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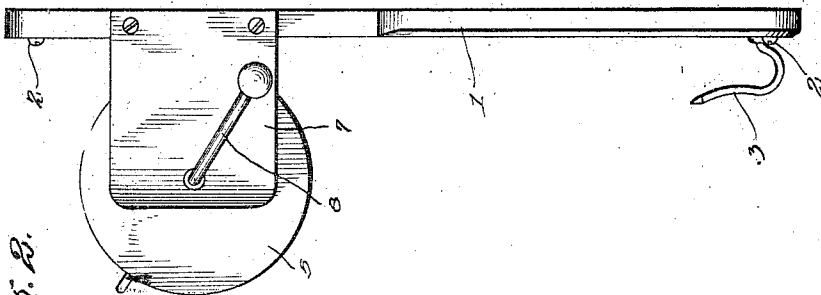
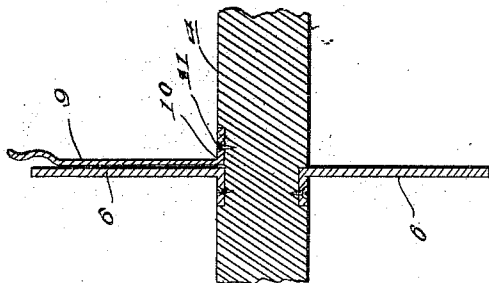


Fig. 2.

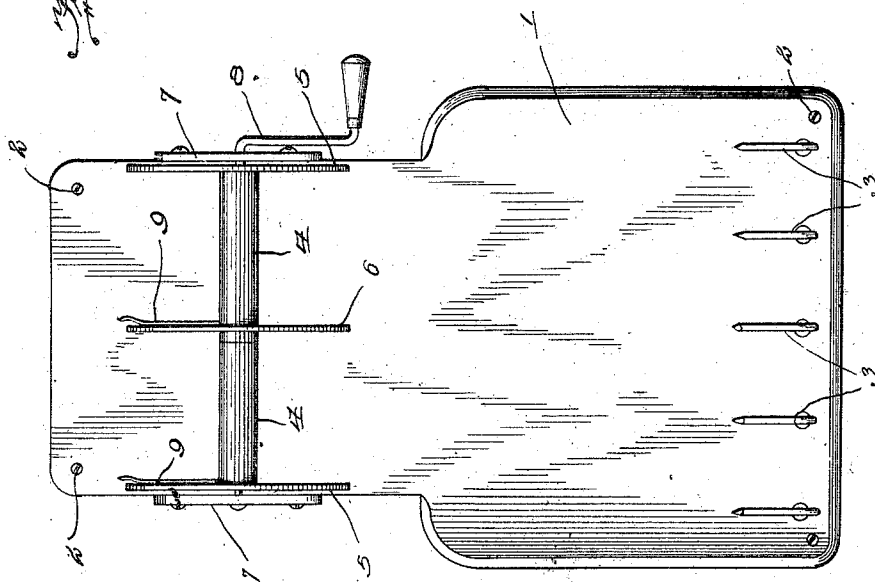


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANÇOIS H. GÉNÉREUX, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Sherbrooke, in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, have invented new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Twine, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention provides a device for encouraging domestic economy and neatness as well as to insure having conveniently at hand sundry articles.

The invention has for its object further to provide simple and convenient means for the saving of string or cord by which bundles or packages are bound when received, so that when a piece of string is required the same may be conveniently at hand.

The invention also contemplates means for suspending sundry articles such as scissors, knives, can openers, and the like, which are frequently used in the kitchen so that when any article is required for use it may be conveniently at hand.

The invention consists of the novel features, details of construction and combination of parts, which hereinafter will be more particularly set forth, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawing, forming a part of the application, Figure 1 is a front view of a device embodying the invention. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a sectional view of a portion of the spool.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description, and indicated in all the views of the drawing, by the same reference characters.

The device comprises a suitable base 1, which may be of metal or wood and of any design and size. The base is adapted to be attached to a wall, partition or like supporting structure and for this purpose is provided with openings to receive screws 2 or like fastening means. In the preferable construction the upper portion of the base 1 is contracted and is provided with a spool upon which the string or cord to be saved is wound. The lower portion of the base is widened and provided with a series of hooks 3 for receiving the articles to be suspended, such as scissors, can opener, cork screw and the like. If desired a portion of

the base may be utilized for receiving advertising matter or may be ornamented in any way to produce a pleasing effect.

The spool comprises a body 4, heads 5 and a partition 6 in the event of the spool being subdivided so as to provide portions for receiving string of different colors or sizes. Wings 7 are provided at opposite edges of the upper portion of the base 1 and are apertured to receive the journals by means of which the spool is connected with the base. One of the journals has a crank 8, whereby the spool may be rotated to wind the string or cord thereon. The spool may be of any construction and usually comprises a circular body 4 of wood and metal disks 5 and 6 secured thereon.

A spring holder 9 is provided for securing the loose end of the string, thereby preventing unwinding of the same. The spring holder 9 consists of a strip of metal having an end portion bent at about a right angle, as indicated at 10, and let into a recess formed in the body of the spool and secured in place by means of screws or fastenings 11. By having the bent end 10 of the spring holder let into the body of the spool it comes flush therewith and does not present any sharp edges for the string to bear against. A spring holder is provided for each section of the spool so as to secure the loose ends of the different colors or sizes of string or cord wound thereon.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the advantages of the construction and of the method of operation will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation of the invention, together with the device which I now consider to be the embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the device shown is merely illustrative, and that such changes may be made when desired as are within the scope of the claim appended hereto.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new, is:—

In a device substantially as and for the purposes set forth the combination of a base, a spool mounted upon the base and comprising a body portion and spaced heads, the body portion having a recess ad-

5 adjacent the inner side of one of the heads,
and a spring holder consisting of a strip
placed against the inner side of the head
adjacent the recess and having its inner
end bent to snugly fit within said recess.
and secured therein to come about flush with
the outer side of the body of the spool, the
spring holder being adapted to secure the

string wound upon the spool at any layer or
during any stage of the winding.

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In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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