

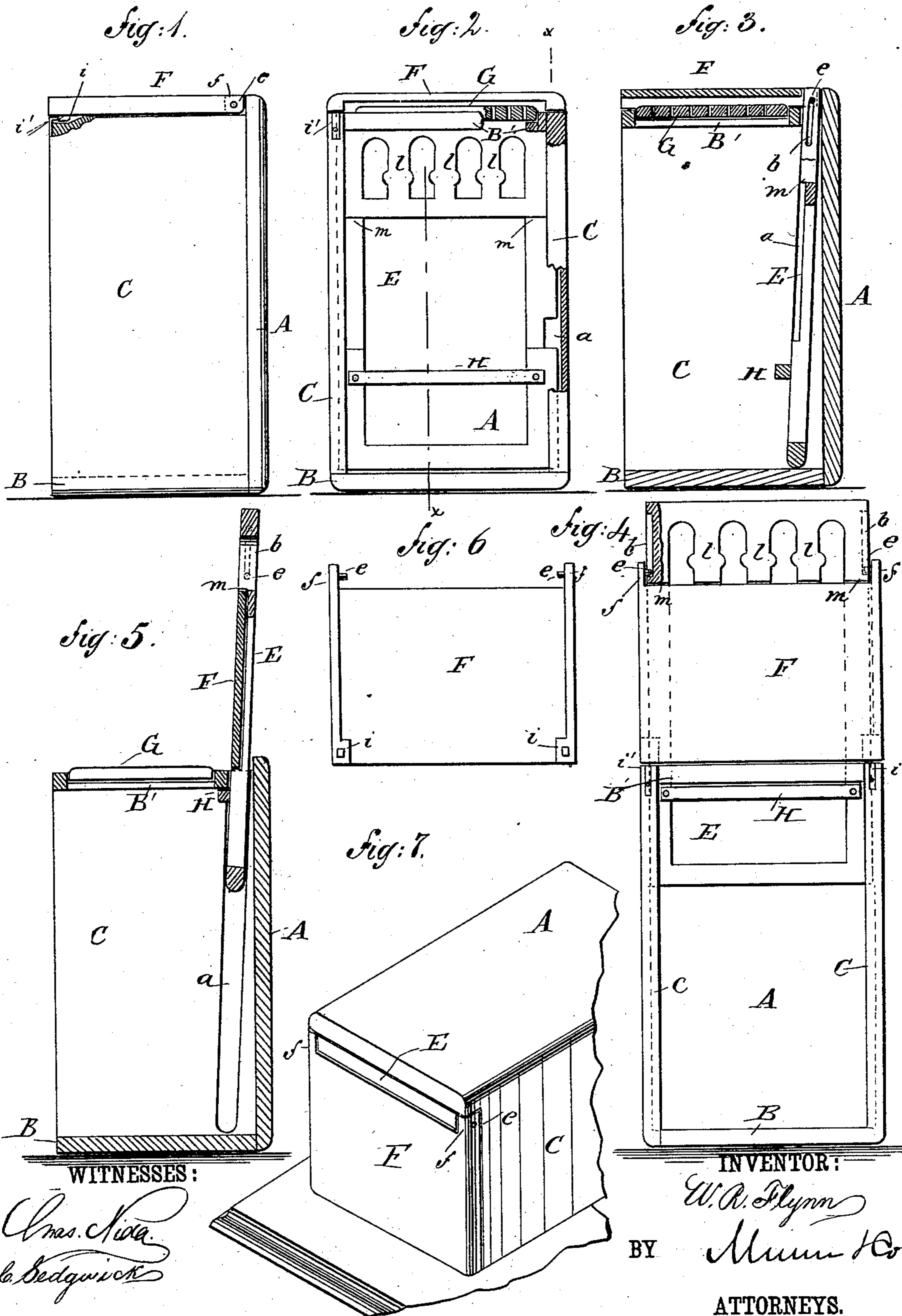
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM R. FLYNN, of Bordentown, in the county of Burlington and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Combined Sewing-Machine Cover and Chair, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to construct a sewing-machine box or cover so that it may also be used as a chair.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a broken side elevation of my invention, the parts being closed, so that the cover has the appearance of an ordinary sewing-machine cover or box. Fig. 2 is a broken front elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a sectional elevation taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a broken front elevation of the cover, with the back withdrawn from the cover, ready for use as a chair. Fig. 5 is a sectional side elevation of the same. Fig. 6 is an inverted plan view of the folding side and back piece, *F*, removed from the back frame, *E*; and Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the box or cover as it appears when placed upon the sewing-machine table.

