Cloth-plate. That plate in a sewing-machine on which the work rests, through which the needle passes, and beneath which is the looper, or the lower spool or shuttle, as the case may be.

Combination-attachment. (Sewing-machine.) A device to be attached to the sewing-machine proper, and by which two or more distinct classes of work may be performed, such as marking, folding, and crossing a stick; a guide, hemmer, corder, and guiller. See "Sewing-Machine Attachments," published by George W. Gregory, Washington, D.C.


Feeder. 3. (Sewing-machine.) That part (b, Fig. 128) which carries the cloth along the length of a stitch between each penetration of the needle. See SEWING-MACHINE FEED. The illustration shows the Wilson four-motion feed.

Fell'er. (Sewing-machine.) An attachment for making a felled seam, i.e. one in which two edges being run together are folded over and stitched.

Sewing-machine Hook. A rotating or reciprocating device beneath the table of a sewing-machine, to catch the needle-thread and open it while the succeeding stitch is made through the loop thus afforded. Or, which loops the needle-thread while the bobbin or shuttle containing the lower thread is passed through said loop. It is known as the Wheeler and Wilson hook. See Fig. 15, Plate LV.

Stay-foot. (Sewing-machine.) An attachment to the presser-bar of a sewing-machine to guide a seam-stay in some kinds of ladies' and children's shoes.

Take-up. 3. (Sewing-machine.) A device in a sewing-machine to draw upon the upper thread to take up its slack while the needle is rising, or resting at its highest point, to tighten the stitch. The independent take-up is one which acts in its own time without being actuated by the needle-bar.

Thread-guide. (Sewing-machine.) A loop, eye, or what not, to form a guide for the thread when it changes its direction at points between the spool and the needle eye.

Tubular Goods Sewing-machine. The Akins and Felthouse patent of August 5, 1851, was the first machine to sew tubular goods, such as shirt-sleeves, boot-legs, etc.; and in 1865 it was estimated that 50,000 sewing-machines, embracing one or the other of the features of this improvement, were in use.

Welt-guide. (Sewing-machine.) An attachment for presenting the welt in the machine so as to be sewn by the needle to the other portion or portions of the boot or shoe. See SEWING-MACHINE ATTACHMENTS, G.W. Gregory, Boston, Mass.