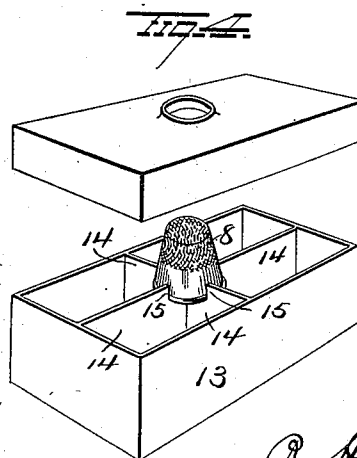
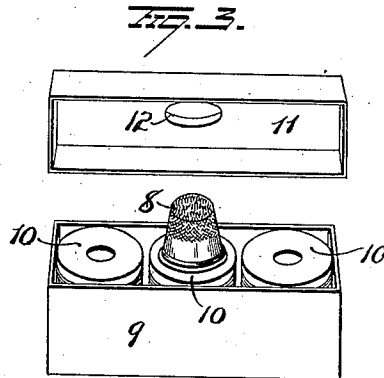
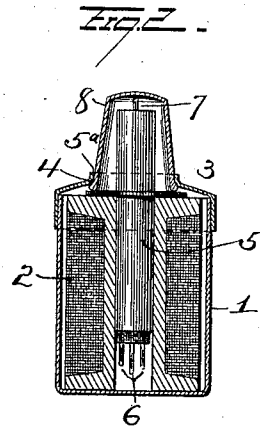
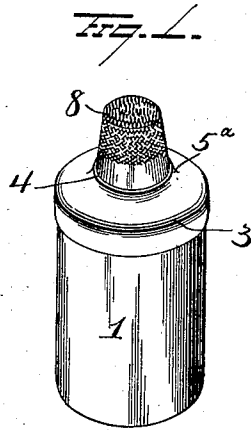


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FREDERIC W. HAWKES, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Work-Boxes; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in sewing outfits, one object of the invention being to provide, in economical and compact form, a package for pocket use containing sewing material.

A further object is to provide a kit for the display and safekeeping of sewing paraphernalia, the purpose and character of which will be readily apparent to the observer.

A further object is to so construct and arrange a sewing outfit, that the capacity of the container can be increased by the disposition of a thimble and so that said thimble will serve to protect the projecting end of a needle or needles held by a cushion within the container.

A further object is to so construct a sewing outfit, that a thimble will be caused to project beyond the surface of the container in such manner as to constitute a handle.

A further object is to construct and arrange a sewing outfit including a container, in such manner that a thimble will be utilized to perform the double function of a handle with which to remove the cover of the container, and as a dome to protect a needle or needles sustained by a cushion or holder within the container.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel features of construction and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing an embodiment of my invention; Fig. 2 is a vertical cross section of the same; and Figs. 3 and 4 are views illustrating modifications.

1 represents the body of the receptacle or container, which may be cylindrical in form and of a size to accommodate a spool of thread 2 of ordinary dimensions, or a series of superimposed smaller spools. A cover 3 is provided for the receptacle or container

and is made with an opening 4 around which an upwardly projecting annular flange or shoulder 5<sup>a</sup> is provided. The spool 2 contains removably within its bore, a needle holder or cushion 5 which projects above the spool and above the plane of the upper end of the receptacle or container 1. Needles 6, 7 may be inserted into respective ends of the cushion or needle holder 5, the needles 6 having their heads disposed within the bore of the spool, while the head of the needle 7 (the latter being intended for immediate use) projects above the upper end of said cushion or holder.

A thimble 8 of usual construction is passed upwardly through the opening 4 in the cover 3 so that it will have frictional engagement, adjacent to its base portion, with the annular flange or shoulder 5<sup>a</sup> constituting the elongated wall of said opening. The thimble thus projects throughout the major portion of its height beyond the upper surface of the cover 3 and is prevented from being depressed within the receptacle by the support or abutment afforded by the spool 2. The thimble thus constitutes a handle by means of which to remove the cover 3, it being impossible to remove the thimble for use as such, until the cover has been removed. It will be seen that the thimble 8 also forms a dome which partakes of the functions of a lid or cover, not only protecting the interior of the receptacle from dust, moisture, etc., but also permitting needles 7 to be retained by the cushion or needle holder 5 in such manner that jarring or other movement of the contents of the receptacle can by no means force the needles 7 down into the cushion. In other words, the heads of the needles 7 by means of the protection afforded them through being stored within the hollow of the thimble, will remain free and accessible for removal from the cushion. When the cover 3 is removed, a slight pressure on the crown of the thimble will serve to disengage the latter from engagement with the cover.

In the modification illustrated in Fig. 3, I have shown the receptacle 9 as being elongated in form for the accommodation of a series of spools 10 side by side, the central spool being utilized to sustain the thimble and the cover 11 provided with an opening 12 for the passage of the thimble in the manner hereinbefore explained.

In the construction shown in Fig. 4, the receptacle 13 is provided with partitions 14 having notches 15 in their central portions to receive the base of the thimble.

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

1. A work box comprising a receptacle having a perforation, a thimble passing outwardly through said perforation and constituting a handle, and means within the receptacle preventing inward movement of said thimble.

10 2. A work box comprising a receptacle, a removable cover therefor having an opening, a thimble passing outwardly through said opening and constituting a handle, and

means within the receptacle constituting an abutment for said thimble.

3. A work box comprising a receptacle, a cover therefor having an opening, a thimble passing through said opening and engaging the wall thereof, a tubular body within the receptacle and constituting an abutment for said thimble, and a needle holder supported by said tubular body and projecting upwardly therefrom and into said thimble.

25 In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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