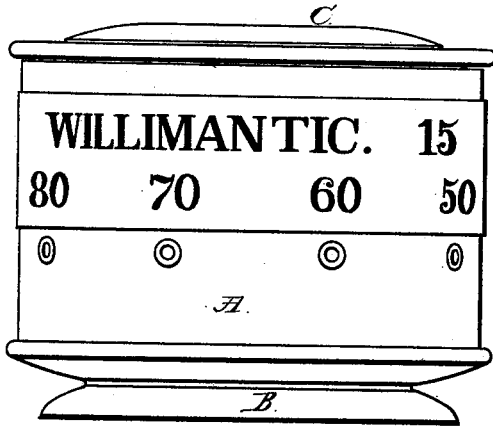


J. FLYNN & C. A. BROWN.
 COMBINED SPOOL-HOLDER AND COLLAR-BOX.

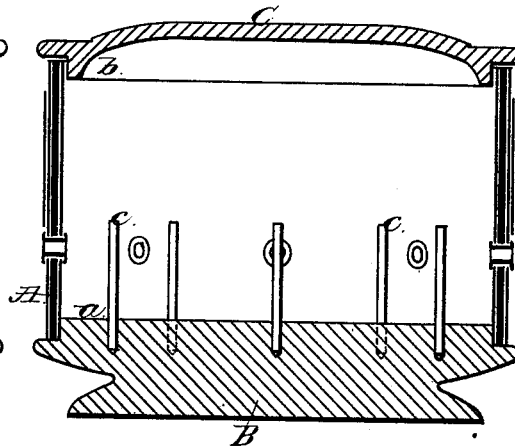
No. 195,597.

Patented Sept. 25, 1877.

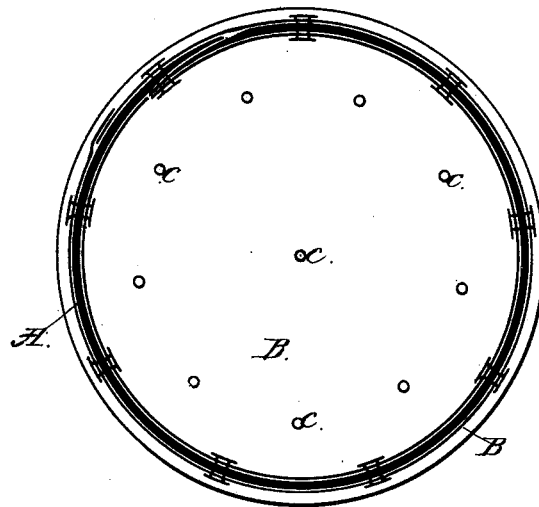
—FIG. I—



—FIG. II—



—FIG. III—



—WITNESSES—

Wm. W. Toulson
Frank M. Burrhans

—INVENTORS—

John Flynn & Charles Brown
 by *Wm. J. Howard*
Att'y

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN FLYNN AND CHARLES A. BROWN, OF TROY, NEW YORK, ASSIGNORS
TO CHARLES A. BROWN, OF SAME PLACE.

IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED SPOOL-HOLDER AND COLLAR-BOX.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **195,597**, dated September 25, 1877; application filed July 26, 1877.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN FLYNN and CHARLES A. BROWN, both of the city of Troy, in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, have invented a Combined Fancy-Work, Spool-Thread, and Collar Box, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Our invention is designed to serve, first, as a receptacle for collars or cuffs, or both, and afterward, when the said articles of wear have been exhausted or removed therefrom, as a fancy-work and spool-thread box.

In carrying out our invention, we do not limit ourselves to any particular exterior design of box, or to the material employed in its manufacture, these features being non-essential so long as the combination herein set forth is maintained.

We, however, show and describe herein the shape and construction preferred by us, which, together, cause the box to be light, strong, cheaply manufactured, and attractive in appearance.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure 1 is an exterior side view of the invention; Fig. 2, a vertical section of the same; and Fig. 3, a top view of the same, the cover being removed.

Similar letters of reference indicate similar parts in the different views.

A is the body of the box, in the present case made of thick paper, lined inside and out with thinner paper of attractive color and pattern.

The base B and the removable cover C of the box are turned of fancy but cheap wood, and neatly finished in oil or varnish. A portion, *a*, of the base B rests within the body A, and is attached thereto by glue and small nails. A portion, *b*, of the removable cover C also fits within the body, as shown.

Standing vertically within the box, from the base thereof, are pins *c*, arranged at such distance from the sides of the box and each other as to allow a spool of thread to be placed upon each pin.

The body A of the box is perforated at such points as will conveniently allow the thread to be passed through the holes and drawn from the respective spools for use.

The holes are protected from wear and injury by eyelets, applied thereto in the ordinary way.

A label may surround the box having certain advertising features, and marked also with such numbers as will indicate the size of the thread on the spools placed on the several pins, which arrangement may hereafter form the subject of a separate application for Letters Patent.

While the material and construction preferred by us are herein specified, we may, without changing the nature of our invention, manufacture the box wholly of wood, or wholly of paper, or other material, instead of making it of composite construction.

The box is designed to be sold by the manufacturers of, and dealers in, collars and cuffs, with the said articles of wear, but could, of course, be sold separately.

The collars or cuffs lie in the box in the ordinary way while the receptacle is in use for such purpose; and afterward, when its contents have been exhausted, it is ready for use in the other capacity herein mentioned.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and wish to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

A combined fancy-work, spool-thread, and collar box, consisting of the base B, having the vertical spool-pins *c*, the body A, provided with eyelets, and the removable cover or lid C, as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof we have hereto subscribed our names this 21st day of July, A. D. 1877.

JOHN FLYNN.
CHAS. A. BROWN.

Witnesses:

J. W. SEYMOUR,
W. L. HORSFALL.