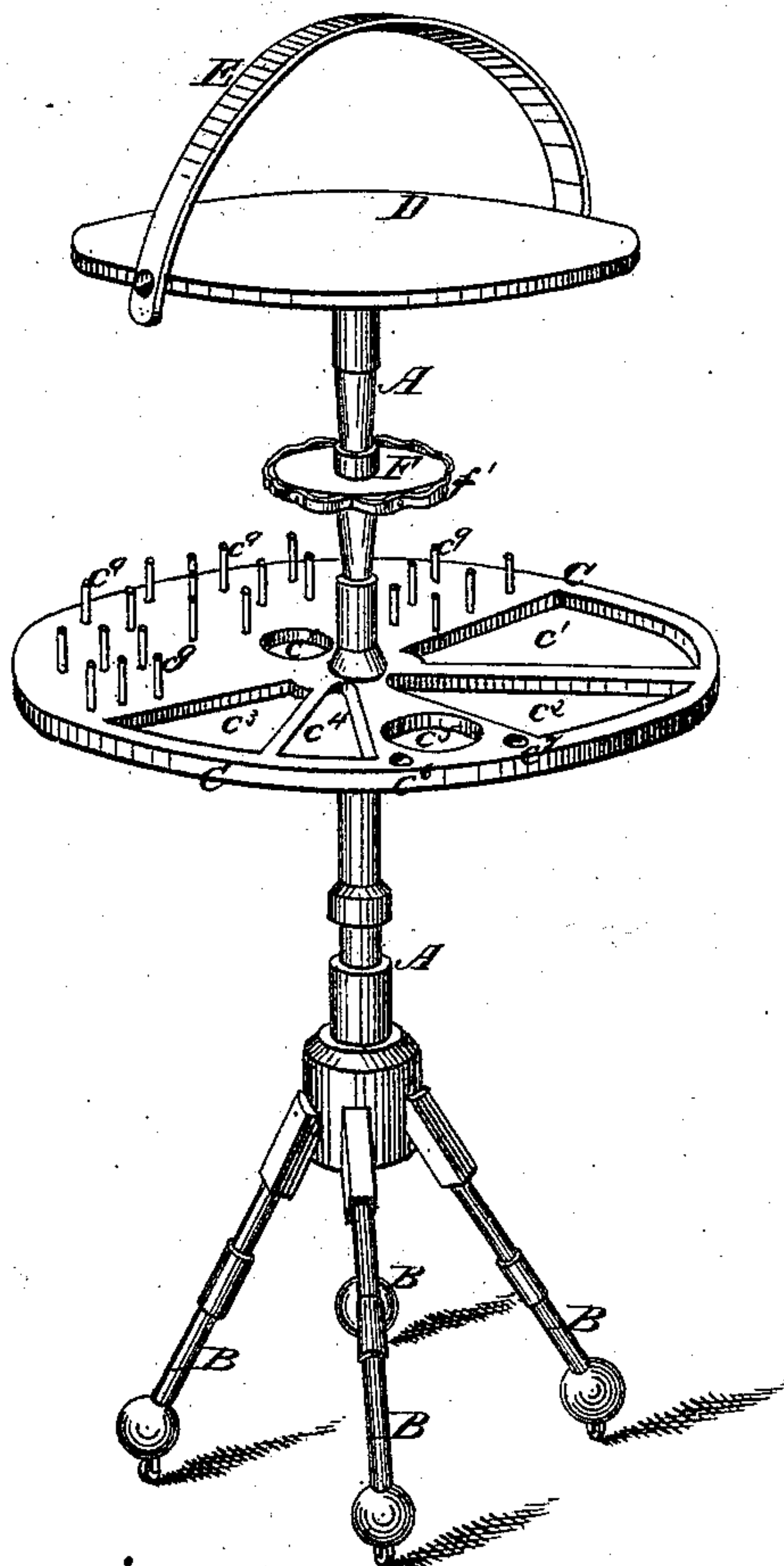
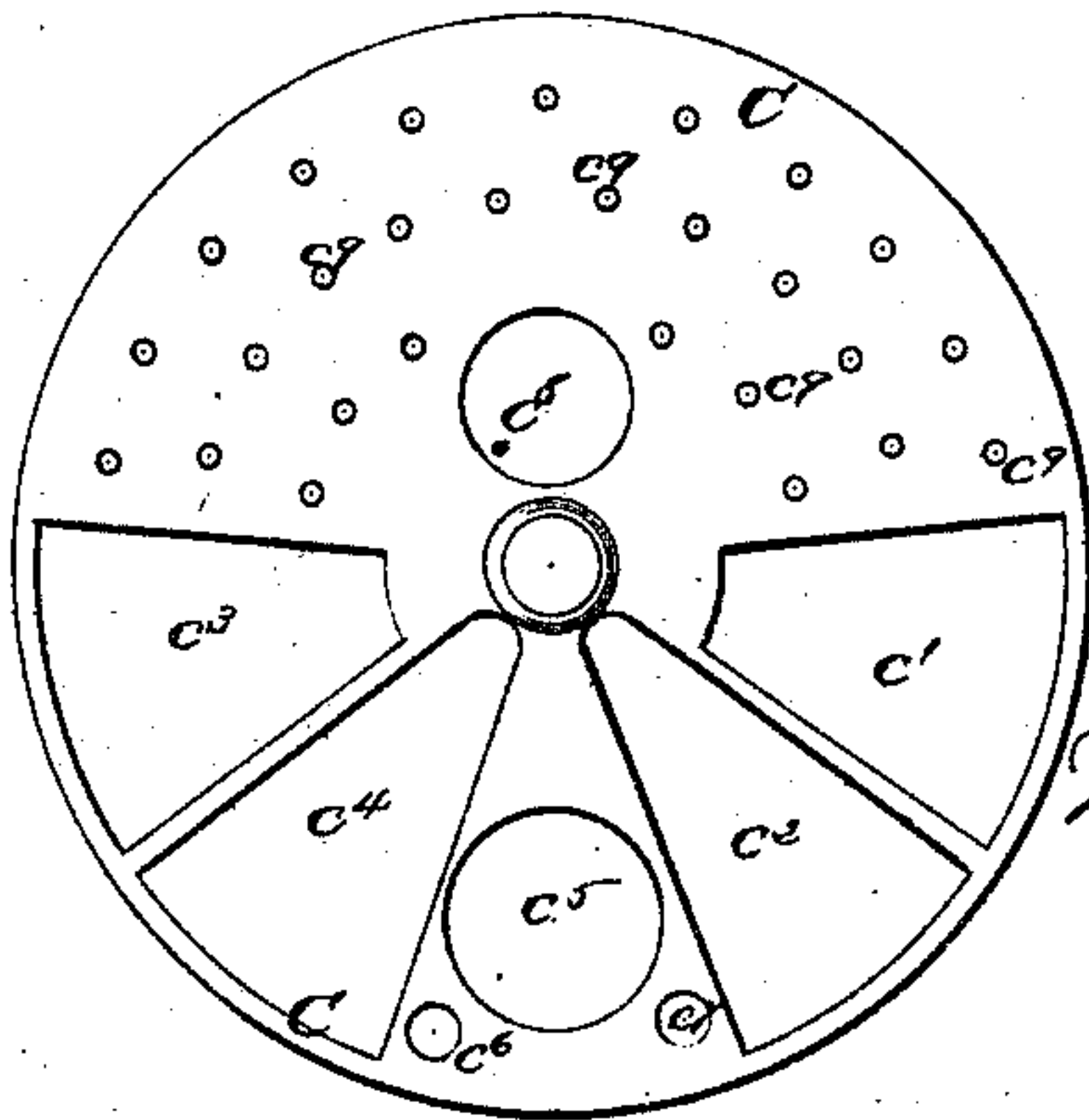


