

Willcox & Gibbs Gold Medal Family Sewing Machines

Wherever exhibited in honorable competition, the Willcox & Gibbs Improved Family Sewing Machines have been awarded the HIGHER PRIZES...

The result of the contest was, that the WILL COX & GIBBS won the victory and the prize, by why sustaining every claim presented.

List of Points on which Superiority was Claimed for the Willcox & 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. Sustained.
4. It is the cheapest. Sustained.
5. It runs the simplest. 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. 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 Willcox & Gibbs machine.

- 12. Its needle is the shortest. Sustained.
13. The needle is also straight, and less liable to be broken than one curved. Sustained.
14. It is smoothed, and therefore stronger than one with a small shank. 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. Sustained.
16. It uses but one thread, and thus avoids the necessity of complicated machinery, which is required for two threads. 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 "Willcox & Gibbs" or "twisted" loop-stitch—a stitch original with this machine, and made by no other—which, for general purposes, is superior to the double-thread "lock." 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 Willcox & Gibbs Machine.

- 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. 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. Sustained.
27. It does beautiful embroidery. Sustained.

- 28. It has a shield to the wheel. Sustained.
29. The needle being carried in a perpendicular bar, it has important advantages over machines with curved needles attached directly to the needle-arm, one of which is its non-liability to derangement from alterations of temperature. Sustained.
30. In consequence of the shorter sweep of the needle, there is much less wear of the thread from its vibrating through the needle's eye in the act of sewing. Sustained.

- 31. A smaller needle can be used with the same size of thread, which adds to the strength and beauty of the seam, especially on linen and other hard goods. Sustained.

- 32. It has the best hemmers. Sustained.
33. It has the best feller. Sustained.
34. It has the best braider. Sustained.
35. It has the best belt. Sustained.

AMUSEMENTS. HISTORIC CHAIRS OF TRAM—Mrs Adelaide Ristori appears as "Elizabeth" this evening. In consequence of the great length of the play, the management announce that the curtain will rise five minutes past seven o'clock, instead of six o'clock, the usual hour.

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE "SUNDAY TRANSCRIPT."—We are gratified to learn from the announcement of the proprietors of the Transcript that the publication has been enabled to resume its old and complete. Colonel Greene promises that the Transcript shall appear tomorrow in brand new dress. We shall see the evidence of new type, a new press, and new features in the literary, artistic, local, and political contents of the paper.

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.—The insurance on Armstrong's Woolen Mills, destroyed last evening, is as follows: Continental, N. Y. \$5,000; North American, 5,000; Arctic, 5,000; Erie, 5,000; Niagara, 5,000; Erie, 5,000; Philadelphia, 3,000; State of Pennsylvania, 7,000; Union Mutual, 3,000; Philadelphia, 3,000; Home Mutual, 2,000.

LARCENY OF LEAD.—Edward Baker and Charles Card were arrested yesterday morning by the harbor police, for stealing lead from the ship Pontiac, which had been discharging cargo at the foot of Race street.

AN EVIL THAT NEEDS CORRECTION.—There are always to be found in large cities persons who, to pass for the gross and parient faves of the vulgar, will use words that appeal to the baser passions. As a result, there are two pieces of lead found to be short.

WARNING TO DRIVERS OF COAL CARTS.—John O'Reilly, who employed as a driver of a coal cart by a company in this city, got into difficulty yesterday afternoon, owing to his obstinacy. He had taken a load of coal to a house at Ninth and Carpenter streets, in spite of the opposition of the persons who happened to be in the neighborhood.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Yesterday afternoon, William Simpson, a countryman from Bucks county, visited a flower store, kept by a father and son named Bloomington, at Second and Race streets, with the intention of furnishing himself with a suit of cheap clothing.

A FAIR OF CHRISTMAS AND USEFUL ARTICLES will be held by the ladies of Trinity Church, Southwark, in Washington Building, Third street, above Spruce, all next week. Their many friends in other parts of the city will find a cordial greeting from the present active members of old Trinity.

