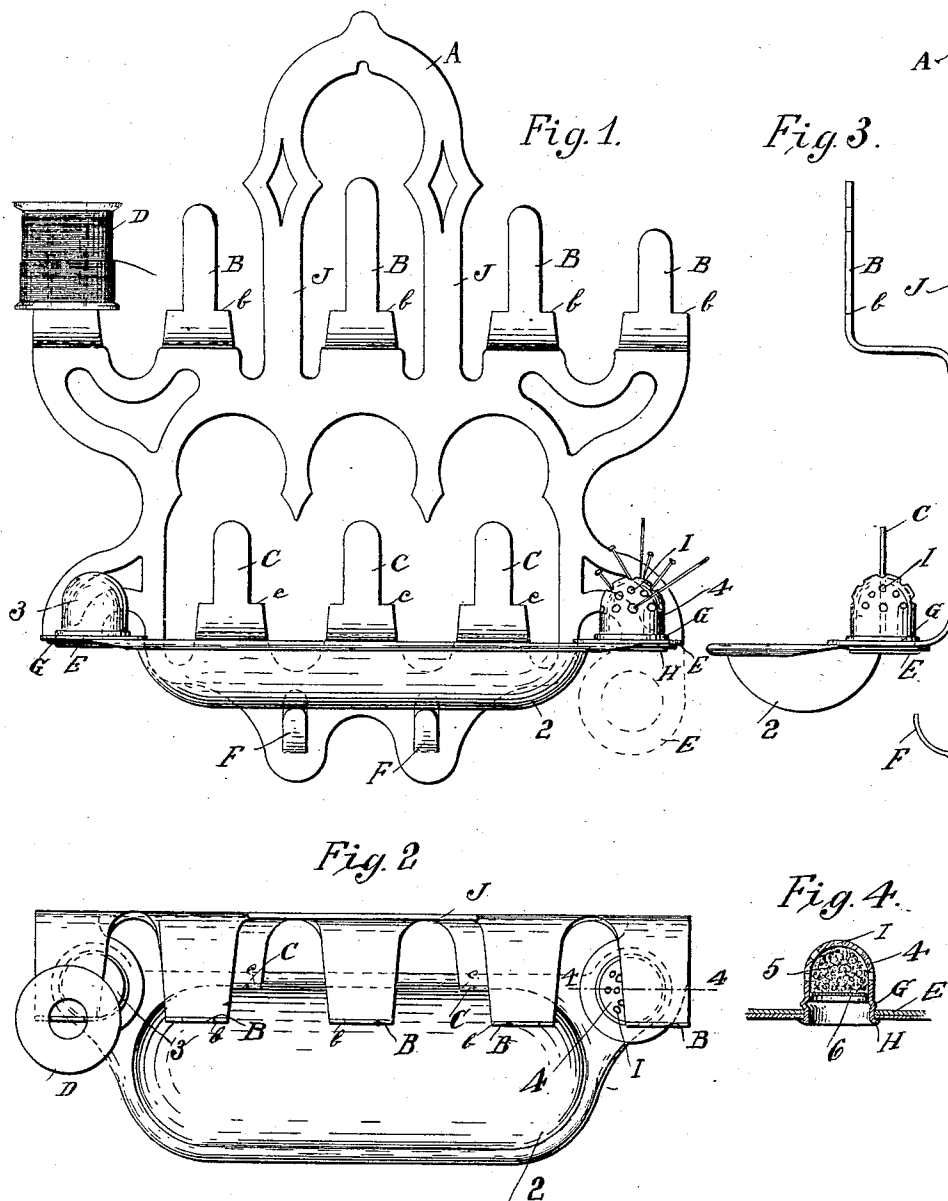


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST E. MINARD, citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Article-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an article holder, particularly adapted as a combination spool, thimble and button holder and needle cushion. Its object is to furnish an ornamental, sheet metal holder for spools of thread, thimbles, buttons and needles, and for scissors or shears, which holder can be cheaply produced and is adapted to be suspended from a hook or nail on a wall.

The device is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which

Figure 1 is a front elevation thereof. Fig. 2 is a top view. Fig. 3 is a side elevation. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

The various parts of the holder are made of sheet metal. The main frame or body J is formed from a sheet of suitable metal blanked and perforated to produce a suspension loop as indicated at A and also to form five or other number of spindles indicated at B, in an upper row, and at C in a lower row. These spindles are offset or bent outwardly to stand vertically in front of the plate, so as to allow spools, such as D, to be slipped over said spindles, the spindles being reduced to form shoulders on which the spools rest, as indicated at *b* and *c*. Two hooks F are formed at the bottom of the sheet by shearing and bending up tongues, and scissors or shears may be hung thereon.

At each lower corner an eye is cut out in the blank, as indicated in dotted lines at E, and these are thrown or bent outwardly to a horizontal position to form seats for the thimble holder indicated at 3 and the needle cushion indicated at 4.

A cupped button holder indicated at 2 is formed of a piece of sheet metal stamped or formed to proper shape, and having at each end an ear or lug to match the eyes E, in such a manner that when the parts 3 and 4, which have a bead at G, are inserted in the

eyes and flanged or spun out under the plates, as indicated at H, the parts 2, 3 and 4 are securely attached to the eyes E and accordingly to the back plate.

The part 3 is an inverted cup shaped piece over which a thimble may be placed, and serves as a thimble holder.

The part 4 is a piece similar in shape, having also small holes I through which to insert the needles. It is filled with a soft substance indicated at 5 into which the needles are thrust to hold the same, and the material or substance 5 is secured within the cup 4 by a retaining disk or plate 6 which is forced in said piece 4 under pressure and held in position by friction. Or it may be soldered in.

The shape of the parts may be ornamental according to fancy; and since all the parts may be stamped or spun out of sheet metal, and easily worked, it may be quite cheaply produced and assembled. The spindles B may be made in various lengths to accommodate spools of various sizes.

All the parts of the device are fastened together by the two cups or shells 3 and 4.

The invention provides a convenient and handy device for supporting the articles needed in sewing, but obviously may be used for other articles if desired.

I claim:

1. An article holder comprising a sheet metal back plate having eyes in portions bent out thereon, a dished plate having eyes at its ends matching with said eyes, and eyelets extending through said eyes and having confining beads and flanges around said eyes, fastening said plates together.

2. An article holder comprising a sheet metal back plate, a dished plate forming a receptacle in front thereof, and fastenings between said plates, said fastenings being provided with article holding devices.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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