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Spool-Cases.

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Fig. 1.

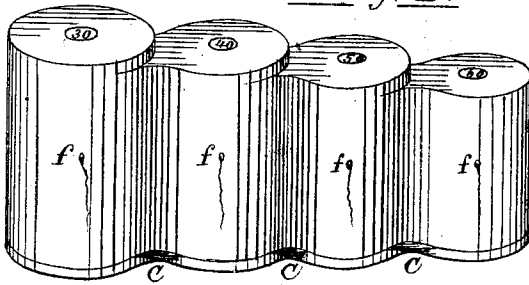


Fig. 2.

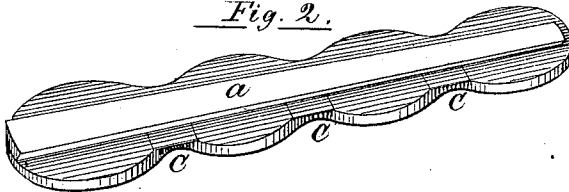
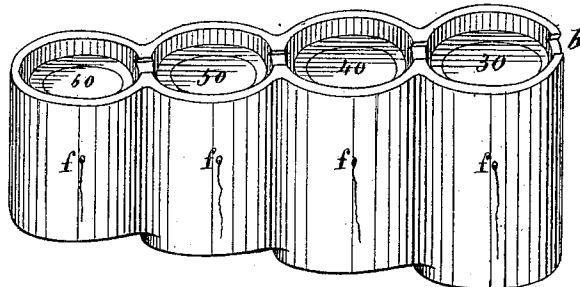


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SPOOL-CASES.

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Specification describing certain Improvements in Spool-Cases, invented by STEPHEN W. BALDWIN, of Yonkers, county of Westchester, and State of New York.

This invention consists in the combination of a case or holder for a spool or spools for sewing-thread with a cutter or cutters for severing the thread, as will be hereafter explained.

Figure 1 represents an exterior view of a case or holder for four spools. Fig. 2 shows the bottom of the same detached from the case. Fig. 3 represents the case or holder with the bottom removed and the ends of the spools exposed.

As represented in the drawing, the case or holder is made to receive any desired number of spools, and may be made to conform to their size both in length and circumference, and when inclosed by a sliding bottom, shown at Fig. 2, they will be carefully protected from being soiled by any cause whatever. Said bottom is held in position upon the case by a dove-tailed rib, *a*, which fits into recesses *b* shown at Fig. 3. At *C*, upon said bottom, cutting-edges are placed in such a manner that when the bottom is in proper position upon the case to close it said edges will project, as shown at *c*, Fig. 1, to such an extent that a thread drawn firmly across one of them will be nicely severed, thereby avoiding the very injurious practice of biting the thread with the teeth. The thread will also, by a very little dexterity, be

so scarfed or tapered in being drawn across said cutting-edge as that it need not be drawn between the teeth to be made ready for passing through the eye of a needle. One of said cutters only may be used in a case of several spools, as the thread can be drawn from the spools to it; but it will be quite convenient to place a cutter in the recesses or spaces between any two of the spools, as shown in the drawing. The numbers of the thread should also be indicated on the exterior of these cases or holders, so that any size of thread may be used without the trouble of examining the spools. The threads being drawn down through holes in the sides of the cases, as shown at *ff*, may be held by the thumb upon the side of the case, while the free or loose end is caught by the other hand and drawn upon the cutter with a slightly-inclined action, thereby severing the thread from the spool, and at the same time scarfing the fibers, so that when wetted and twisted it will be neatly pointed to enter the eye of the needle. I therefore claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a spool-holder, consisting of a series of graduated chambers and a sliding bottom, provided with one or more cutters, as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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