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN LADIES' WORK-TABLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, Miss L. FRANCES WOODWARD, of Woodstock, in the county of Windsor and State of Vermont, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ladies' Work-Table, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved work-table. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the lower leaf.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved work-table for ladies' use while sewing, which shall be so constructed as to have separate places for the various articles used by her when at work, so that they may be at all times conveniently accessible, and may have a separate place for her work.

The invention consists in a work-table formed of the standard, the feet, the lower leaf provided with cavities and pins, the upper leaf or basket provided with the bail or handle, and the small intermediate leaf provided with the looped strap or tape, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the post or standard of the table, to the lower end of which are attached four feet, B, spread apart sufficiently to give the table a firm and stable support. The feet B are designed to be provided with casters, so that the lady can conveniently move the table while sitting in her sewing-chair. To the standard A, at a suitable height from the floor, is attached a circular leaf, C. In the forward part of the leaf C are formed three cavities,  $c^1$   $c^2$   $c^3$ , to contain buttons and the variety of things needed in sewing: a cavity,  $c^4$ , for scissors, crochet-needles, &c.; a cavity,  $c^5$ , for a pin-cushion; cavities  $c^6$   $c^7$  for a thimble and emery; and a cavity,  $c^8$ , back of the

post or standard A, for a ball of darning-cotton. The number, size, and arrangement of the cavities may be varied as may be desired. To the rear part of the leaf C are attached a number of pins,  $c^9$ , to receive spools of thread, silk, &c. To the upper end of the standard A is attached a circular leaf, D, to receive the work, so that it may not interfere with the implements upon the leaf C. The leaf D may be replaced by a work-basket, if desired. To the edges of the leaf D are pivoted the ends of a semi-ring handle or bail, E, for convenience in carrying the table from place to place. To the standard A, between the leaves C D, is attached a small circular leaf, F, to the edges of which is attached a tape or strap,  $f'$ , sufficiently full to form loops or keepers to receive bodkins, stilettos, papers of needles, &c.

The table is made of such a height as to be convenient for the lady while sitting upon a low sewing-chair, and as light as possible, while giving it sufficient strength, so that a lady can readily carry it from place to place.

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

A work-table consisting of the standard A, the feet B, the lower leaf C, provided with cavities and pins, the upper leaf or basket D, provided with the bail or handle E, and the small intermediate leaf F, provided with the looped strap or tape  $f'$ , substantially as herein shown and described.

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