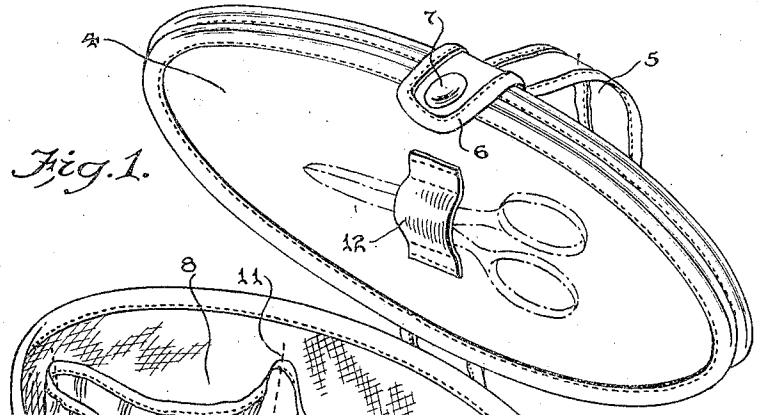
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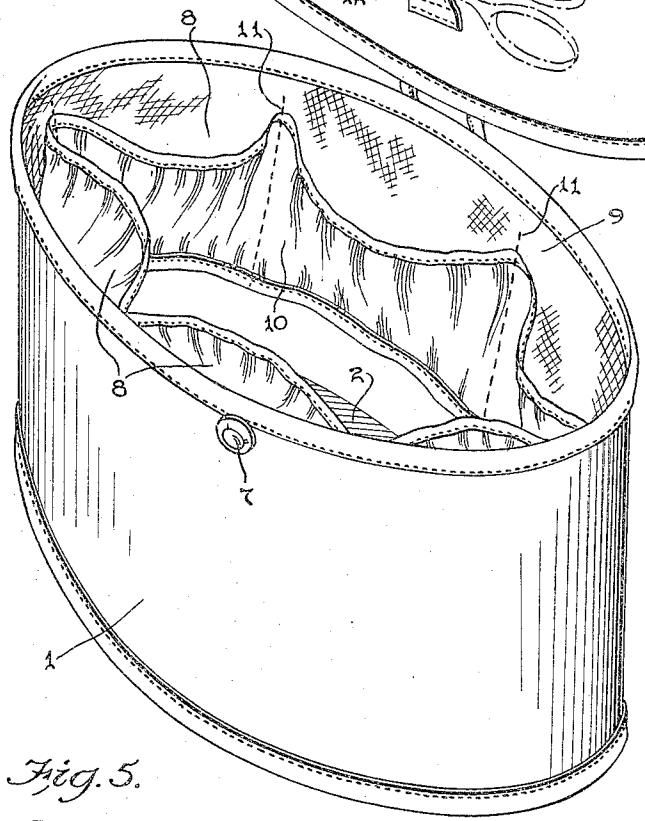


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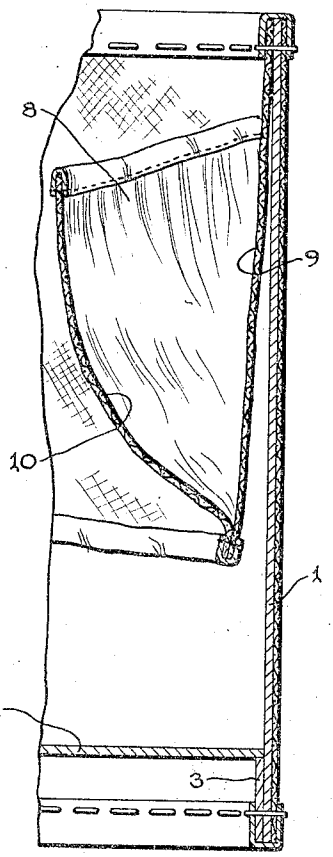
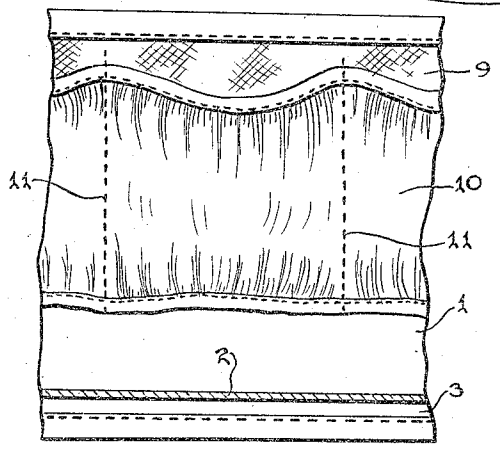


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Fig. 2.