THE COLD SNAP.—The effects of the cold snap are still further visible in the neighborhood of the city. All the ponds were frozen over yesterday morning. This morning the Schuylkill river has followed suit, the ice covering it to the thickness of full half an inch this morning above the Mount Street Bridges.

AN UNFORTUNATE.—James O'Neill was arrested whilst wandering about in the neighborhood of Twelfth and Christian streets last night. He was found to be in an insane condition, and was sent to the Alms-house by Alderman Therman.

OWNER WANTED.—A pair of bay horses were taken up in the lower part of the city yesterday by the police. The owner can obtain possession of them by calling upon Lieutenant Connelly, at the Fifth District Station House.

ROCKHILL & WILSON, FINE CLOTHING HOUSE, 603 and 605 CHESNUT St., Phila.

Foreign and Domestic Fabrics Made to Order, Reasonable, Serviceable and Fashionable

DISORDERLY HOUSE.—Before Alderman Bechtel, charged with keeping a disorderly house. The house in question is at the corner of Ninth and Vine, and a place of resort for bad women who habitually degrade themselves to dancing, swearing, and making a terrible noise generally.

A CONSPIRACY.—Owen Farley, a young lad, was arrested on a charge of larceny yesterday at Thirteenth and Federal streets. It appears that he has been doing quite a business in stealing the wash kettles that were placed in front of dwellings, emptying out their contents, and removing the copper bottoms to sell for old copper.

LEAVING HOUSES OPEN.—Notwithstanding all that is daily said upon this subject, the police every night find houses and stores open. One place yesterday morning, the family had left the door. Another house when the police notified the tenant that his place was open, he refused to come down and shut it because of the excessive cold.

FAIR OPENING.—There will be a formal opening of the fair for the benefit of the Alexander Freedmen's Church, on Monday, December 14th, at 10 o'clock. Ex-Governor Pollock and a number of distinguished guests will be present to assist in the opening ceremony.

ANOTHER WHISKY CASE.—At 10-30 this morning, Alderman Hibberd, in company with Commissioner Smith, upon the charge of removing whisky to a place other than a bonded warehouse. The hearing was postponed until Monday.

CONSPIRACY.—Francis Wilder was arrested on a warrant issued by Alderman Hibberd, on the charge of a conspiracy to defraud the keeper of a livery beer wagon on Ninth and Race streets of the amount of \$25.

WE ARE SELLING OVERCOATS AT \$12.00. Price last year, \$20.00. Overcoats at \$15.00. Price last year, \$25.00. Overcoats at \$18.00. Price last year, \$30.00.

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Mr. ADA W. RICE, of No. 503 West Twenty-third street, New York, in his examination before the Commissioner of Patents, testified as follows:—Q. From your experience with Family Sewing Machines, and their work, which do you prefer, and give the reasons for your opinion?

A. Grover & Baker; for the elasticity of the stitch, the ability to zip when necessary, and because it does not cut the material; the embroiderer; and when cotton without rewinding; and because the machinery is less intricate.

A DURABLE REPUTATION is rarely made in a day; but HUPPERT'S HOMOEOPATHIC SPECIFICS, having been for ten years before the public, and tried by hundreds in every part of the country, and in every form of disease, have won for themselves a name and reputation rarely acquired.

HEALTH, the poor man's riches, the fourth man's bliss, is found in Ayer's Medicines, after a fruitless search among other remedies. A word to the wise is sufficient.

HOW HAPPY would the girls have been, Who used to stitch and sew and spin, In the days when they could have seen The Leatues of the Florence.

NO MATTER whether poor or rich, Your fingers were not made to stitch, When you can buy a Florence, which Will cost so little money.

ELLIPTIC SEWING MACHINE COMPANY'S FIRST PREMIUM LOCK-STITCHING MACHINES.—Incomparably the best for family use. Highest Premiums (Gold Medal), Fair Maryland Institute, New York and Pennsylvania State Fairs, 1853, No. 923 Chestnut street.

