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FABRIC SAMPLE HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

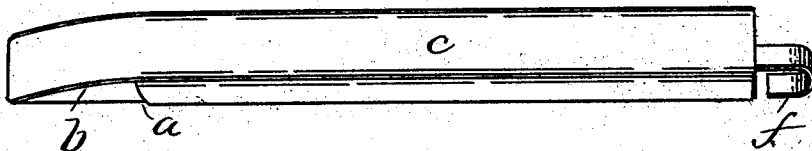


FIG. 2.

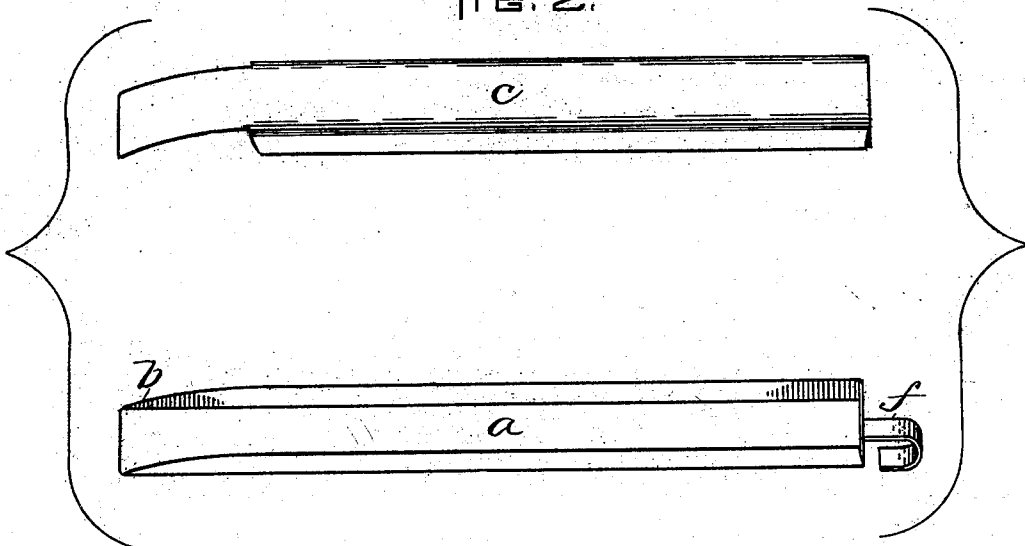


FIG. 3.

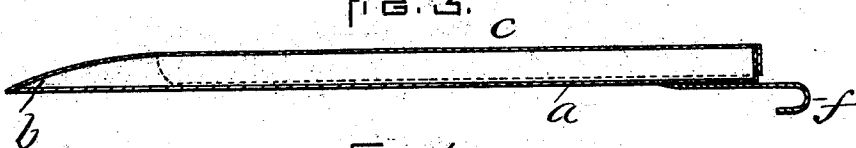
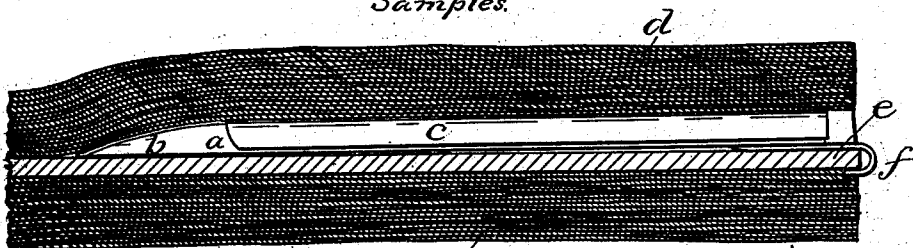
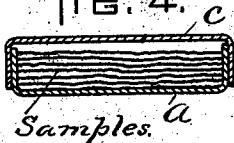


FIG. 4.



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FIG. 5.

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FABRIC-SAMPLE HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN E. MCCARTHY, DENNIS W. MCCARTHY, and STEPHEN J. MCCARTHY, of Laconia, in the county of Belknap and State of New Hampshire, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fabric-Sample Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to means for holding samples of fabrics in connection with the roll from which sales of the cloth are made.

It is the object of the invention to provide a sample-holder which can be employed so as to prevent the wastage occasioned by the promiscuous hacking of the cloth in the piece in order to produce samples of goods to prospective customers, and at the same time provide for the giving of such samples.

It is also the object of the invention to provide a sample-holder which may be easily and quickly put out of the way in the roll when not needed, but be most ready of access when it is desired to obtain and deliver samples.

To these ends the invention consists of a fabric sample-holder comprising in its construction a receptacle for the samples, a movable cover for the receptacle, and means whereby the holder may be held in place on the board upon which the fabric is wound, the construction of the device being such that it may be readily thrust into place between the said board and the fabric, all as I will now proceed to describe and claim.

Reference is to be had to the annexed drawings and to the letters marked thereon, forming a part of this specification, the same letters designating the same parts or features, as the case may be, wherever they occur.

Of the drawings—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved fabric sample-holder. Fig. 2 shows perspective views of the receptacle and cover separate. Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the invention. Fig. 4 is a transverse sectional view of the same. Fig. 5 is a sectional view through a roll of fabric and the part upon which it is wound designed to illustrate the manner of placing the holder in a roll of cloth, and maintain it in position therein.

In the drawings *a* designates a box-like receptacle for the samples, which may be of tin or any other suitable material, and preferably, though not necessarily, long, narrow, and comparatively shallow. The sides of the receptacle may be tapered at the inner end, as at *b*, and the inner end of the cover *c* adapted to fit upon the receptacle *a* may be bent down so as to meet the bottom of the receptacle at the said inner end, and form a wedge-shaped end to permit of the ready introduction of the device in between the cloth *d* and the board *e* upon which it is wound, as shown in Fig. 5.

At its outer end the device is provided with a hook *f* which is adapted to catch over the end of the board *e* to prevent it from slipping too far into the roll, and afford a handle by which it may be readily withdrawn.

In the use of the invention samples of the fabric in strips may be cut from the piece at points where it will occasion the least waste and loss, and such strips may be placed in the receptacle *a*, the cover *c*, placed thereon, and the device introduced between the web *d* and board *e*, the hook *f* catching over the end of the latter, as before explained. By this means a supply of samples is always accessible, and the constant hacking of the cloth to furnish samples is avoided, which constant cutting, especially by careless employees occasion considerable loss in the course of a year.

We do not confine ourselves to a sample-holder of the precise form herein shown, as any other form which will permit of the holder being introduced into a roll of cloth and being maintained in position therein will answer our purpose as well as the construction herein shown which is given as one of the acceptable forms in which it may be made.

Having thus explained the nature of the invention and described a way of constructing and using the same, though without attempting to set forth all of the forms in which it may be made or all of the modes of its use, it is declared that what is claimed is—

A fabric sample-holder comprising in its construction a receptacle for strips of sam-

ples, having a flat bottom, a top the forward
end of which inclines downwardly meeting
the bottom and forming a wedge-shaped inner
end, a cover for the receptacle, and a catch
5 connected with the receptacle to permit its
withdrawal, as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our
names to this specification, in the presence of

two subscribing witnesses, this 27th day of
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