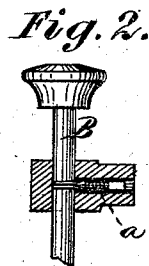
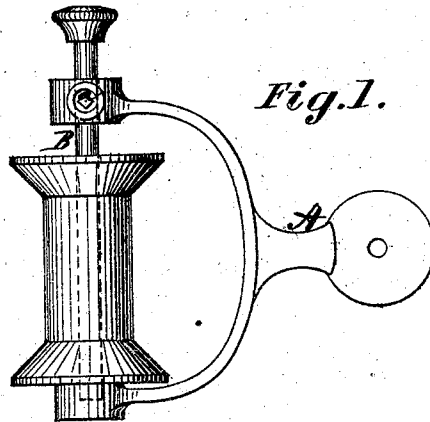


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NICHOLAS KENNY, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spool-Holders; and I 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, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a spool-holder, in which the spindle upon which the spool revolves may be locked so that the spool cannot be removed except by the aid of a key, the object being to prevent employes in factories from stealing spools of silk or thread.

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 view of a spool-holder with my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a section of one prong thereof with the lock.

A represents a spool-holder of any suitable shape, having two prongs, between which the spool is to be placed. B is the spindle, which passes clear through one of the prongs and into

but not through the other prong. A hole is bored in the prong, through which the spindle passes, perpendicular to the spindle hole, and in this hole is placed a screw, *a*, which can be worked by a key. When this screw presses on the spindle the latter is held fast; but when the screw is drawn out a short distance the spindle is released so that it can be pulled out for removing the spool.

Various other forms of lock to be operated by a key might be applied for holding the spindle, but this I consider the simplest.

The idea is for the foreman of the factory to have the key, and none of the employes can then get at the spools without his knowledge.

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

A spool-holder, having a suitable device for locking the spindle, upon which the spool revolves, so that the spool cannot be removed except by the aid of a key, as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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