ALL PERSONS who are fond of Fine Confections, G. W. Jenkins, No. 1037 Spring Garden street, would invite to call and try his stock of Fine Candies, Iceland Moss Paste, Gum and Chocolate Drops, Chocolate and Creams, Raisins, and no mistake, at W. Henry Patten's, No. 1408 Chestnut street.

A VERY PLEASING, as well as an inexpensive Christmas gift, is a S. photograph of yourself, if made at B. F. Reimer's gallery, No. 624 Arch street.

TABLE ORNAMENTS beautifully made, by Morse & Co., Nos. 902 and 904, Arch street.

MANY of the holiday gifts merely placed in the fancy for a few days, and are then sold at a sacrifice. The Florence will last a lifetime, and please a lady friend better than a thousand dollars' worth of trifles. Office and Show-rooms, No. 933 Chestnut street.

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FOURTH EDITION EUROPE. Financial and Commercial Advice to One O'clock.

LIVERPOOL, December 15—1 P. M.—The cotton market continues to have a dull aspect, but buyers generally are steady in their demand at the decline of yesterday. The sales will probably reach 9000 bales.

LONDON, December 15—1 P. M.—Consols are held for higher prices, and are now quoted at 85 1/2.

THE market is lower for Erie Railroad shares, which are offered at 46 1/2, with 47 asked.

HEAVY FIRE NOW RAGING IN LONDON. LONDON, December 15—Noon.—The Empress Carlotta, of Mexico, died at Miramar yesterday.

PARIS, December 15—1 P. M.—The United States has ordered the payment of 150,000,000 of francs into the Court as security for the costs pending the action to recover the money paid for building Rebel ships in France.

FROM WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON. [SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.] SENATOR WILSON and quite a number of Congressmen propose to go on an excursion trip over the through line of railroad to New Orleans, for which a number of invitations have been issued by the Road.

Colorado and Nebraska. It is very doubtful if Nebraska or Colorado will be admitted as States until the word "white" is stricken from their Constitutions.

FROM MISSOURI. Bushwackers in Lexington—A Fight. St. Louis, December 15.—A special despatch from Jefferson City says that a party of bushwackers came into Lexington in force yesterday, under command of Pool and Clemons.

FROM CHICAGO. MURKIN—THOMPSON, December 15, at Fine Street Church, by Rev. John McLeod, ROBERT J. MURKIN, of Harrisburg, to Miss CHRISTIANA THOMPSON, of Chicago.

DEAD. HILL.—On the 14th instant, WINFIELD SCOTT, son of Edmund and Martha G. Hill, aged 2 years.

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AUCTION SALES. B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEER, No. 1020 CHESTNUT STREET.

IMPORTANT SALE OF HIGH-CLASS MODERN PAINTING. Imported by and consigned to A. D'Hayvetter, Esq., of Antwerp.

ART GALLERY, No. 1020 CHESTNUT STREET, On the Evening of WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY, December 17, 18, and 19, at 7 o'clock, his entire invoice of High-Class Modern Oil Paintings.

SALE OF LADIES' FINE GOLD WATCHES, JEWELRY, ETC. One O'clock, at 11 o'clock, at Scott's Art Gallery, No. 1020 Chestnut street.

SPECIAL SALE AT CONCERT HALL, BUILDING, No. 110 CHESTNUT STREET, commencing at 11 o'clock each day, at the spacious store in connection with the building.

PANCAOST & WARKOCK AUCTIONEERS, No. 246 MARKET STREET. LARGE POSITIVE SALE OF EMBROIDERIES AND SILKENED GOODS BY CATALAN, & CO. A CREDIT.

THOMAS BIRCH & SON, AUCTIONEERS, No. 110 CHESTNUT STREET, SALES OF GOLD WATCHES, JEWELRY, ETC., CHAINS, DIAMOND RINGS AND PINS, ON MONDAY MORNING, 17th inst. Open for examination with catalogue at 12 o'clock.

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