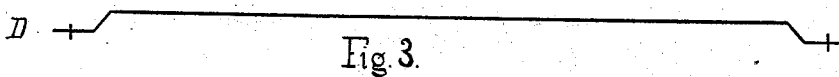
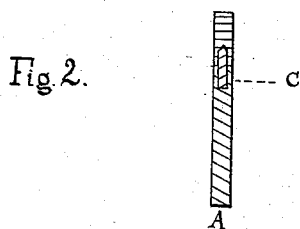
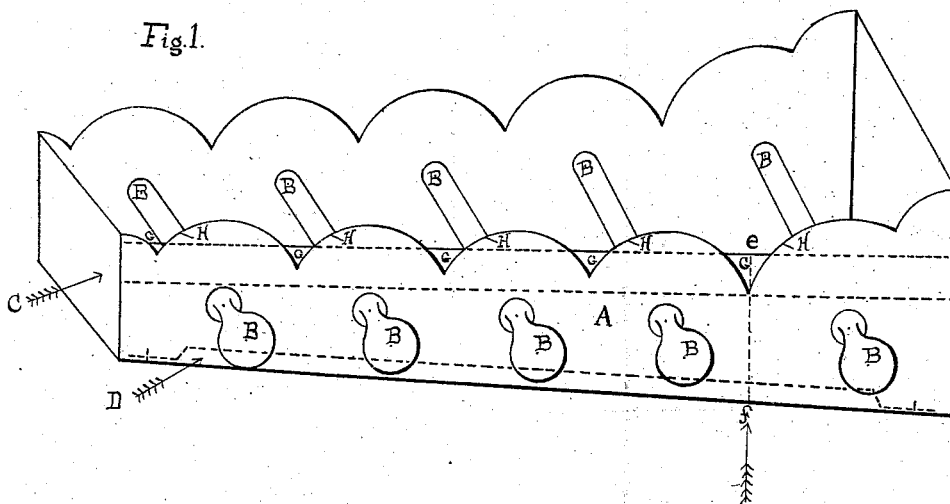


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. INNESS, of Pottsville, in the county of Schuylkill and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Spool-Holders, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The object of my invention is to provide a convenient and handy receptacle for spools of thread, which is accomplished in the spool-holder, as shown in Figure 1 of the accompanying drawing.

In Fig. 1 the spool-holder is shown in detail. A is a box or receptacle, in which the spools of thread are to be placed. B B are pins, inserted in the side of the holder A, and extending through it and the opposite side. C is a steel knife, which is partly concealed in one side of the holder, but projects at the points G G. D is a spring, placed at the bottom of the holder, and is intended to hold the spools firm, and prevent them from rattling or unwinding when it is not desired they should do so.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view, through the line *ef* in Fig. 1, of the side of the holder A, containing the steel knife C, and shows the position of the knife.

Fig. 3 is a side view of the spring D.

The spools of thread are to be placed in the holder A, and the pins B B run through the holes in them. The spring D will then press

lightly against the bottom of the spools without touching the thread, and keep them from vibrating or unwinding unless the end of the thread is pulled, when the spools will revolve as fast as may be desired. When the desired quantity of thread has been unwound, it can be cut by pressing it on the exposed portion of the knife C at G, and the end which is still attached to the spool is then slipped in the notch H, which secures and holds it.

It will be seen that the spool-holder may be made of wood, metal, or any other suitable material, and need not necessarily be made of any particular shape. The style can be suited to the taste or convenience of the person using it. The knife, being partly concealed, effectually prevents the cutting of fingers; but at the same time it always admits the thread to be cut easily and without trouble.

The holder, as above, forms a neat, novel, and useful appendage to every lady's work table or basket.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, in a spool-holder, substantially as described, of the box or holder A, the spring D, the pins B B, and the partly-concealed knife C, for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

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