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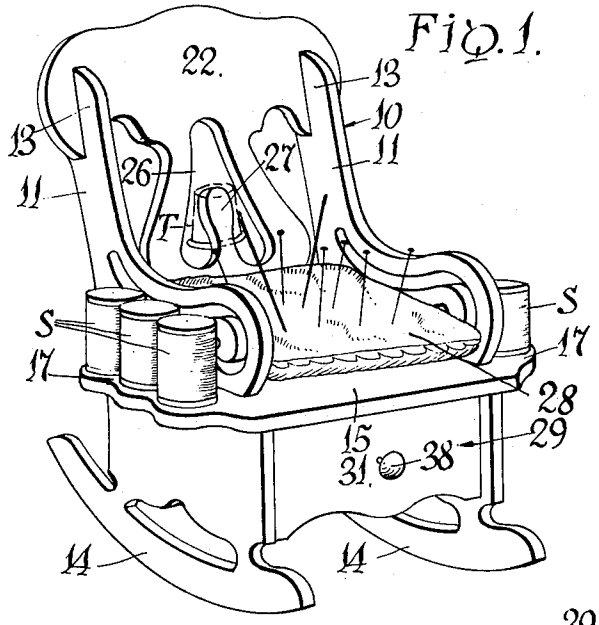


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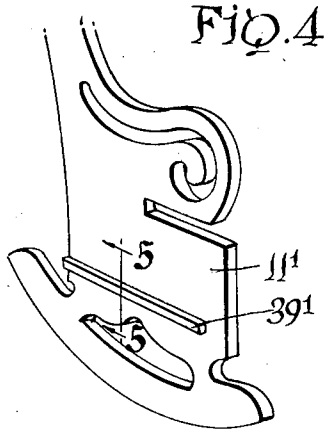


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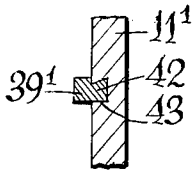


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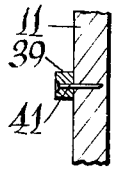


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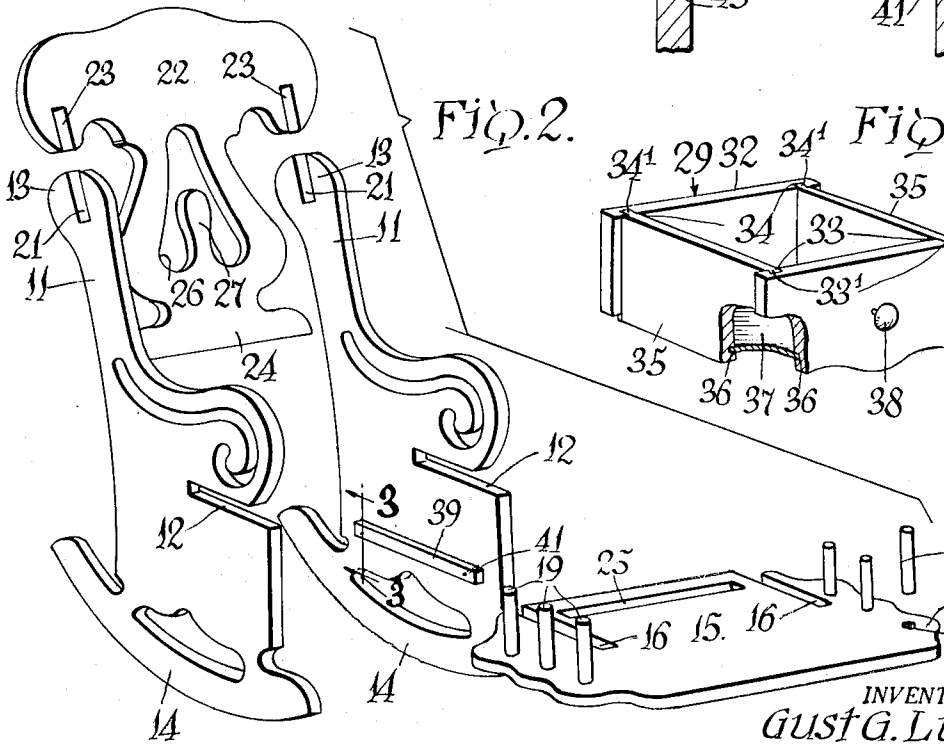


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My invention relates to improvements in portable sewing kits.

