A NOVEL RIPPING ATTACHMENT FOR SEWING MACHINES.

A ripping device of simple and practical form, to be used in connection with sewing machines, has been recently patented by Maurice Talen and George H. Croft, of Genesee, Illinois. As shown by our engraving, the device is intended for attachment to the table of a sewing machine at the point where the belt passes upward through the table. The ripping is done by a rapidly rotating cutting disk driven by friction pulleys in connection with the driving belt of the machine. The cutting disk and its pulley revolve on a stud projecting from a vertical supporting plate which slides upon a base clamped to the table. At its upper edge the plate rounds over to form a guard-flange for the disk. To expose a section of the cutting disk, the plate is recessed at one edge, and a slotted guide flange at the recessed portion receives the disk and keeps the work in position. The base upon which the plate is mounted is provided with a shorter and a longer upwardly extending flange. The shorter flange is situated on the same side as the pulley of the cutting disk and in it a roller is journaled coacting with the pulley of the cut-