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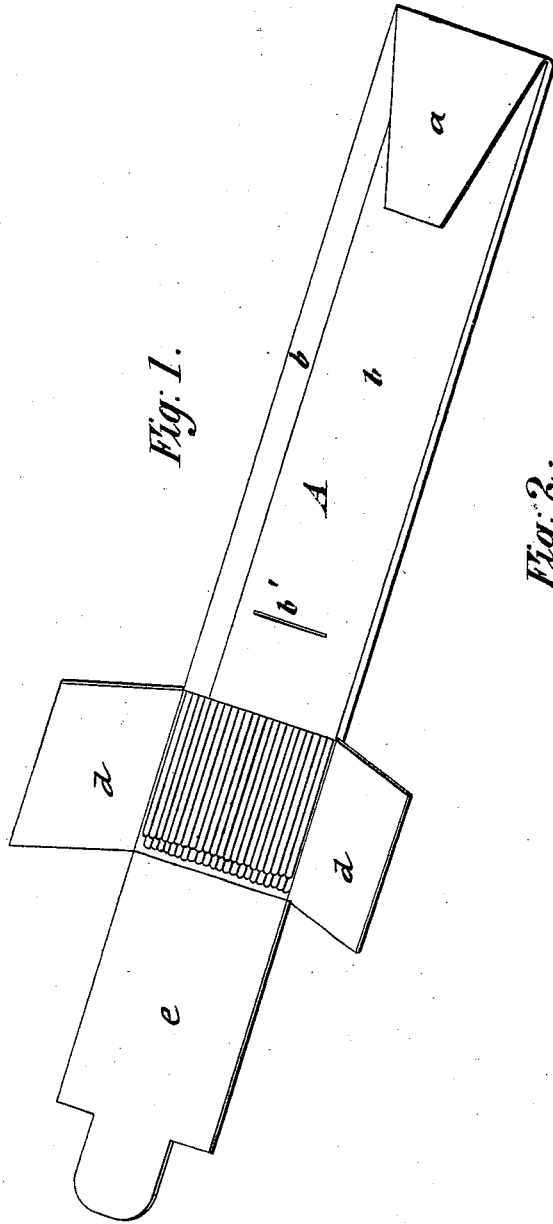
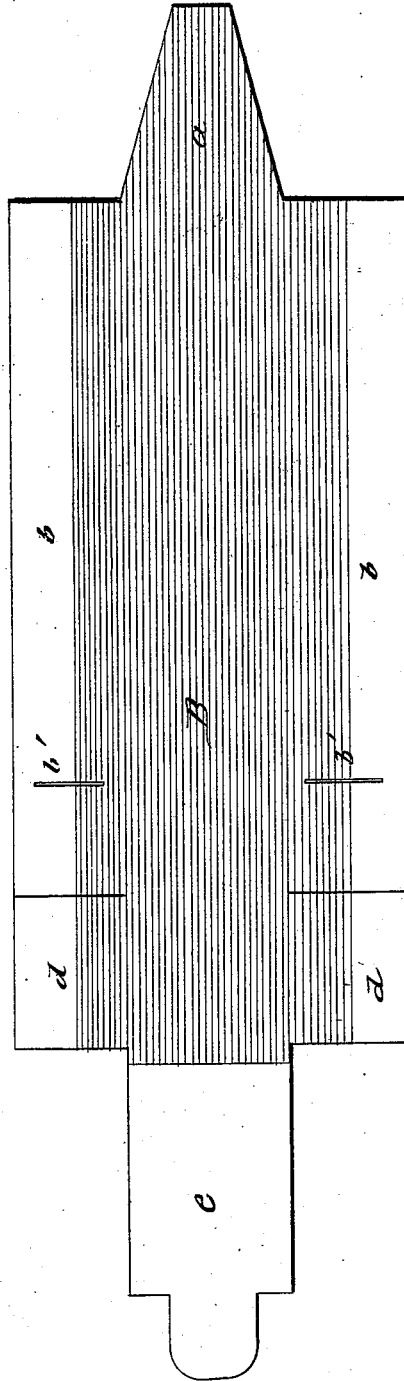


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN NEEDLE-WRAPPERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN M. THOMAS, of Brooklyn, Kings county, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Wrapper for Sewing and Knitting Needles, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my improved wrapper for sewing and knitting needles, and Fig. 2 is a top view of the blank from which the wrapper is made.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish for sewing and knitting needles an improved wrapper, by which they are inclosed in neat and convenient manner, the wrapper being readily opened for inspecting the needles without removing them therefrom, and quickly closed again, so that the needles may be conveniently shipped and handled; and the invention consists of a needle-wrapper made of a re-enforced blank, with bottom closing-flap, longer side flaps, having transverse slits, upper shorter side flaps, and a closing top flap or tongue, that fits into the slits of the lower side flaps.

Referring to the drawing, A represents my improved wrapper for sewing and knitting needles, which is made of a size corresponding to the size of the needles, and made of a blank, B, (shown in Fig. 2,) which is re-enforced by a layer of muslin or other fabric at the bottom and side flaps, so as to furnish a strong and durable inclosure for the needles.

The blank B is cut with a short bottom flap, *a*, and lower side flaps *b*, which are provided with transverse slits *b'*, and connected by

being pasted together so that the slits register, the bottom flap being then pasted over the connected side flaps.

Above the lower side flaps, which are of such length as to cover the greater portion or body of the needles, are arranged shorter upper flaps *d*, that serve to close over the ends of the needles, but admit of being folded sidewise into open position, so as to expose the needle ends to view. The wrapper is closed by folding the flaps *d* over the ends of the needles, and bringing then a top flap, *e*, down over the upper flaps *d*, the tongue of the top flap being inserted into the slits of the lower side flaps. The sewing and knitting needles are in this manner securely inclosed for shipment and sale, but instantly available, either for inspection or use, by opening the top flap and upper side flaps. Thus a neat and convenient wrapper, that is especially adapted for knitting-needles, is furnished, which protects them, in superior manner, against rusting, and admits of their convenient handling by the trade.

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

A wrapper for sewing and knitting needles, made of a re-enforced blank, with a bottom flap, lower transversely-slitted side flaps, upper folding side flaps, and a closing top flap and tongue, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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