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SPOOL-CASE.

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Fig. 1.

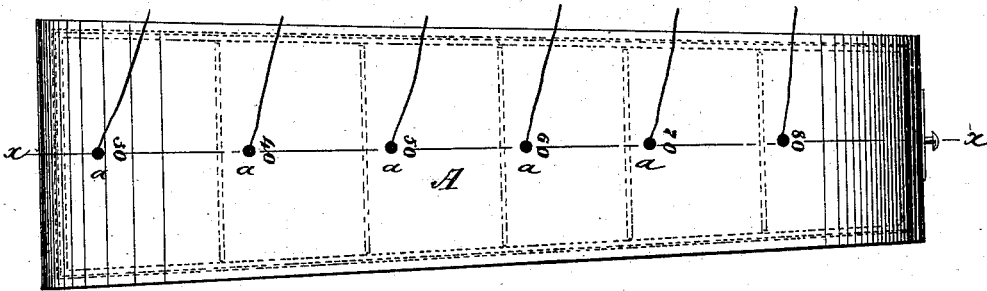
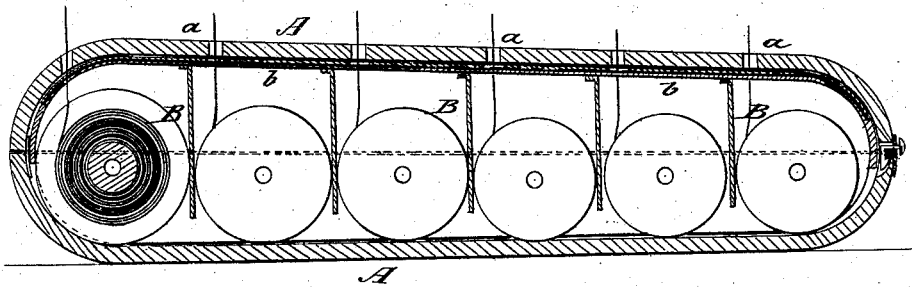


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SPOOL-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN R. HAMILTON, of South Deerfield, in the county of Franklin and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Spool-Case, of which the following is a specification :

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view, and Fig. 2 a vertical longitudinal section on line *x x*, Fig. 1, of my improved spool-case.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention has reference to an improved case for holding different sizes of spool-cotton or silk thread, and paying it out as used—a needful at a time—without the inconvenience of the threads becoming entangled or being drawn back into the case by the rolling of the spools, the case being adapted to any size of spools and thread; and the invention consists of a spool-case of tapering or any desired form or size, with hinged partitions between the spools and exit-holes for the threads, provided with rubber, felt, or other binding substance that retains the thread.

In the drawing, A represents a spool-case of tapering shape and of any suitable size, so as to be adapted to any desired number and size of spools.

The spool-case A is made of any suitable material, and preferably hinged at the wider end, so as to open, being closed by a suitable lock device at the other end.

The top or face side of the case A is provided with as many exit-holes *a* for the threads as there are spools in the case, the threads passing through a layer, *b*, of soft rubber, felt, or other binding substance that exerts a friction on the threads, and prevents

them from being drawn back by the rolling of the spools in the case.

The holes may be provided with the numbers of the thread, so that any thickness desired may be drawn out to fill or replenish the needle.

In place of the holes *a*, a longitudinal slot, which is closed by the binding-layer, may be used; and the spools may be laid end to end, and used with or without partitions, as desired.

The spools are arranged at the inside of the case, so as to correspond with the numbers at the outside. They may be separated by hinged partitions B, the better to conform to any slight variation in the size of spools, retaining the spools, so as to prevent their becoming misplaced in the case.

The spools are readily arranged in the case according to size, and the threads passed through the binding-layer and exit-holes by means of a needle. The case is then ready to pay out the thread as required for use, furnishing at any moment any desired size of thread, and storing the same in a neat and convenient manner, without the annoyance of displacing and of dropping of the spools.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A spool-case provided with exit-holes and a thread-binding layer, and with interior hinged and folding partitions between the exit-holes and spools, substantially as specified.

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