The objects of my invention are to provide a small portable decorative sewing kit having a place for articles used in sewing and mending, i. e. a thimble, a number of spools of thread, a pair of scissors, pins, needles, buttons and a measuring tape; to provide a readily portable sewing kit which is easy to assemble, which is capable of being manufactured at a low cost, which can have its disassembled parts compactly packaged and shipped for assembly by the user, thereby saving assembly, packaging and shipping costs, and which because of these low costs may be sold at a low price.

Referring now to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a miniature rocking chair constructed in accordance with the principles of my invention.

Figure 2 is an exploded perspective view showing the side, seat and back members disassembled.

Figure 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of a side member having a modified form of detachable drawer support.

Figure 5 is a sectional view on the line 5—5 of Figure 4 and

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a knock-down form of drawer.

Referring now to the drawing it will be seen that my sewing kit, as a matter of preference and not of necessity, is formed as a miniature rocking chair generally indicated by the numeral **10** and includes a pair of unitary side members **11** each formed with a reentrant seat receiving and supporting slot **12** located intermediate its upper end **13** and a rocker **14** formed at its lower end.

A seat member **15** is formed with spaced substantially parallel reentrant slots **16** located adjacent its side end portions **17**, and the width and length of the slots **16** and **12** is such that, when the seat is interengaged with the side members as shown in Figure 1, the sides of the slots **12** each frictionally engage the top and bottom surfaces of the seat **15** and the sides of the slots **16** each frictionally engage the inner and outer sides of the side members **11** thereby detachably securing and maintaining these parts in their proper interengaged relation without the use of glue or fastening devices.

As best seen in Figure 2 the end portions **17** of the seat extend beyond the slots **16** and are each provided with three spaced holes **18** in each of which a pin or peg **19** is frictionally secured for removal to more compactly package the disassembled parts of the kit for shipping. The spacing of the holes **18** is such that the pegs **19** are sufficiently spaced from each other and the associated side member to removably retain a spool of thread S slipped thereover on the end portions **17** (Figure 1).

The upper end **13** of each of the side members **11** is formed with a reentrant back receiving slot **21** extending in a plane diverging upwardly and outwardly from the

back edge portion of the seat **15** to receive and engage a back panel member **22** formed with reentrant slots **23** spaced to receive and engage the side members. As in the above described interengagement of the sides and the seat, the width and length of the slots **21** and **23** is such that when the back panel member **22** is interengaged with the side members **11** (Figure 1) the sides of the slots **21** frictionally engage the front and back surfaces of the back panel member **22** and the sides of the slots **23** each frictionally engage the side surfaces of one of the side members **11**, thus detachably securing and maintaining these parts in their interengaged relation without the use of glue or fastening devices.

When the back panel member **22** is fully interengaged with the side members **11** its lower end **24** may simply bear against the upper surface of the seat, thus tending to reenforce the chair, or, the lower end **24** may be extended into and frictionally engage in a coextensive groove **25** formed along the rear edge of the seat (Figure 2), thereby providing better reinforcement and a more rigid chair in which the interengagement of the end **24** in the groove **25** locks the seat against movement until the end **24** is withdrawn from the groove **25**.

As shown in Figure 1 the central lower portion of the back member **22** is cut-away as at **26** to provide a central upstanding tonguelet **27** upon which a sewing thimble T, shown in broken lines, may be mounted and the seat is provided with a removable decorative cushion or pad **28** which serves as a pin and needle cushion.

