Note: During the breaking-in period, a new machine should be oiled more frequently.

When oiling is completed, turn machine down onto its base and firmly tighten wing nut at its right side.

**NEEDLES**

Consew Model 260 uses needles Style 175X7 (Cat. No. 45311
 Sizes 16, 18, 20 and 22

The size of the needle is determined by the size of the thread which must pass freely through the needle eye.

Remember uneven, knotted or rough thread impairs the satisfactory sewing performance of the machine.

For best results use only genuine CONSEW needles. Replace bent, dull or burred needles to assure satisfactory operation of the machine.

**INSERTING A NEW NEEDLE**

Insert the needle up into the needle bar, as far as it will go, with the long groove of the needle in front facing the operator, then securely tighten the needle set screw.

**TO RELEASE THE THREAD NIPPER FOR THREADING**

In order to draw the thread forward while threading the machine, as described in the following paragraph, it is necessary to depress the thread nipper releasing screw A. (fig. 5). This will release the thread from the grip of the thread nipper B.

**THREADING THE MACHINE**

Pull the thread from the thread stand and then from right to left through guide post (1) and (2), around left side of automatic tension 131 through discs of same, then around right side and through discs of tension (4). Then through guide post 151, between posts 161, under nipper 171, to right of post 181 and through guide posts (9), (10) and 111. Then through guide 121, around the roller from left to right, through take-up (131), also from left to right, then through needlebar guide (14) and through the needle eye from the front.

**TO REGULATE THE THREAD TENSION**

To increase thread tension, turn thumb nut D, Fig. 7, downward (clockwise). To decrease tension turn thumb screw nut D upward (counterclockwise).

Face plate thread retainer 14, Fig. 6 is adjustable. Loosen screw H, Fig. 7, and move retainer to left for more tension, or to right for less tension.