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Fig: 1.

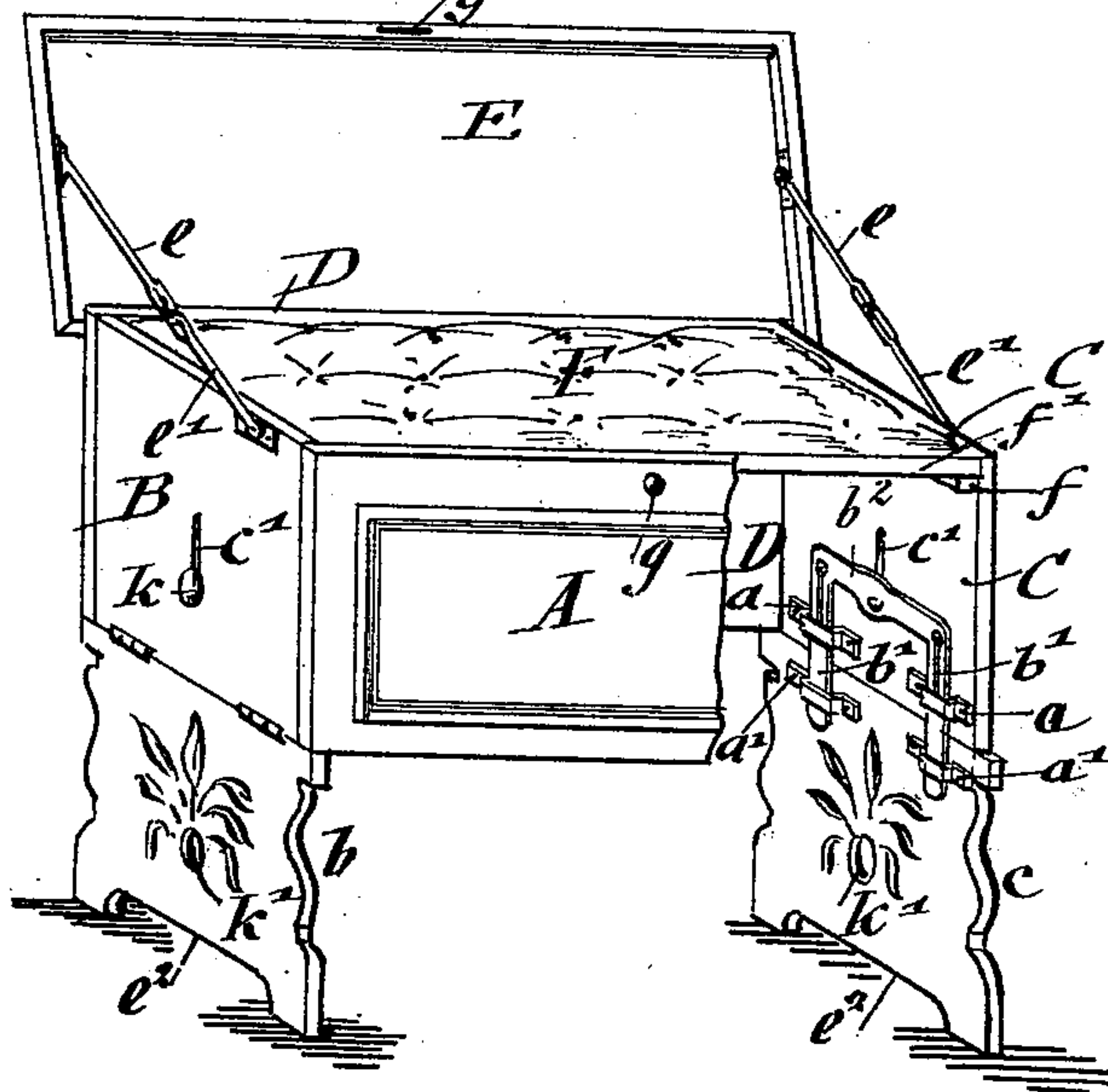
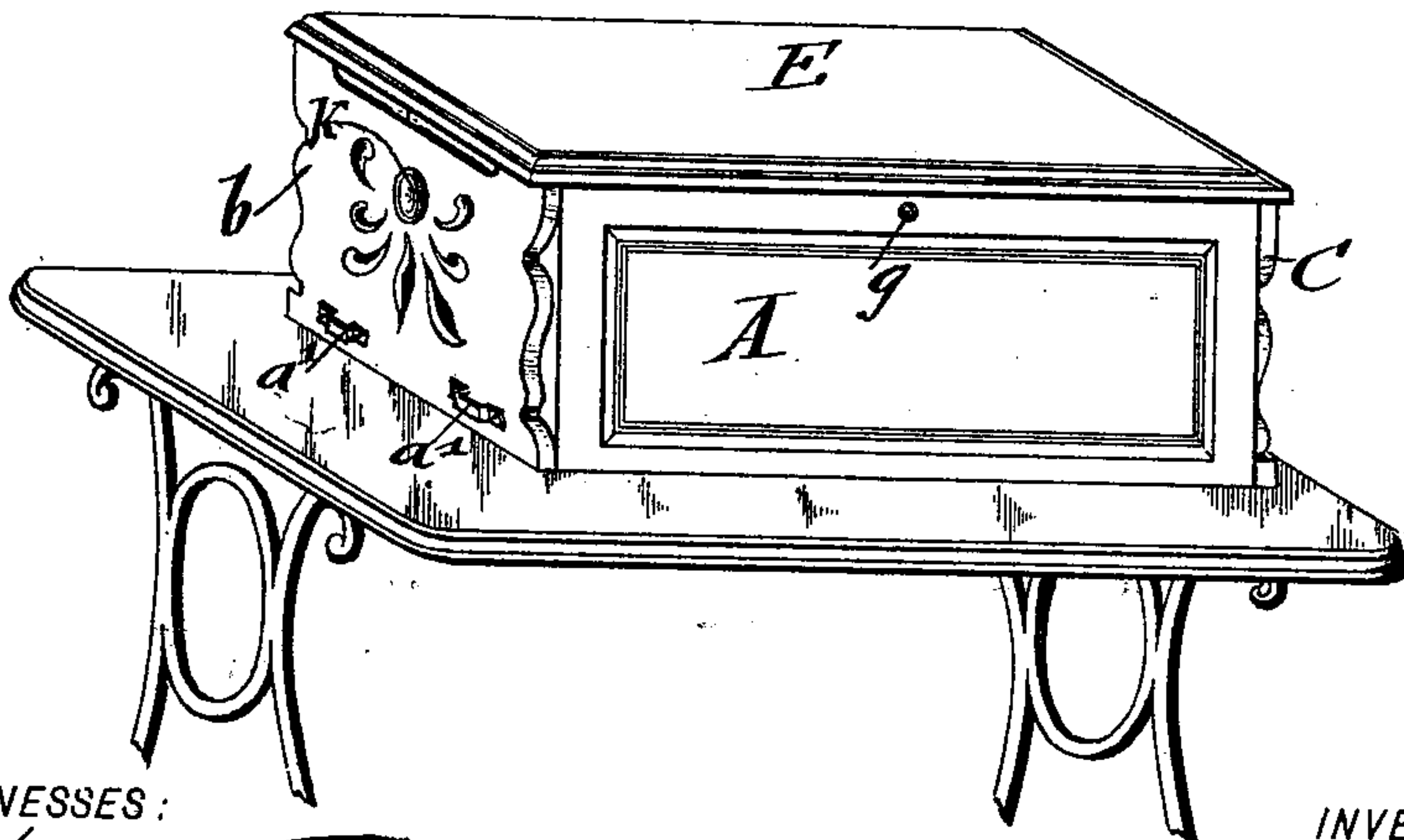


