

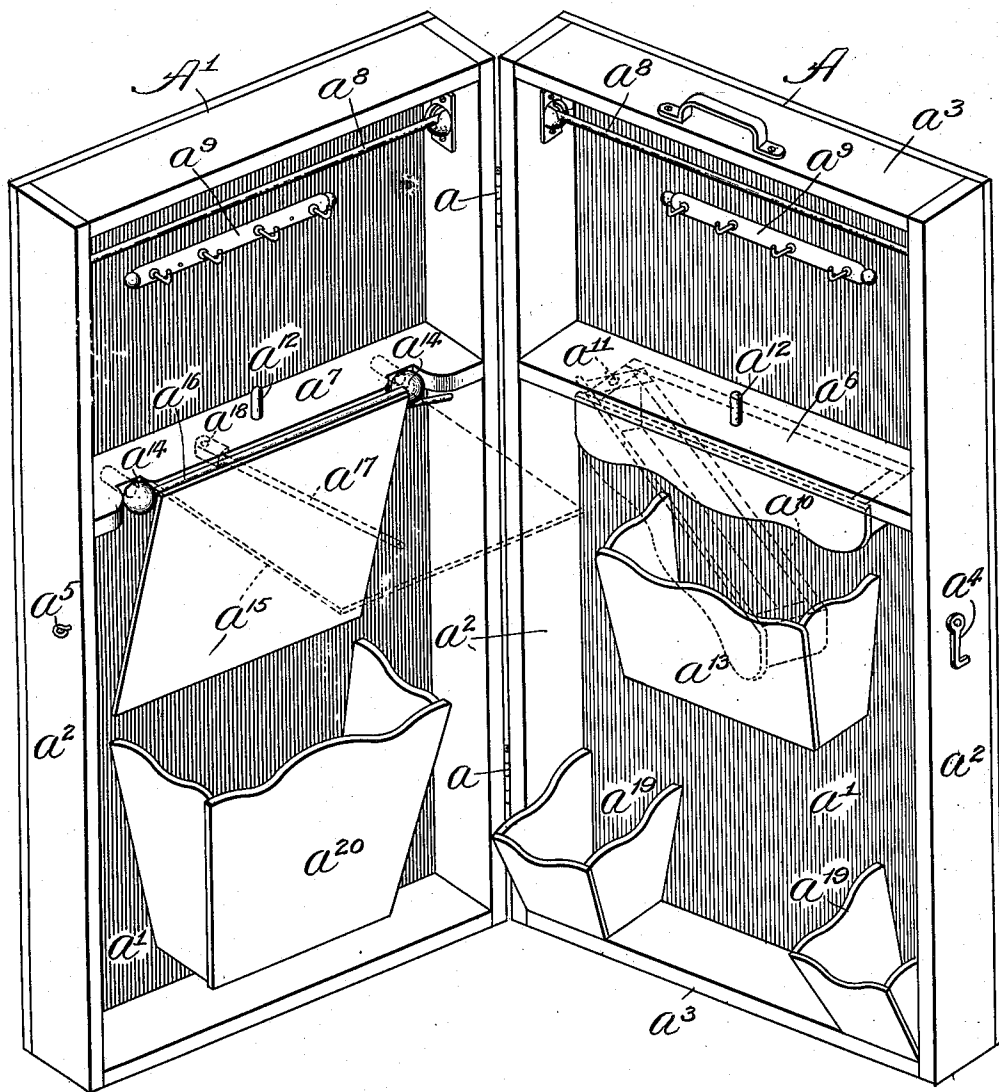
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. SHERMAN, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Work-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates particularly to ladies work-boxes; and my primary object is to provide a very handy, cheap and compact device of the character indicated.

The invention is illustrated in its preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing, which represents, by means of a perspective view, my improved work-box in an open condition.

In the preferred construction, the device comprises two casing-sections, or boxes, A, A¹ connected by hinges a, and various conveniences and receptacles arranged in the casing-sections. Each casing-section comprises a side, or bottom a¹; lateral side strips a²; and end edge strips a³. The sections are joined together by applying the hinges a to the meeting edges of the adjacent edge strips a², and equipping one of the outer edge strips with a hook a⁴ and the other outer edge strip with an eye a⁵, adapted to be engaged by said hook.

