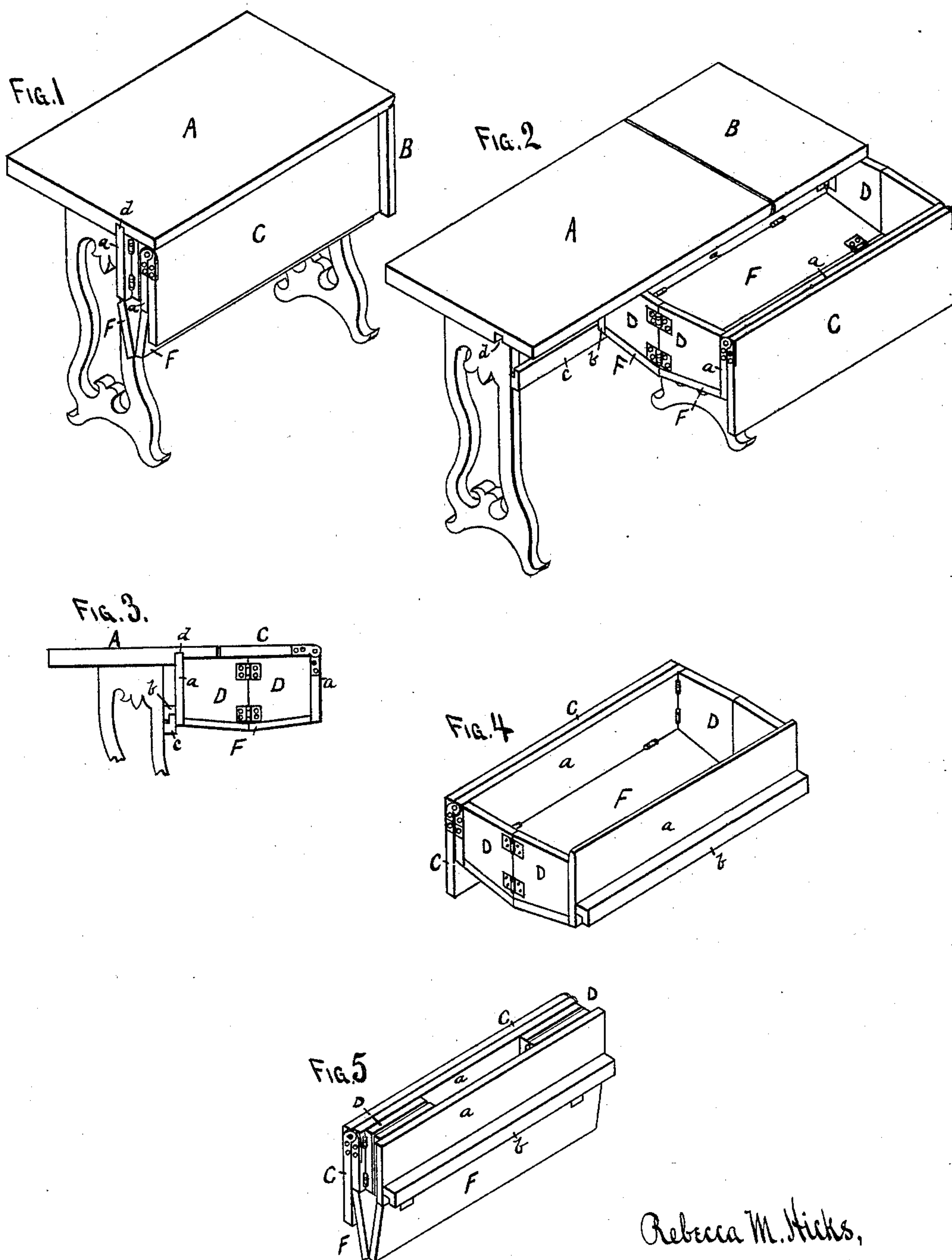


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SEWING-MACHINE RECEPTACLE AND EXTENSION-TABLE LEAF.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REBECCA M. HICKS, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have made certain new and useful Improvements in Sewing-Machine Receptacles and Extension-Table Leaves, which improvements are fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sewing-machine table and frame, showing my improvement attached thereto and folded up. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the receptacle open. Fig. 3 is a partial end view, showing the grooves in which the receptacle slides. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the receptacle detached from the table and open. Fig. 5 is a similar view, showing the receptacle closed.

20 This invention relates to folding work-receptacles attached to sewing-machine tables; and it consists in an oblong box having the bottom formed of two pieces hinged to each other and to the side pieces, and with its ends vertically divided into two pieces hinged to each other and to the ends of the side pieces, whereby the whole may be extended in the form of a box, or folded up into a small compass, as hereinafter set forth.

30 The invention further consists in arranging the said receptacle to slide laterally upon ways attached to the side of the frame of the table, whereby the receptacle may be moved endwise to bring it in front of the needle-bar of the machine, as well as to form a support for the end drop-leaf, as hereinafter set forth.

40 A is the table of the sewing-machine, to which the needle-bar, &c., are attached, and B the usual drop-leaf at the end. Attached to the side of the frame of the table by ways or slides, so that it may be moved back and forth, is a box or receptacle, consisting of a bottom, F, formed of two pieces hinged to each other and to the side pieces, *a a*, and adapted to fold downward, and two ends, D, formed of two pieces hinged to each other and to the ends of the same side pieces, *a a*, and adapted to fold inward, the whole thus forming an oblong box that may be folded up, as shown in Figs. 1 and 5, or extended, as shown in Figs. 2, 3, and 4.

50 The ends D will be so formed as to lock the box open when extended, and thus dispense

with the necessity of catches, hooks, or other devices, and without disconnecting any of the parts.

This receptacle will be attached to the table at the bottom by means of a strip or guide, *b*, having a lip along its lower edge, and attached to the side *a* next to the table, said lip adapted to fit over a track, *c*, secured across the frame of the table, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, while the upper edge of the same side *a* runs in a groove, *d*, in the under side of the table-top A. By this arrangement the receptacle may be moved back and forth along the side of the table and beyond the end of the table A, and opposite the drop-leaf B, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to bring it in the proper position to receive the work as it comes from the needle. In this position it will be found to be a very convenient receptacle to catch the work as it comes from the needle to prevent it falling to the floor or coming in contact with the machinery. It will also, in heavy goods, prevent them drawing upon the needle.

A cover, C, will be hinged to front side *a* in such a manner as to be folded over upon top of the receptacle, and thus form an extension-top to the table A B, as shown in Fig. 3. By this arrangement the ends D serve as levers to press the sides outward and draw the bottom upward and lock the receptacle open, as before described, without the use of hooks or other catches.

The hinges on the bottom F and ends D may be reversed, so as to allow the bottom to be folded upward and the ends outward, if desired.

I am acquainted with the patent of J. D. Browne, February 13, 1872, No. 123,673, who shows a folding receptacle; but I do not claim, broadly, a folding receptacle.

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

1. The sewing-machine work-receptacle consisting of the bottom F, formed of two pieces hinged to each other and to the lower edges of the sides *a a*, the ends D D, vertically divided into two pieces hinged to each other and to the ends of the sides *a a*, the pintles of the hinges connecting the parts of the ends and the parts of the bottom, respectively, to each

other being in the same vertical plane, whereby the whole may be extended into the form of a box or receptacle, or folded up into a small compass when not in use, substantially as set forth, and without the use of hooks or other catches, and without disconnecting any of the parts.

5 2. The sewing-machine table provided with ways on its side and a leaf hinged to its end, in combination with a receptacle supported in said ways and sliding therein to support said leaf, substantially as described.

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