

The first *Sewing Machine* presented to the public, of any practical utility, was invented in 1850 by Mr. I. M. Singer, to whom seventeen distinct patents have been issued for improvements in this great labor-saving instrument, and all embodied in the Singer Sewing Machines. These celebrated machines are manufactured by *The Singer Manufacturing Company*, whose principal office and manufactories are in New York. The office is a massive five story building with basements, corner of Broadway and Grand streets, and comprises probably the finest salesrooms and business departments in that metropolis. Their manufactory in Mott street is one hundred feet square, and six stories and sub-cellars in height. The factory in Delaney street covers fourteen building lots, and is five stories high. Very extensive additions are now being constructed to the Mott street building, in order to keep pace with the demand for machines. Extensive and finely fitted up branch offices have been established in all the principal cities of the United States, Europe, Australia, and South America. Upwards of one hundred thousand of the Singer machines have been manufactured and sold, and are now in daily use. The above facts are a fitting comment upon the merit of these machines, and the enterprise and capital essential to carry on the business of this Company, much of whose success is due to their latest improvement, known as the "Letter A Transverse Shuttle" Family Sewing Machine. The Governments of England, France, Austria, and Spain have lately made large purchases of these machines for the manufacture of their army clothing; and the clothing of OUR OWN BRAVE SOLDIERS are made almost exclusively by them. It is estimated that very nearly the entire manufacturing in textile fabrics is done upon this great invention. The highest premiums have been awarded these machines by all the principal Mechanical Institutes of this country, among the most prominent of which we would mention, the Mechanics' Institute, N. Y.; Maryland Institute, Baltimore; Franklin Institute, Philadelphia; Mechanical and Agricultural Association, St. Louis; Universal Exhibition at Paris, and Medal of Honor at the World's Fair, London.