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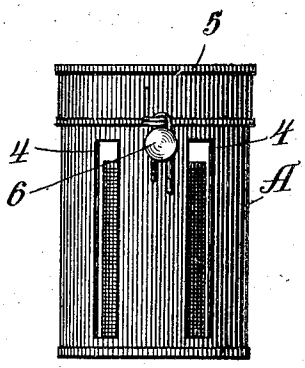


FIG. 1.

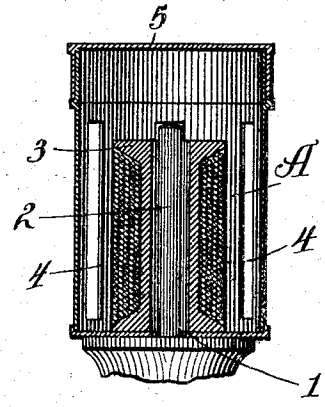


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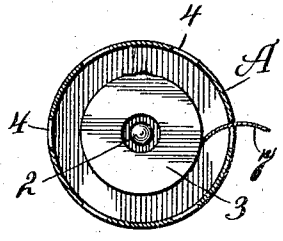


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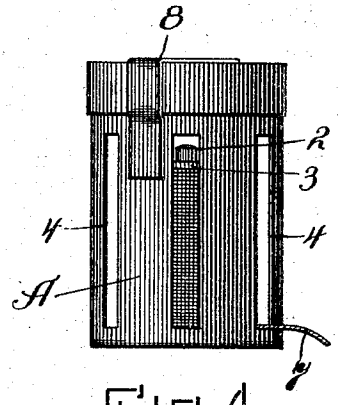


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMANUEL HECHHEIMER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Baltimore city, State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spool-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in spool-holders, its purpose being to prevent the stealing of silk and other threads by persons who take goods for the purpose of making up clothing for clothing manufacturers; and my invention contemplates the use of a device in which the spool is locked or sealed and from which it cannot be surreptitiously removed without detection.

My invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts, which will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of my preferred form of spool-holder. Fig. 2 is a vertical section. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section, and Fig. 4 is a modification.

A represents a cylindrical case, the bottom of which has a hole 1, adapted to receive the spindle 2 of the sewing-machine, upon which the spool 3 is held. This case is provided with slotted sides, as at 4 4, through which the condition of the spool and the quantity of thread held thereon may be seen from outside. The cap 5 is held on by a seal 6, a lock, or other means, so that if removed by an unauthorized person the fact is easily detected. In Figs. 1, 2, and 3 the holder is made of thin sheet metal and fastened as described. The thread 7 is drawn out through one of the slots 4. As a slight modification the pasteboard-holder, as shown in Fig. 4, is used. As a simple means for fastening the cover on this paper box a strip of paper 8 is pasted over it, or it might be pasted around the edge of the cover. In this way it is impossible to dispose of the thread without its being accounted for, and the practice of stealing and selling spools of thread is precluded. This practice of stealing has in the aggregate meant large quantities of thread. Of course the thread could be stolen from the package by unwinding and rewinding on another spool; but this renders it unmarketable, so that the present device will effectually prevent the unauthorized use of material.

Slight changes might be resorted to in addition to the one described without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention, and hence I do not wish to limit myself to the exact constructions herein set forth; but,

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

As an article of manufacture, a spool-holder comprising a cylindrical box, and removable cover with depending flange at its edge, the box having a hole in its bottom to receive the sewing-machine spindle and provided with a plurality of elongated slots in the sides of greater length than the length of the spool contained in the box, and means for sealing the cover to the box whereby the latter is prevented from being surreptitiously opened and the silk or thread is protected from being soiled in use.

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

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