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Combined Spool-Holder and Game Device.

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FIG. 5.

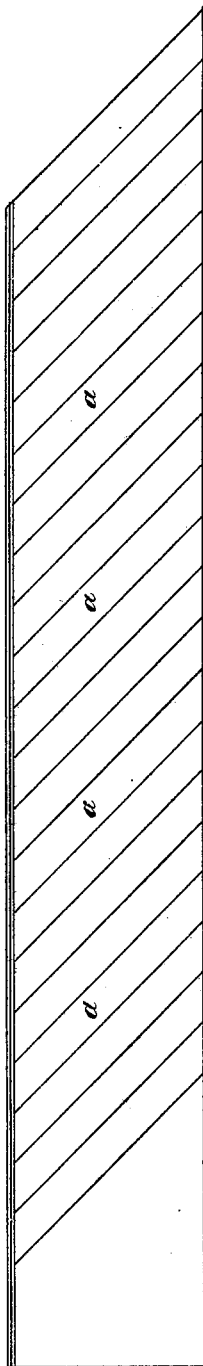


FIG. 6.

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FIG. 7.

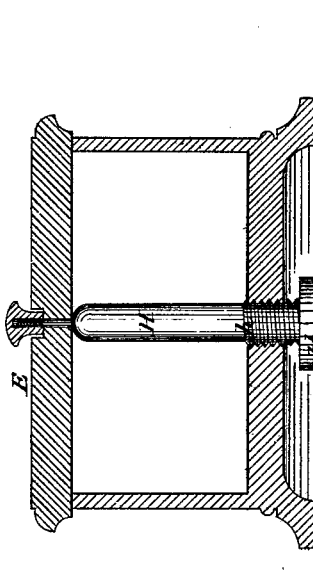
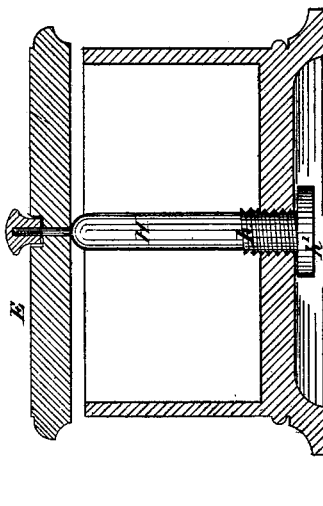


FIG. 8.



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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBINED SPOOL-HOLDER AND GAME DEVICE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD MAC EWAN, of Mauchline, in the county of Ayr, North Britain, manufacturer of clan-tartan and fancy wood-work, have invented a new or Improved Casket for Holding Spools, Reels, or Bobbins of different qualities or colors of thread, the same being applicable for providing a game or amusement, of which the following is a specification:

My invention relates to a new or improved casket which is primarily adapted for holding spools or reels of different qualities or colors of thread; and it consists of a circular or other suitably-shaped box, mounted upon a spindle carried by a stand or foot, upon which spindle the box is capable of revolving or of being spun. The exterior of the box is divided into a number of divisions or spaces, each of which contains an amusing question, statement, or answer to a question, and on the foot is a pointer, which points to one or other of the spaces or divisions containing the questions, statements, or answers. The box having been spun upon the spindle, when it comes to rest the question, statement, or answer to a question is that indicated by the pointer, and is intended to apply to the person by whom the box has been spun.

Figure 1 is a side elevation. Fig. 2 is a plan with the cover removed; and Fig. 3 is a vertical section on the line 1 2, Fig. 2, of a casket constructed according to my invention.

It consists of a circular box, A, mounted on a spindle, B, screwed into the stationary stand or base C, and fastened securely thereto by the washer *d*. The box is preferably fitted with a cover, E, and its interior is provided with movable pins F F, upon which reels of thread may be carried, and with a central projection, G, which serves to carry a thimble, and also to afford a long bearing for the spindle B. To enable the box A to freely rotate, its bottom is prevented from coming into contact with the base C by the projection *b*, which may be formed either on the box or on the base, or on both.

Fig. 4 shows an arrangement in which the box is rotated upon a spindle, B, screwed into a screw, J, passing through the foot, by tightening which screw J the bottom of the box

may be brought hard down upon the sole, and thereby prevented from rotating.

The stand or base C is provided with a pointer, *c*, and the exterior of the box A is divided into a number of spaces or divisions, *a a*, as seen in Fig. 1, in each of which is a question, statement, or answer to a question, of an amusing character—as shown, for example, in Fig. 1. A question or questions may be printed or placed upon any suitable part of the box or its lid, or upon the foot or sole upon which the box spins. The divisions on the exterior of the box may contain various answers to that question or questions of an amusing character, or the casket may be used in playing games of chance by providing the divisions on the exterior of the box with various signs and numbers—for example, as shown in Fig. 6—so that, on the box being spun and coming to rest, the pointer will indicate one of the divisions on the box, which will contain an answer to the question put or (in the case of the casket being used for a game) a number which the player by whom the box was spun will score.

The marking of the divisions and spaces, and the questions, statements, or answers on the exterior of the box may be effected in any suitable manner; but I prefer to print them upon strips of paper, as shown at Figs. 5 and 6, which strips are pasted or otherwise fastened onto the exterior of the box.

Fig. 5 represents a strip divided into spaces suitable for receiving questions, statements, or answers to a question marked on any suitable part of the casket. Fig. 6 is a strip suitable where the casket is to be used for playing a game of chance.

Directions and explanations may be marked on the casket.

If desired, the lid of the box may be divided into radial or radial and concentric divisions containing figures, signs, or continuations of the statements on the side of the box.

Instead of making the box to revolve, as hereinbefore described, it may be stationary, and the lid may be made capable of revolution.

Figs. 7 and 8 are transverse sections of a casket constructed in this manner. The lid E is mounted so as to turn freely upon the spindle H, which has a screw, *h*, on its lower part, passing through a screwed hole in the center of

the bottom of the box. By turning this screwed spindle in one direction by its head *h'* the box is closed by the lid being brought down tightly against the top of the box, as shown in Fig. 7, and by turning the spindle in the reverse direction the lid is raised from the box sufficiently to allow it to be freely rotated on the said spindle, as shown in Fig. 8. In this arrangement the box may have the questions, statements, or answers marked upon its side, and the lid may carry the pointer; or the lid may be divided into radial or concentric and radial divisions containing questions, statements, or answers, or figures or signs, the pointer being upon the side of the box; or both the lid and the body of the box may be divided into spaces, each containing a question, statement, or answer; and, on the lid coming to rest after being spun, the statements on the lid coming into line with those on the body of the box, they can be read together, and will provide a variety of amusing combinations.

I claim—

The casket for holding spools, bobbins, or other articles, and for providing a game device or apparatus for amusement, consisting of the box A, capable of being rotated on a screw-spindle, B, screwed to the bottom of the casket, which also rotates on the projection *b* at the base *c*, the interior of said casket being provided with removable pins F and central projection G, while on its outer portions are designated numbers, figures, or words, adapted to the game to be played, all said parts being constructed and arranged to operate substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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