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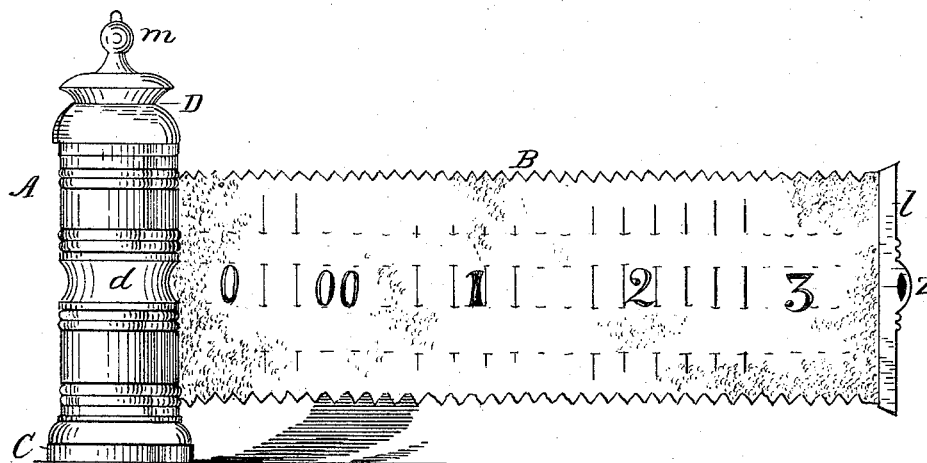


Fig. 1.

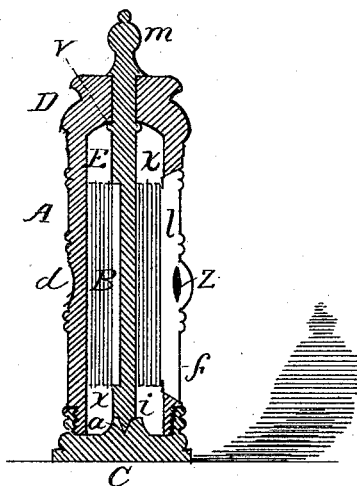


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. RHODES, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Needle-Cases, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation representing my improved case with the tape withdrawn and in use, and Fig. 2 a vertical longitudinal section.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of needle-cases in which the needles are independently inserted in a tape or holder composed of cloth or other suitable materials; and it consists in a novel construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed, by which a cheaper, simpler, and more effective device of this character is produced than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation, its extreme simplicity rendering an elaborate description unnecessary.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the case, and B the tape. The body is cylindrical in form, being hollow or bored out longitudinally, as seen at *x*, and provided with the screw cap or end C, the opposite end, D, being formed integral with the body. A spindle, E, passes through a hole in the end D, being provided on the interior of the case with a shoulder or stop, *v*, to prevent it from being withdrawn, and on the exterior with a rosette or knob, *m*, by which it may be turned. The inner end of the spindle terminates in a point, *i*, and is journaled in a corresponding hole or step, *a*, formed on the inner side of the cap C. The body A is provided on one of its sides with an elongated slot, *f*, through which the ribbon B passes, the inner end of the ribbon

being attached to the spindle E and its outer end to the bar *l*, the bar being so formed as to nicely fit the slot *f* and close the same when the ribbon is wound onto the spindle E. The ribbon is marked at intervals along its entire length with figures or other symbols indicating the size or character of needles, to enable them to be kept assorted in the case and readily found when wanted for use. The body of the case is provided with an exterior annular groove, *d*, and the bar *l* with a centrally-arranged projection or pull, *z*, so that when the ribbon is incased or wound up fully onto the spindle the pull may be easily seized or grasped between the thumb and forefinger, which could not be so readily accomplished if the groove were omitted.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

1. The improved needle-case herein described, the same consisting of the body A, provided with the end D, groove *d*, and slot *f*, the cap C, provided with the step *a*, the spindle E, having the point *i*, and provided with the knob *m*, and the ribbon B, having its inner end attached to the spindle E and its outer end provided with the bar *l*, having the pull *z*, all constructed, combined, and arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

2. In a needle-case, the ribbon B, provided with numbers or symbols to indicate the size of the needles, in combination with the spindle E and body A, substantially as specified.

3. A needle-case having a ribbon provided with numbers or symbols in which the needles are stuck, a spindle on which the ribbon is wound within the body of the case, a slot through which the ribbon passes into the body of the case, and a bar attached to the outer end of the ribbon and adapted to fit and close the slot when the ribbon is wound onto the spindle, substantially as set forth.

4. In a needle-case, the bar *l*, provided with the pull *z*, in combination with the ribbon B and body A, provided with the groove *d*, substantially as specified.

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