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Work Table Appliance.

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Fig. 1.

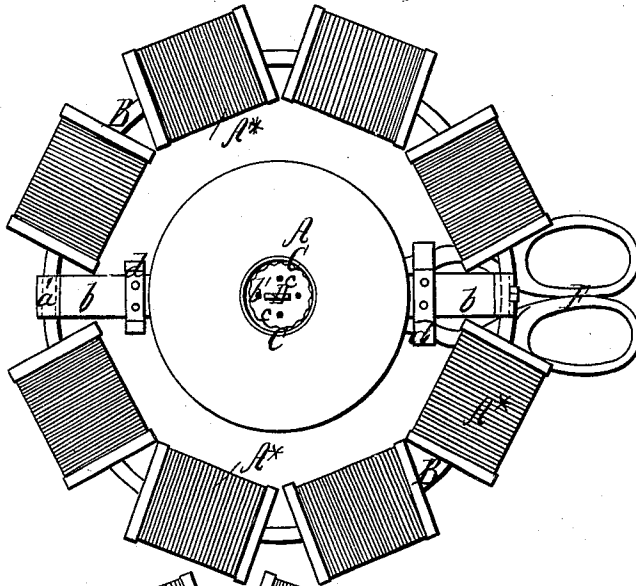


Fig. 2.

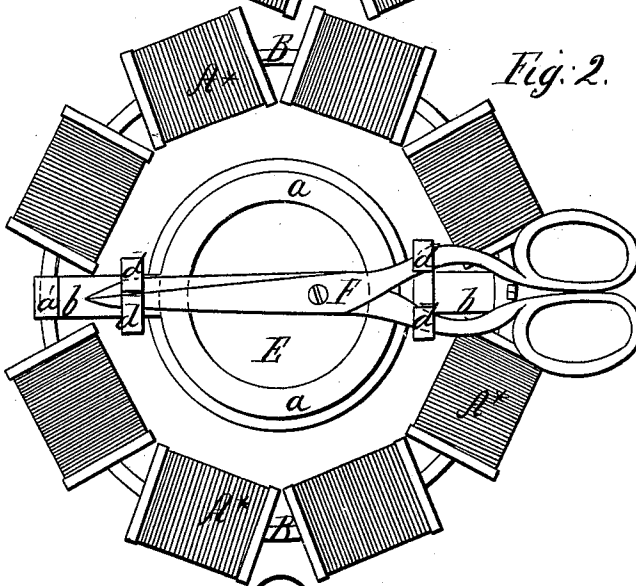
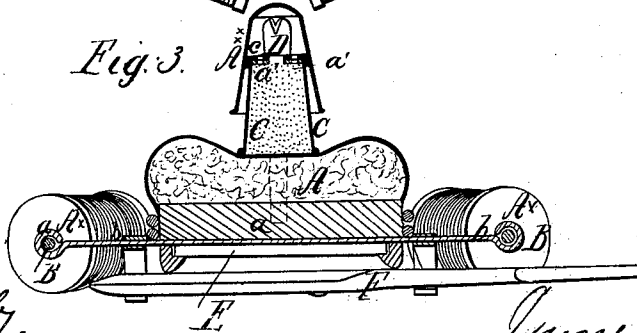


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN WORK-TABLE APPLIANCE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. LUCAS, of Newark, in the county of Essex, and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and improved Work-Table Appliance for ladies' use, which I term "A Lady's Companion;" and the following is a description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a portion of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of a device or appliance made according to my invention.

Figure 2 is an inverted plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The object of this invention is to provide a device in which the several articles commonly employed or attendant upon a lady's work-table may be compactly held together, in such manner that either or any of them may be readily used as occasion requires.

The invention consists in a novel arrangement of an annular spool-holder, a pin-cushion, mirror, scissors, holding-clasps, thimble-holder and emery-case, and a thread-cutter, whereby the object indicated is effectually secured.

To enable others to understand the nature and construction of my invention, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the drawings.

A is a pin-cushion, preferably of circular form, and having a wooden base, *a*, from the opposite sides of which extend arms, *b*.

Fastened, as shown at *a'*, to the outer extremity of one of these arms, is a wire, B, bent into circular form to constitute an annular spool-holder, and having its two ends fitted into a suitable socket provided in the corresponding extremity of the other arm, in such manner as to be readily detached therefrom, so that spools, A*, of thread may be slipped thereon, and held in con-

venient position to permit the thread to be readily unwound therefrom.

Fixed upon the central part of one side of the pin-cushion is a tapering or slightly conical case or shell, C, in the top of which is secured a notched cutter, D, designed for cutting thread.

The case C is intended to serve the purpose of a thimble-holder, the thimble A** being fitted thereon in an inverted position, as shown in fig. 3. Furthermore, the case C is filled with emery, or equivalent material, and has any desired number of holes, *a'*, formed in its outer end, and has fitted thereon a cap, *c*, capable of being turned around upon the case in such manner that holes, *b'*, formed therein, may be brought in line with the holes *a'* in the top of the case, as shown in fig. 3, which being done, a needle may be thrust down through such holes into the emery, and be polished as with an ordinary emery-bag, while, by turning the cap to bring its holes away from those in the case, the latter may be wholly closed.

Fitted upon that side of the base, *a*, opposite that at which the pin-cushion is attached thereto, is a mirror or looking-glass, E, and provided upon each of the arms *b* is an elastic clasp, *d*, the two clasps being so arranged that a pair of scissors, F, in a closed position, may be thrust through and be held within them, as represented in fig. 2.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The device or appliance, composed of the annular spool-holder B, pin-cushion A, mirror E, scissors-holding clasps *d*, emery-case C, serving also as a thimble-holder, and thread-cutter D, the whole arranged substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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