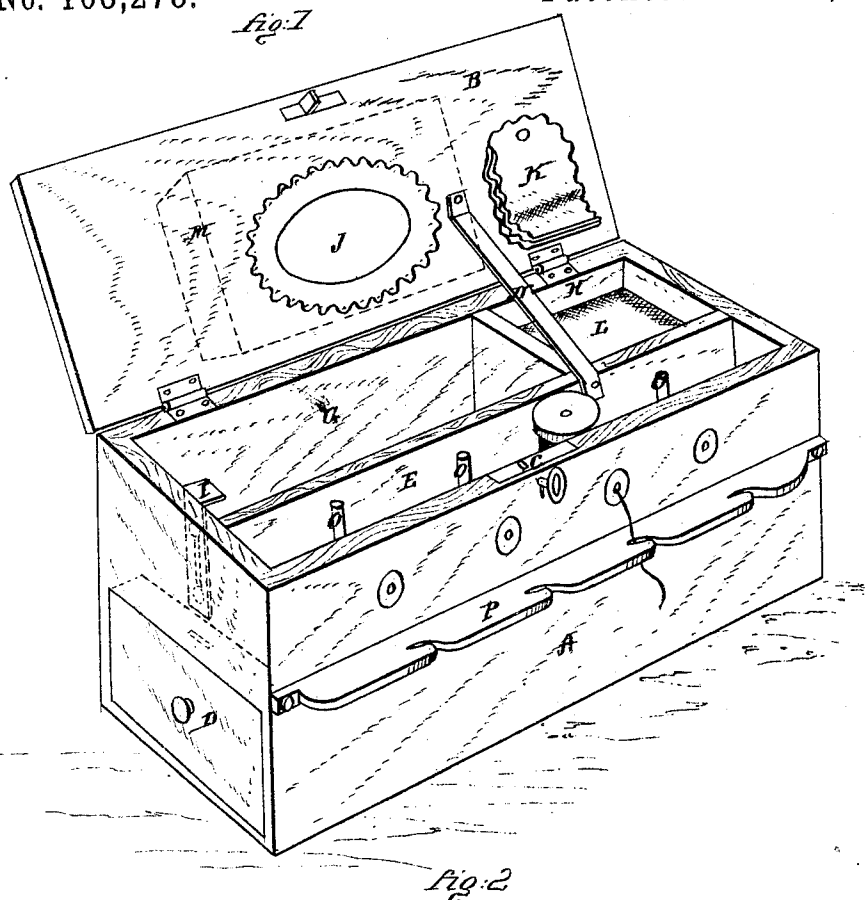


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WORK BOX.

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IMPROVEMENT IN WORK-BOXES.

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 E. MARVEL, of Seaford, in the county of Sussex and in the State of Delaware, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Work-Box; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing 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 "ladies' work-box," as will be hereinafter 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 perspective view of the work-box, entire; and

Figure 2 is a view of a thread-cutter attached to the box.

A represents a box, of any suitable dimensions, provided with a hinged lid, B, and lock C, for locking the same.

The box A is, by a horizontal partition, divided into an upper and a lower compartment, in the latter one of which is a drawer, D.

The upper compartment is, by two vertical partitions, divided into a compartment, E, running along the front of the box its whole length, and two other compartments, G and H.

The drawer D is locked by a slide, I, moving up and down through the horizontal partition, within the compartment G, and along the end of the box.

In the center of the lid B, on the inside, is a small mirror, J, and to one side thereof, directly over the compartment H of the box, is attached a needle-case, K.

In the compartment H is placed a cushion, L, filled with emery for cleaning the needles, when necessary.

On top of the lid B is a pin-cushion, M, shown in dotted lines in fig. 1.

The lid, when thrown open, is held in an inclined position by means of a strap, N, as shown.

In the compartment E of the box is a series of upright posts or pins, O O, upon which the spools of cotton or silk are placed.

Opposite each post O, in the front side of the box, is a hole through which the thread from its spool is passed.

Below said holes, on the front of the box, is secured a bar, P, running horizontally the entire length of the box.

This bar is provided with a series of curved notches placed directly beneath the thread-holes, and in said notches are inserted knife-blades, *a a*, for cutting the thread.

The thread being passed into its notch on the bar P, is cut off by the blade *a*.

The notches, with their blades, are further so constructed that when the thread is cut off the remaining end is jammed into and does not come out of the notch until removed by force.

Having thus fully described my invention,

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

1. The arrangement of the box A, lid B, drawer D, compartments E G H, slide I, mirror J, needle-case K, cushions L M, spool-posts O O, corresponding thread holes and bar P, with cutters *a a*, all substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 31st day of March, 1870.

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