

WILCOX & GIBBS' NOISELESS "TWISTED LOOP-STITCH" FAMILY SEWING MACHINES "THE PERFECTION OF MECHANISM."

THE HIGHEST PREMIUM SEWING MACHINE.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES, AT ISLAND PARK TRIAL.



To the Officers of the Union Fair... We, the undersigned, appointed a Special Committee to inspect the merits of the several Sewing Machines entered for Premiums...

On the ground of its excelling in the greatest number of points presented. To the Florence Machine, for having the advantage of a "reversible feed," and using the least thread, we award the Second Premium.

SIDNEY D. TUCKER, L. C. CHAMPNEY, JOSEPH WHEELLOCK, Judges.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1866.

LIST OF POINTS

On Which Superiority was Claimed for the Wilcox & Gibbs Machine.

- 1. It is the simplest. Claim Sustained.
2. It is the least liable to get out of order. Sustained.
3. It is the best made machine, every part being an exact duplicate, which is not the case with the Florence. Sustained.
4. It is the cheapest. Sustained.
5. It runs the stillest. Sustained.
6. It runs the easiest. Sustained.
7. It runs the fastest. Sustained.
8. It has the best device to prevent the wheel running backward. Claim Sustained.
9. It requires less mechanical skill to operate it. Sustained.
10. It requires less time and instruction to learn to use it. Sustained.
11. It is the most certain and reliable in operation. Sustained.

Note.—It is a fact worthy of remark, that, during the entire trial—which continued without intermission for nearly seven hours—not a stitch was missed, nor the thread once broken, nor a needle broken or bent, by the Wilcox & Gibbs Machine. No kind of work was attempted to be done on it that was not accomplished, and done in a perfect and workmanlike manner; and no effort was made on it that was not entirely successful; while neither of these statements can be truly made in favor of the Florence.

- 12. Its needle is the shortest. Sustained.
13. The needle is also straight, and less liable to be broken, than one curved like the Florence. Sustained.
14. It is beveled, and therefore stronger than one with a small shank, like the Florence. Sustained.
15. The needle is secured in its place by a patented device, which renders it self-adjusting, so that neither skill nor experience is necessary in setting it. It is not so with the Florence. Sustained.
16. It uses but one thread, and thus avoids the necessity of complicated machinery, which is required for two threads, as in the Florence. Sustained.
17. It sews directly from the spool, thus making it unnecessary to rewind the thread and adjust it in the shuttle. Sustained.
18. It makes the "Wilcox & Gibbs," or "twisted loop-stitch"—a stitch original with this Machine, and made by no other—which for general purposes is superior to either made by the Florence. Sustained.
19. Its seam has the peculiar advantage of being readily taken out when it is desirable, while it is less liable to rip, in use or wear, than the lock-stitch. Sustained.
20. The seam is more elastic and stronger than the lock-stitch. Sustained.
21. The seam is also the most even and beautiful. Sustained.
22. The seam is always self-fastened, thus avoiding the necessity of a "reversible feed," or any other complicated device for that purpose. Sustained.
23. Its tension is more simple and more easily adjusted. Sustained.
24. It will do a greater variety of work than the Florence can do, in equal perfection. Sustained.
25. The Machine is more easily and speedily changed from one kind of work to another. Sustained.
26. More work can be done with it in a given time than with the Florence. Sustained.
27. It does beautiful embroidery, which the Florence cannot do. Sustained.

Note.—The trial upon this claim was very thorough, and the practical tests minute and accurate. Each Machine was required to use thread from the same spool, make the stitch of the same length, and perform the test-work on the same piece of goods, with the lines of sewing side by side. The results were all decisive, and in every test in favor of the Wilcox & Gibbs Machine.

Note.—The advantages claimed for the Wilcox & Gibbs belt consist in its non-liability to get out of order, and the facility with which it can be shortened when necessary. It was shown that the flat belt is very liable, on a Sewing Machine, by the unequal stretching of its two edges, to get out of adjustment, so as to run to one side of the pulley, causing the Machine to run heavily—a difficulty to which the round belt is never liable, since, as it runs in a groove, it is impossible for it to get out of place.

From the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad.

ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, September 14, 1865.

Wilcox & Gibbs Sewing Machine Company, No. 720 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia:—

One of your Sewing Machines has been used in my family for several years. For simplicity and mechanical accuracy of construction, I have seen no Sewing Machine equal to it. The speed and correctness with which it does its work are admirable. It has given, and continues to give, us entire satisfaction.

Very respectfully, BROOK LEWIS.

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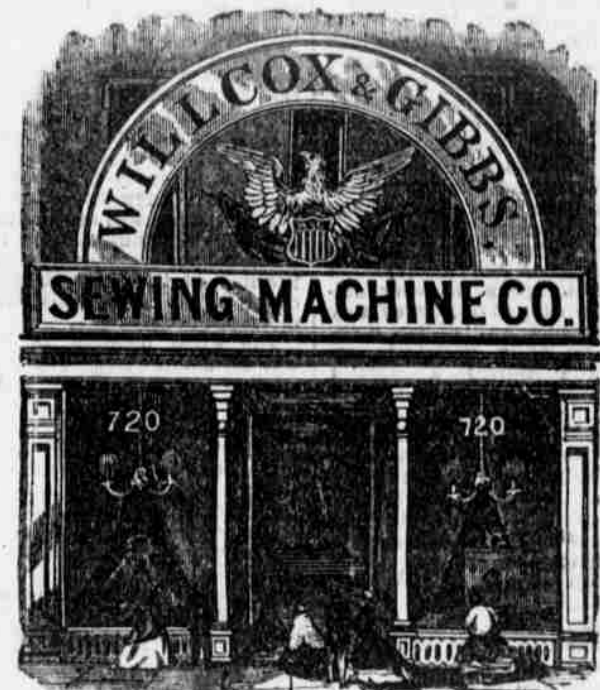
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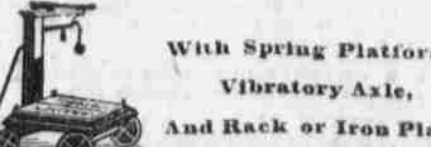


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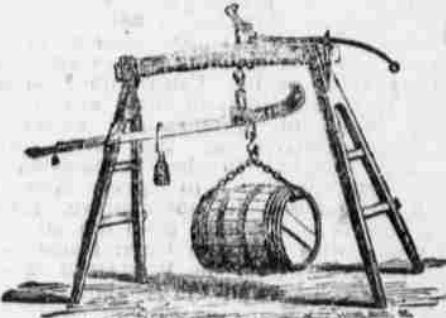
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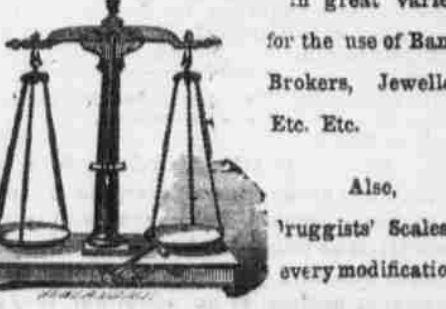


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