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Fig. 1

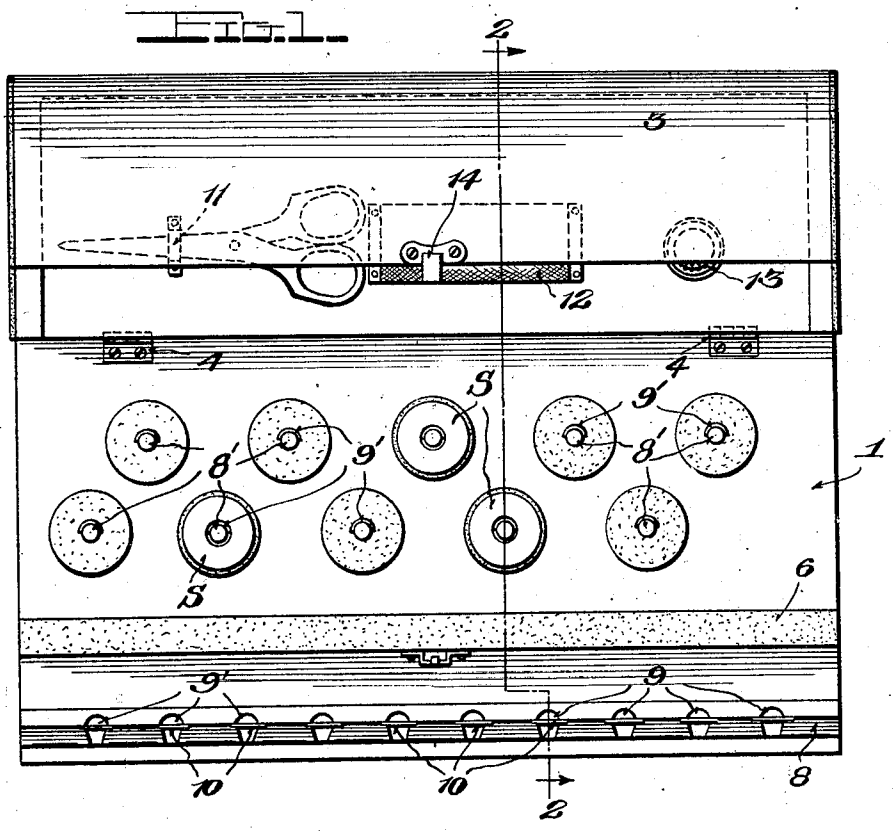
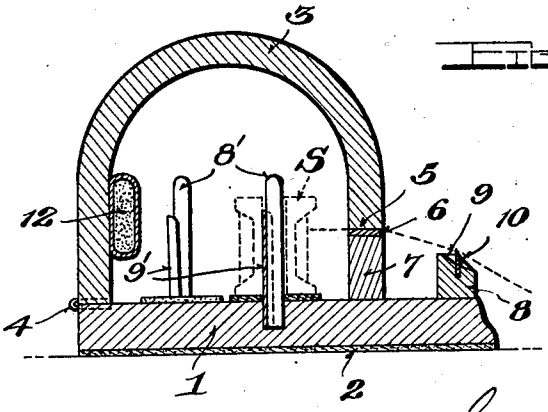


Fig. 2



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in sewing cabinets, and the primary object thereof is to provide a cabinet which has means for retaining a series of spools of thread in a position for enabling pieces of thread to be unwound from the spools and easily and quickly cut.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel form of tensioning and holding means for the unwound pieces of the thread so as to enable the same to be more easily and quickly cut.

The invention has still further and other objects which will be later set forth and manifested in the course of the following description.

In the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the cabinet in open position, and

Fig. 2 is a section on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

In proceeding in accordance with the present invention the cabinet is composed of a base board 1 which preferably has a felt-covered bottom face 2. The top 3 is of curved form and is hinged at 4 to the rear of the base and has its front edge 5 formed to seat on a piece of felt 6 secured to the upper edge of a strip 7 carried by plate 1. The board 1 has a series of spindles 8′ provided with spring tongues 9′ that frictionally engage the spools S received over the spindles. The front side of the base 1 extends beyond strip 7 and has a strip 8 secured thereto. The strip 8 is provided with a series of thread guides 9 formed by grooving the strip. Each guide 9 is provided with a cutter blade 10, which latter are preferably frictionally secured to the strip 8 by kerfing the latter and driving the blades 10 into the kerfs. There is one guide groove and cutter for each spool; consequently, the unwound pieces of threads from the respective spools are disposed at right angles to the length of the cabinet and may be held separated in the manner shown in Fig. 2 and wherein the edge 5 of the top exerts its weight on the thread and holds same against the felt piece 6, thus tensioning the thread. In addition, with the cabinet used in this closed position, the contents are protected from dust and the like, the felt strip 6 acting to seal the cover and to also afford a shock absorber in closing the top.

The back wall of the cover 3 may be provided with a scissor holder 11, a pin cushion 12 and a thimble holder 13, the cover being held in place by means of a catch 14.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the invention provides a dust proof cabinet which can be used to dispense thread from any of the spools with the case closed, although the case can be used equally as well with the cover open. In the latter use, the felt strip 6 tensions the thread, since as shown in Fig. 2 the thread is drawn down and across the felt strip 6.

The cutter blades are flushed with the ungrooved edge of the strip 8 and hence are only exposed in the individual grooves, which contributes to safety. The strip 7 and its felt facing, it will also be noted, is common to all of the spools of thread and hence acts as a common tensioning means therefor.

What is claimed is:—

In a sewing cabinet for containing spools of thread, a base, a hinged cover for the base having a front wall extending downwardly and terminating spaced from said base, a strip intermediate the front and rear sides of the base extending upwardly therefrom, and a soft yieldable friction element carried by the strip adapted to cooperate with the lower edge of the front wall of the cover to provide a tensioning means for the thread contained in the cabinet thereby to prevent recoiling of the thread about the spools when a portion thereof is severed, said friction element further having a tendency to prevent such recoiling even though the cover is lifted.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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