The top *A* and end or bottom piece, *B*, of the box or cover are of the ordinary construction. The side pieces, *C C*, are grooved upon the inside, as shown at *a a*, in which grooves the back frame, *E*, is placed and moves, and these grooves are made slightly diagonal to the plane of the top board or piece, *A*, as shown in Fig. 5, for holding the back at a slight backward inclination when the same is drawn out of the box or cover for use as a chair, as clearly illustrated in said figure.

B' is a frame fitted in the end of the box or cover which supports the seat or bottom *G*, which is, by preference, cushioned. This seat or bottom, when the box or cover is folded to be put upon the sewing-machine, is inclosed by the back board, *F*, which is hinged to the back frame, *E*, as shown clearly in Figs. 2, 3, and 7, and when this back piece or board, *F*, is folded upon the box and the frame *E* shoved down into the box or cover the board *F* is locked by the claws *i i* passing under the hooked plates *i' i'*, as clearly shown in Fig. 1,

in which position it forms nearly a full outside end piece of the box or cover, as shown clearly in Fig. 7. When the back frame, *E*, is drawn out of the box or cover the board *F* folds back against it, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5, and, together with the said back frame, forms the complete back to the box or cover, adapting it for use as a chair. That the board *F* may occupy these different positions for forming the greater part of the back and for closing the end of the box or cover, I hinge it to the back frame by means of the pins *e e*, that pass through the projections *f f* and enter the slots *b b*, formed in the sides of the back frame near its upper end, as clearly shown in Figs. 3 and 4, so that when the back frame is drawn out for use the slots will permit the back board, *F*, to slide down a short distance, so that the back bars, *l l*, of the back frame will appear above the upper edge of the back board, *F*, as clearly shown in Fig. 4, and when the back board is in this position its upper edge comes under the shoulders *m m* of the back frame and its lower edge comes upon the upper ends of the side pieces, *C C*, and thus securely locks the back frame in its extended or drawn-out position.

H is a cross-piece attached to the back frame, *E*, inside of the box or cover, which serves as a stop to limit the distance of upward or outward movement of the back frame. When the back frame, *E*, and back board, *F*, are shoved in and closed upon the box, fitting it to be put over the sewing-machine to fit it for use as a chair, it is only necessary to apply the hand to the cross-piece *H* and shove the back frame, *E*, out, which will move independent of the board *F* to the extent of the length of the slots *b b*, when the rear or hinged edge of the board *F* will raise with the frame *E*, and the outer or free end of the said board will automatically drop to the position shown in Figs. 4 and 5, locking the frame *E* and making the back to the cover or box complete.

To close in or fold the box again, it is only necessary to slightly draw out the lower edge of the board *F*, which will unlock the frame *E*, and then to apply the hand to the upper edge of the frame *E* and shove it down into the box or cover, which will cause the lower edge of the board *F* to slide outward upon the upper edges of side boards, *C C*, and to automatically

lock itself under the hooked plates *i' i'*. In this manner it will be seen that the changes may be made quickly and easily; that when the back is drawn or shoved out the box or
5 cover is well adapted for use as a chair; that when the back is closed in and upon the box it is practically invisible, and that the back in no manner interferes with the use of the box as a sewing-machine cover.

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

1. The box A, provided with hook-plates *i' i'*, in combination with the sliding frame E and the board F, provided with claws *i* and

hinged to said frame, as and for the purpose 15 set forth.

2. The combination, with the box sides C C and back frame, E, having shoulders *m m*, of the board F, hinged to said frame and adapted to have its upper edge come under said 20 shoulders and its lower edge on said sides, whereby the back may be locked in an upright position, as described.

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