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SEWING-CASES.

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Fig. 1

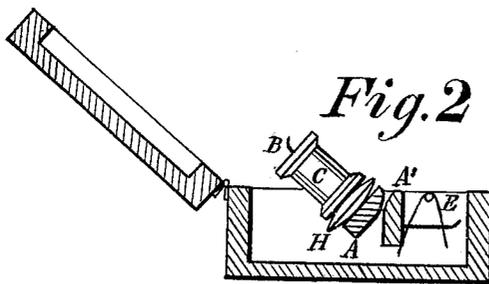
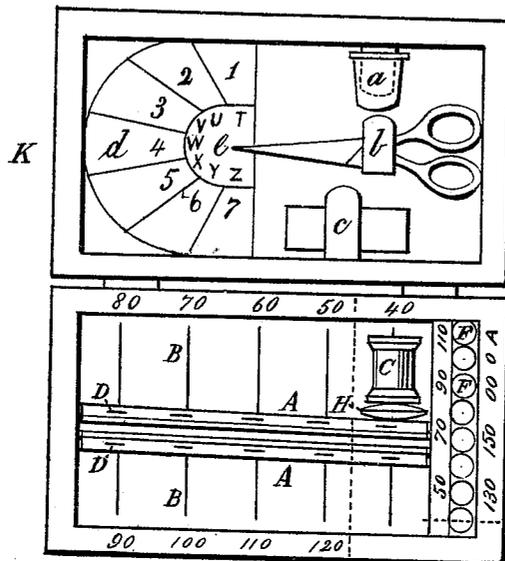


Fig. 2

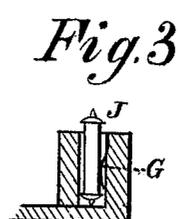


Fig. 3

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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-CASES.

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To all whom it may concern :

Be it known that we, ROBERT PHILIP and LOUISE A. PHILIP, of Sacramento, in the county of Sacramento and State of California, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sewing-Cases, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The object of our invention is to hold and secure, in a simple and convenient manner, in a sewing-case or its equivalent, the most necessary implements of hand and machine-sewing, viz., spools, bobbins, scissors, thimble, and needles.

In Figure 1, A A are two bars, pivoted at the ends; into these bars pins B B are inserted, which serve to hold the spools C and the bobbins H.

The bars A A being pivoted at the ends, they can be turned to an oblique position. In the vertical section, Fig. 2, one of the bars, A, is seen thus turned, projecting the pin B upward, in order to allow the spool C and the bobbin H to be put on and taken off with facility. The bars A A are held in their normal position by springs, so that, in case the box is upset, the spools and bobbins cannot fall out. In Fig. 2 the bar A' is shown secured by the spring E.

Along the upper edge of the bars A A, Fig. 1, small wire springs D D are inserted, which serve to hold the end of the thread from the spool.

The numbers 40, 50, 60, &c., on the side edges of the box, indicate the numbers on the labels of the spools and of the thread wound on the bobbins.

F F, in Fig. 1, are receptacles for holding shuttle-bobbins, the latter being secured by springs. In Fig. 3 a vertical section of one of these receptacles is given, showing the bobbin J held by the spring G. The numbers on either side of the receptacles indicate the number of the thread on the bobbin. As the number of bobbins used is generally limited

to six or eight, the receptacles are numbered twice, in order to give all the numbers of thread or twist most used in machine-sewing.

On the inside of the box-cover K, in Fig. 1, the thimble, scissors, and paper of needles are securely held by the spring-holders a, b, and c, respectively.

The needle-cushion d, Fig. 1, for sewing-machine or common needles, is in the form of a horseshoe, thus economizing space, and divided into sections, which are indicated in the drawing by the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The label e in the inner curve of the cushion is marked with numbers or letters corresponding with those of the needles on the cushion.

It is evident that one or more bars may be used, that they may be longer or shorter, having a greater or less number of pins inserted or attached, and that the bars and the receptacles for shuttle-bobbins may differ in form, size, and arrangement without materially changing the nature of their use. It is also plain that the mechanism for holding spools, bobbins, scissors, thimbles, and needles may be applied to a drawer or stand, or any other receptacle for sewing implements, and that the separate parts may be used independently of each other.

We do not claim the mode of numbering the spools, bobbins, and needles, nor the needle-cushion and label as such, as they are not new.

What we claim as our invention is—

The combination, in a sewing-case, of one or more bars, A A, pivoted at the ends and provided with pins for holding spools and bobbins, the spring-receptacles for holding shuttle-bobbins, and the spring-holders for securing thimbles, scissors, and other sewing implements, all substantially as described.

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