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNST ADOLF BENEKE, a citizen of the Empire of Germany, residing at Frankfort-on-the-Main, in the Kingdom of Prussia and Empire of Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Sewing, Type-Writing, or other Machines, of which the following is a specification.

10 This invention relates to certain improvements in covers for sewing-machines, type-writing machines, or other similar machinery which when not in use is covered by a box-like cover to protect the machine from dust or injury and which is operated or attended by a person seated before the machine.

15 The object of the invention is to provide a cover for such machines which shall when removed serve as a seat for the operator or attendant of the machine.

20 For this purpose the invention consists of a cover for sewing, type-writing, and other machines which comprises a body, a top hinged at one side to said body, a cushion supported at the upper part of the body below said top, legs hinged to said body, and means attached to said top for retaining the same in upright position from said body, and, further, in certain details of construction and combinations of parts to be more fully described hereinafter and finally pointed out in the claims.

25 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved cover for sewing, type-writing, and other machines, the same being shown as opened to form a seat for the operator of the machine and a portion of the front of the cover being broken away to show the means for retaining the legs in upright position beneath the body of the cover; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cover folded and placed over a machine supported on a table.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

30 Referring to the drawings, A, B, C, and D represent, respectively, the front, ends, and back of the body of my improved machine-cover. These are connected at their ends by any suitable means and may be plain or ornamented on the outside, as desired. To the lower edge of the ends B and C are hinged the legs *b* and *c*, respectively. These legs are of

a height corresponding to or less than the height of the body of the cover, so that when folded, as in Fig. 2, at the outside of the body they do not project beyond the edges of the same. At the inside of each end B and C of the body are arranged keepers *a*, in vertical line with corresponding keepers *a'*, arranged on the legs *b* and *c*. Sliding bolts *b'*, connected at their upper ends to a cross-bar *b²*, are arranged to slide in the said keepers, and thereby retain the legs *b* and *c* in upright position firmly beneath the cover when the same is used as a seat. For operating the bolts *b'* a knob *k* is arranged at the outside of the adjacent cover end and connected by means of its shank through a slit *c'* in the cover end with the cross-bar *b²*. In each leg *b* and *c* is arranged an aperture *k'*, which receives the knob when the leg is folded up on the outside of the cover, and thereby permits the leg to fold closely against the cover end and at the same time serves to hold the bolts in raised position when not in use, so that they do not rest upon and scratch the surface of the table or other support on which the cover when placed over the machine may rest. Within the body, at the upper part of each end B and C, is located a strip *f*, which strips serve to support the frame *f'* of a cushion F.

The top E of my improved cover is preferably hinged along one side to the back D of the body, the hinges, however, not being shown in the drawings. A link or strap composed of the two sections *e* and *e'*, pivotally connected to each other and to the top E at the inside of the same and to the outside of the adjacent end of the body, serves to permit movement of the top to an upright position, so as to afford a back for the machine-cover when the same is used as a seat, and prevents turning the top back to such an extent as to break it from the body. Each leg *b* and *c* is cut away at its lower edge, as indicated at *e²* in Fig. 1, to provide space for the folded link-sections, so that they do not prevent the leg folding up closely to the end of the body. This cut-out portion also adds to the appearance of the machine-cover when it is in use as a seat and does not impair its stability. A lock *g* in the front A of the body, in connection with the keeper-plate *g'* in the top E, serves for locking the top to the body.

As shown in Fig. 2, the top E extends beyond the body at the ends, and the legs fold up under the projecting ends of the top, so that the bottoms of the legs are not visible and the folded cover presents a finished appearance.

It is obvious that other means than those described may be employed for retaining the legs in upright position extended from the body when the machine-cover is to be used as a seat and that other means than the articulated link or strap might be employed for holding the top E in position, as shown in Fig. 1. It may also be desirable to hinge the top, so that it may fold over entirely, thus exposing the cushion for use, but affording no back-rest, or the top may be arranged to be entirely removed from the cover when desired. If it is desired to dispense with the cushion, in this case the top of the cover may be made a permanent part of the same and no lock *g g'* will be required. By a proper arrangement of the hinges and the reversal of the position of the retaining means the legs may be arranged to fold within the body instead of upon the outside of the same, if preferred.

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

1. A cover for sewing, type-writing and other machines, consisting of a body, a top

hinged at one side to said body, means attached to said body and top for retaining the latter in upright position, and legs hinged to said body and provided with recesses for said retaining means, substantially as set forth.

2. A cover for sewing, type-writing, and other machines, consisting of a body, a top on said body, legs hinged to said body, each of said legs being provided with an aperture, keepers on each of said legs and on the adjacent sides of the body, bolts movable in said keepers for retaining the legs in extended position from the body, and a knob connected with said bolts and adapted to be retained in the aperture of the adjacent leg when the bolts are withdrawn from the keepers of the same, substantially as set forth.

3. A cover for sewing, type-writing and other machines, consisting of a body, a top on said body, legs hinged to said body, keepers on said body, keepers on the legs, bolts sliding in both said keepers, and means for retaining the bolts withdrawn from the keepers of the legs, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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