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BOBBIN-HOLDER.

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Fig. 1.

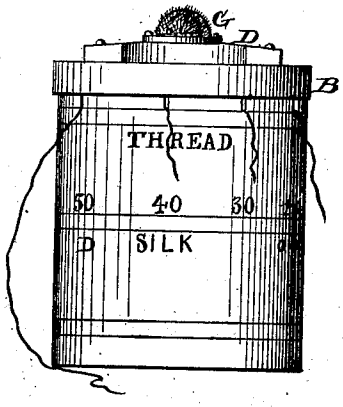



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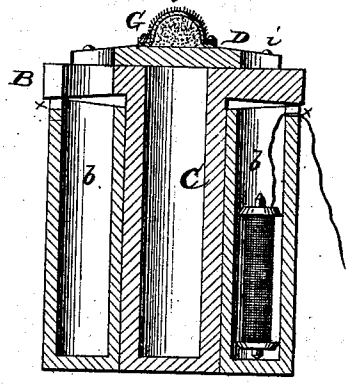



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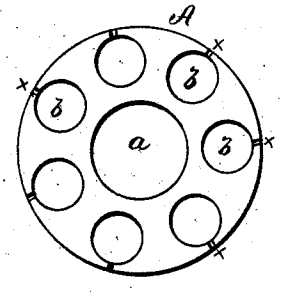
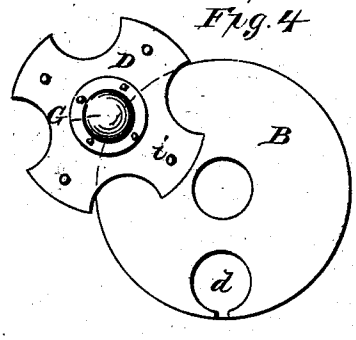



Fig. 4




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## IMPROVEMENT IN BOBBIN-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **192,215**, dated June 19, 1877; application filed May 3, 1877.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES RODNEY BARLOW, of Howell, in the county of Livingston, and in the State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bobbin-Holder and Needle-Case; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a receptacle for sewing-machine bobbins and needles, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section of my invention. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the main cylinder, and Fig. 4 is a plan view of the top cap.

A represents the body of the bobbin-receptacle, made in cylindrical form, and having a central bore, *a*, of suitable diameter, extending entirely through it. Around this central hole or bore is arranged a series of holes or sockets, *b b*, vertically downward from the top of the cylinder, at equal distances apart. These holes or sockets are numbered on the outside of the cylinder for the purpose of filing or registering thread or silk when bobbins placed in said holes have thread or silk on them.

Each hole *b* is also provided with a slot or notch, *x*, at its top, in which to secure the thread, and bring it below the revolving cap B on top, a portion of the thread remaining outside the cylinder, so that it can be seen whether a bobbin has thread on it; and, if so, what color and number it is.

The revolving cap B is provided with a downwardly-projecting cylinder C, which fits in the central hole *a*, and revolves therein, the cap covering the bobbin-holes and being provided with an opening, *d*, through which to pass the bobbins in or out.

When the cap is turned so that the opening *d* shows a part of two holes *b* at the same time, no bobbins can pass through.

The inside cylinder C is bored lengthwise from the top for a suitable distance, and forms a case in which to store needles, and it has a cap, D, turning on a pivot-hinge, *i*, or other suitable fastening. This cap D has an emery ball or pad, G, in its center or top for the purpose of polishing needles.

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

1. The combination of the cylinder A, having holes *b* arranged in a circle near the outer edge, and each hole having a notch, *x*, and a number on the outside of the case under each notch, with the revolving cap B, having single hole *d*, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

2. The combination of the cylinder A, having central bore *a* and series of holes *b*, the cylindrical needle-case C, and the cap B, with single hole *d*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

3. The combination of the cylinder A, having central bore *a* and holes *b*, with notches *x*, the cap B, with single hole *d*, the cylindrical needle-case C, and the cap D, with emery pad G, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of April, 1877.

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