The section A is provided near its upper end with a shelf a⁶, and the section A¹ is provided directly opposite the shelf a⁶ with a shelf a⁷. Each section is equipped near its upper end with a removable rod a⁸ adapted to receive spools of thread. Each section is also equipped, just beneath the spool supporting rod, with a series of scissor hooks a⁹.

Beneath the shelf a⁶ is located a receptacle a¹⁰, which is supported on the shelf by a vertical pivot a¹¹ which connects one end of the receptacle with the shelf. The receptacle comprises an elongated box with an open top adapted to swing in a horizontal plane from the position beneath the shelf, as indicated in full lines, to a position at an angle to the shelf as indicated in dotted lines. Each of the shelves a⁶, a⁷ is equipped on its upper surface with a stud a¹² which may serve to receive a thimble or any other article adapted to be secured thereon.

Beneath the swinging receptacle a¹⁰ is a pocket or stationary receptacle a¹³ carried by the plate a¹ of the section A. This receptacle is adapted to receive various small articles, such as buttons, papers of pins, and the like.

The shelf a⁷ on the section A¹ is recessed at its forward or free edge and equipped thereat with headed studs a¹⁴, between which is pivoted a shelf a¹⁵. The shelf a¹⁵ is equipped at its upper or inner edge with a pivot rod

a¹⁶ which extends into sockets with which the heads of the studs a¹⁴ are provided. The shelf is adapted to swing from the depending position shown in full lines to the horizontal position shown in the dotted lines. It is supported in the horizontal position by means of a rod a¹⁷, secured by a vertical pivot a¹⁸ to the lower side of the shelf a⁷. As will be understood, the rod a¹⁷ is adapted to be swung beneath the shelf a⁷ to permit the swinging shelf a¹⁷ to be lowered. In the lowered position, the shelf a¹⁵ is inclined somewhat with its free or swinging edge bearing against the plate a¹ of the casing-section A¹. This enables the case to be closed, affording space adjacent to the shelf a¹⁵ for the receptacle a¹³.

The section A is equipped in its two lower corners with rigid receptacles a¹⁹, open at their tops and having their outer sides inclined somewhat, as shown.

The section A¹ is equipped at the central portion of its lower end with a receptacle a²⁰ which is larger than the receptacles a¹⁹ and adapted to fit between said receptacles when the casing is closed.

The various receptacles may be put to any desired useful purpose. The horizontally swinging drawer a¹⁰, may be conveniently employed, by reason of its shape, for holding skeins of yarn. The shelf a¹⁵ when in a horizontal position, may serve as a work table. In practice, the work-box is made of a sufficient height to stand upon the floor or upon a low pedestal, in which position the shelf a¹⁵ is at a convenient height for a person seated in a chair.

The foregoing detailed description has been given for clearness of understanding only and no undue limitation is to be understood therefrom.

What I regard as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

1. A work-box comprising two vertically disposed, pivotally connected casing-sections, a horizontally disposed shelf in one of the casing-sections, and a horizontally disposed independently movable swinging receptacle housed beneath said shelf in the closed condition of the work-box.

2. A work-box comprising two vertically disposed, pivotally connected casing-sections equipped with horizontally disposed stationary shelves located in substantially the same plane, a horizontally disposed receptacle connected by a vertical pivot with the shelf of one casing section, and a swinging work shelf connected by a horizontal pivot with the stationary shelf of the other casing-section.

3. The combination of two pivotally connected casing-sections, a stationary horizontal shelf in one of said casing-sections, a swinging shelf connected by a horizontal pivot with said first named shelf, and a receptacle in the other casing-section adapted to lie adjacent to said swinging shelf when the latter is dropped to permit the casing-sections to be closed.

4. The combination of two vertically disposed, pivotally connected casing-sections, opposed stationary shelves in said casing sections, a horizontally swinging receptacle be-

neath one of said shelves, a vertical swinging shelf connected with the other stationary shelf, and receptacles within the lower portions of said casing-sections and bearing a staggered relation to each other enabling the casing-
5 sections to be closed.

5. The combination of a pair of vertically disposed, pivotally connected casing-sections, a vertically swinging shelf in one of said sections, and means for securing said swinging shelf in a horizontal position.

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otally connected casing-sections, a stationary shelf in one of said casing-sections, a swinging shelf connected by a horizontal pivot with said stationary shelf, and a swinging shelf-support connected by a vertical pivot with said first-named shelf, for the purpose set forth.

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