A drawer **29**, of a size to slidably fit between the side members **11** and beneath the seat **15**, is slidably mounted on a pair of rails **39** each secured to the inner side of one of the side members **11** in spaced parallel relation to the seat **15**. As shown in Figure 3 each rail **39** may be rigidly secured to its side member as by the nails **41** or, in the event a more compact arrangement of the parts for packaging and shipping is desired, the modified rails **39'** shown in Figure 5 may be detachably secured to its side member **11'** as by forming a half dove-tail shaped tongue **42** on each rail and inserting the tongue endwise into a complementary half dove-tail shaped groove **43** formed in its side member **11**, so that the rail is removably held in place by friction.

The drawer **29**, as best shown in Figure 6, is preferably of a knock-down construction to allow a more compact space saving arrangement of its component parts when disassembled for packing and shipping, however, if desired, a permanently assembled drawer may be used. The opposite end portions of the front and back members **31** and **32** of the drawer **29** are each formed with vertically disposed half dove-tail shaped grooves **33** and **34** respectively which receive and frictionally retain therein the complementary half dove-tail shaped tongues **33'** and **34'** formed on the front and rear ends of each of the side members **35**. The back member **32** being of less height than the other members allows a drawer bottom **37** to be slid therebeneath and into frictional engagement in a continuous groove **36** formed in the inner walls of the front and side members adjacent and along their bottom edges, thereby completing a suitable knock down drawer construction.

The drawer **29** provides a place for extra spools of thread, a small pair of scissors, a tape measure, buttons and other small articles used in sewing and mending. While the drawer may be opened by simply pulling against a central depending portion of its front member **31** I prefer to provide an inexpensive but decorative drawer pull or knob, i. e. the semi-spherically headed upholstery tack **38** located centrally of the member **31** for this purpose.

From the foregoing detailed description it will be apparent that I have provided a decorative, novel and useful

sewing kit which is inexpensive to manufacture, and which because of its knock-down construction, may be compactly packaged for shipment and readily assembled for use.

The specific embodiments of the kit herein shown and described are intended to illustrate the principles of my invention and it should be understood that various modifications of the component parts of the kit may be made within the scope of the appended claims wherein,

I claim:

1. A knock-down sewing kit formed as a miniature arm chair comprising a pair of chair side forming members each being formed with a base portion, an upwardly extending back member supporting portion and a continuous arm portion located above the base portion and merging into the back member supporting portion, each being formed with a forwardly opening seat receiving slot located intermediate its continuous arm forming portion and its base for engaging and bracing a seat, each being formed with an upwardly opening back member receiving slot located in the upper end of its back member supporting portion and each being provided with a drawer supporting rail located on the inner side of its base portion below and in spaced parallel relation to its seat receiving slots; a seat slidably engageably in the seat receiving slots and formed at its rear portion with a pair of spaced rearwardly opening side member engaging slots each having its sides slidably engageable with the opposite sides of one of the side members by rearward sliding movement of the seat in the planes of said seat receiving and side receiving slots; a back member slidably engageable in the back receiving slots of the side members and formed with a pair of downwardly opening slots spaced to engage the spaced side members each slot having its sides slidably engageable with the opposite sides of the back supporting portion of one of the side members by downward movement in the planes of said back and back receiving slots; whereby the side, seat and back members each mutually engage, space and brace the associated member; and a drawer for miscellaneous sewing articles slidable backwardly and forwardly beneath said seat, between said side members and on said rails.

2. A sewing kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein the sides of the seat are extended to support and to provide a place for a plurality of spools of thread thereon and are provided with a plurality of upstanding pegs arranged to detachably retain the spools in place.

3. A sewing kit as set forth in claim 1 wherein the center portion of the back member is provided with an opening formed with an upstanding central tonguelet shaped to detachably receive and support a sewing thimble.

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