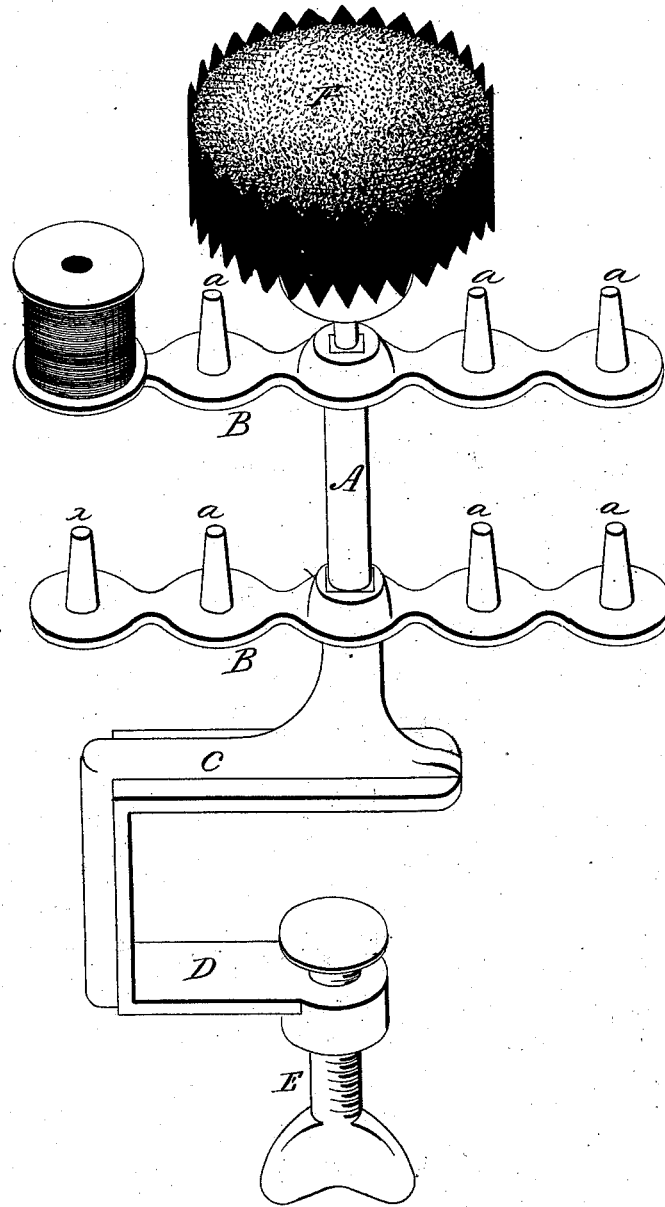


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## IMPROVEMENT IN THREAD-HOLDERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN DUNN, of Portland, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Thread-Holder for Sewing-Machines; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a perspective view.

This invention relates to a device for attachment to sewing-machines to hold several spools of thread, from either of which the thread may be taken to the machine for use, or for winding the bobbin; and the invention consists in supporting arms for several spools, combined with a clamp, by which the arms may be attached to the table, as more fully hereinafter described.

A is a post, on which is fixed one or more arms, B. The arms carry vertical spindles *a*, more or less in number, of a size to receive spools of thread, &c., the arm forming a rest for the spool. The lower end of the post is constructed with a base, C, parallel with and below which is an arm, D, which passes beneath the table, while the base C rests on the top. Through the arm D a clamping-screw, E, is placed, so as to clamp the post firmly to the table.

Several spools of different threads, according to the work required on the machine, are

arranged on the respective spindles *a*, and, if the operator desires to wind a bobbin from either spool, the thread is accordingly drawn from that spool, and without the necessity of unthreading the machine to take the machine-spool, as is the usual custom. Again, in work where different-colored threads are required and frequent changes necessary, the colors may be respectively taken from the spools on the spindles and run to the machine without necessarily placing the spool directly on the machine, and thereby necessitating a change of spool on the machine every time a change of color or quality is desired.

For convenience, the holder is surmounted with a cushion, F, for needles, pins, &c.

I do not broadly claim a thread-holder having spindles for carrying different spools of thread; but such holders are useless for sewing-machine purposes, because of the lack of some device to hold them firmly upon the table, and which my invention provides. Neither do I claim a cushion, combined with a clamp, for attaching it to a table.

I claim—

The herein-described thread-holder, consisting of the arms carrying several spool-spindles, combined with a base and clamp for attachment to the table, substantially as described.

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