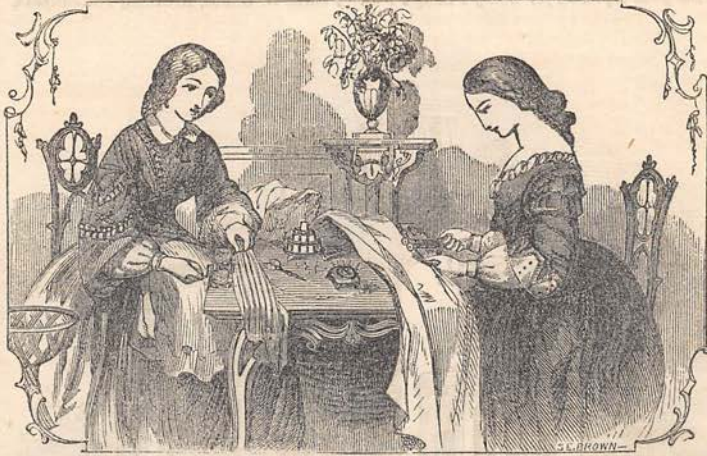


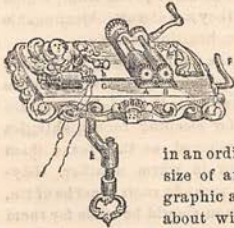
THE FAIRY SEWING-MACHINE. A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR THE WORK-TABLE



As many of our readers are anxious to know just what the new sewing-machine introduced by Mme. Demorest, and alluded to in our November number, is, we will tell them what we think of its uses and advantages.

WHAT IT IS.

IN the first place it will attract attention from its diminutive, fairy-like size, and the ease with which it can be carried, an important matter to a seamstress or dressmaker employed from house to house. It is contained



in an ordinary paper-box, much the size of an ordinary square photographic album, and may be carried about with the same ease. When in use it is attached to an ordinary table, after the fashion of a sewing-bird. There is no machinery below, the whole motive-power being a small crank, which is turned with ease.

HOW IT WORKS.

Its operation is wonderfully simple. An ordinary sewing needle is threaded, the eye placed in a socket, which may be seen in the cut; the point must rest opposite the centre of the cog wheel, and for this reason the socket may be adjusted by a simple screw, pushed backwards or forwards as the needle is longer or shorter. This is the chief judgment required. The commencement of the seam is held to the point of the needle, which takes it up until the needle is full, when a reverse movement of the crank is made, the work drawn off, and it begins afresh.

WHAT IT DOES.

What no other sewing-machine attempts to do, it runs, and does not stitch, it sews the more delicate materials, which an ordinary sewing-machine cuts or draws. The cambrics for infants' clothing, the Swiss muslin for Swiss waists, skirts of soft fabric, Nansook, muslin, and mousseline de laine (all wool), can be traced beautifully by it.

Breadths of fine flannels, mousselines, summer poplins, and all thin fabrics, can be run up with it. For the

dressmaker, in spring and summer it is invaluable; for the household it supplies a vacant place for more delicate uses. As in sewing by hand one seamstress is required for heavy work, another only undertakes fine sewing, or certain parts of it, so with sewing-machines. Every owner of these household blessings is willing to give five dollars for a "tucker" or "hemmer," or any improvement that facilitates work—it is just the price asked for this little gleaner in the great harvest field of industry, that modestly keeps its own place, nor seeks to usurp one already filled. It is a most useful and appropriate gift for the holidays, being packed for this purpose in a pretty case, and ornamental in itself.

The price is only \$5. Address Madame Demorest, 473 Broadway, New York.

From an Editor.

FRIEND GODEY: I am bothered to the roundest every month with persons who wish to borrow your valuable Book; they (the ladies) know it is the best book of fashions, and they are sending from all quarters of the town to my better half to borrow it; she does hate the principle, and often tells me to publish them. She is very afraid that you will discontinue it to this office, if I do not publish the borrowers. However, in the long run, I believe it is an advantage to you, because they subscribe to the Book after awhile; that is, I have known several ladies who have subscribed after examining our copy.

Yours truly, B.

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A LADY once wrote to her absent husband thus: "I write to you because I have nothing to do; I stop because I have nothing to say."

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