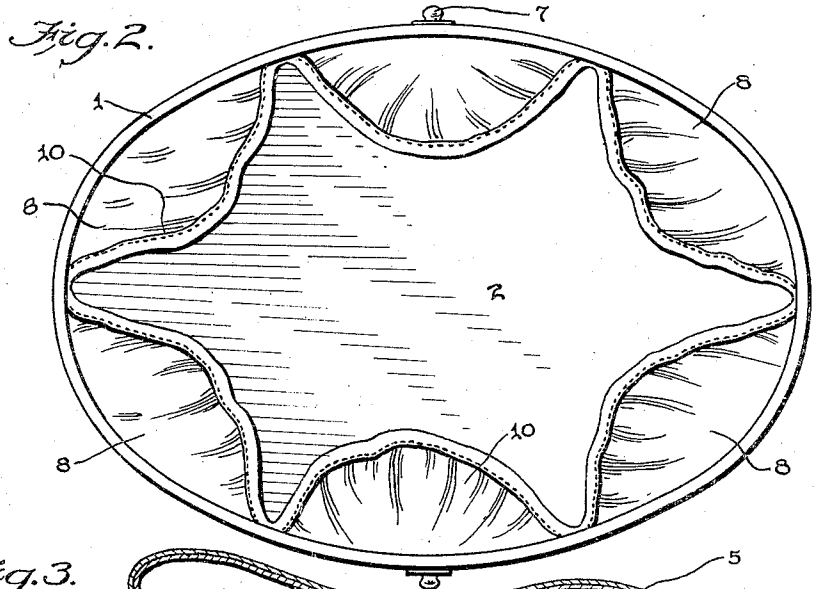
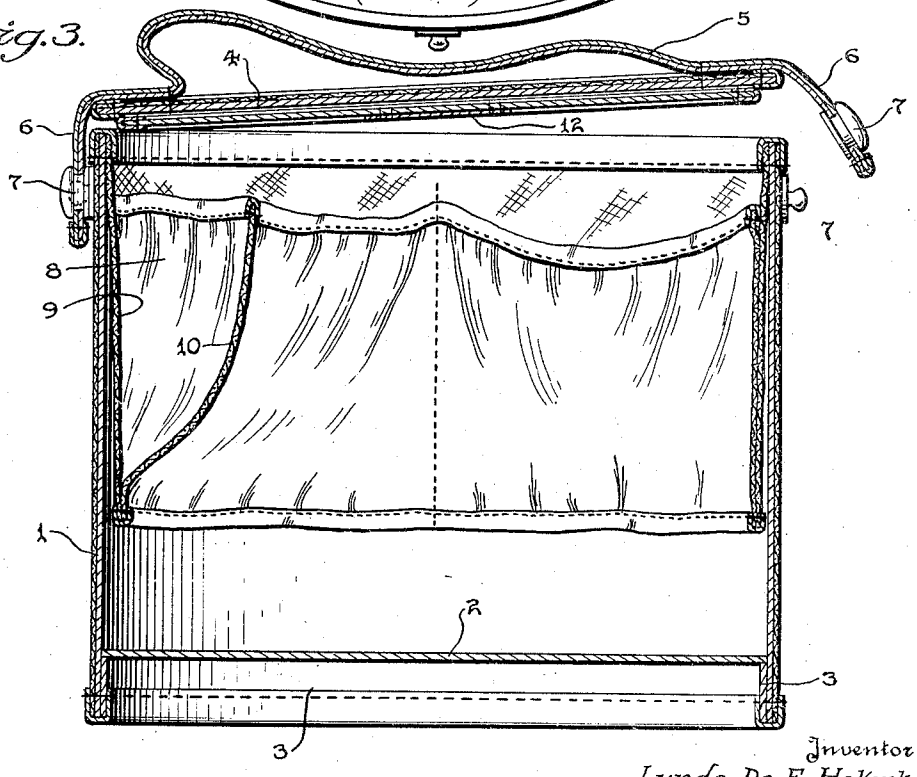


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SEWING BASKET

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The invention relates to a box, or analogous container, which, while primarily designed for use as a sewing basket, is adapted for a variety of applications as a container, tray or receptacle for candies, bon bons, nuts, flowers and sundry articles. The box may be of any configuration, size and material best adapted for the particular use intended. The novelty resides in the manner of providing a plurality of pockets upon the inner side of the box adjacent the top thereof, said pockets being comprised between an outer strip and an inner strip of flexible material, such as textile, the two strips being stitched or otherwise connected, at their lower edges and at intervals in their length to define pockets, and the outer strip being stitched, or secured in any preferred way, to the top portion of the box with the result that the pocket forming strips are suspended, or hang loosely within the box from the top edge thereof.

Another feature of the invention resides in the cover and the means for connecting it to the body of the box, or receptacle, whereby the cover may be swung from either side of the box without completely detaching it therefrom, said means preferably including extensions of a strap which constitutes a handle, and which are connected to the box by snap-fasteners.

For a full understanding of the invention and the merits thereof reference is to be had to the following description and the drawings hereto attached, in which,—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrative of an embodiment of the invention, the cover being elevated.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view, the cover being removed.

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view, the full lines showing the cover secured, and the dotted lines showing the cover detached at one side and swung into open position.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail sectional view of a side portion of the box and cover.

Fig. 5 is an elevational view of a portion of the box as seen from the inner side.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and designated in the several views of the drawings by like reference characters.

The numeral 1 designates the body of the box, basket, or like receptacle, or container which may be of any shape, size and construction. The box may be lined, covered or finished in any determinate way depending upon the cost and intended use. The bottom 2 of the box is elevated and supported upon a strip 3 secured to the lower marginal portion of the box. The cover 4 may be single or double, the latter construction admitting of the inner, or lower ply fitting snugly within the box to brace and strengthen the same, and the marginal portion of the outer, or top ply overlapping the top of the sides to support the cover thereon. This construction prevents any lateral shifting or displacement of the cover.

A handle 5 is attached to the cover 4, being secured thereto near opposite marginal edge portions thereof as is clearly shown in Fig. 3, and consists of a strap. The ends of the strap extend, as indicated at 6. These extensions 6 pass around the cover and overlap the upper portion of the box and are secured thereto by snap-fasteners 7, or other suitable separable fastening means. Either end 6 of the strap 5 may be detached from the box and the cover swung into open position upon the opposite end portion 6. This obviates complete detachment of the cover and possible misplacement thereof, and yet the cover may be readily removed from the box when desired by detaching both ends 6 from the box.

A plurality of pockets 8 are provided within the upper portion of the box between an outer pocket strip 9 and an inner pocket strip 10. These strips consist of textile or other suitable flexible material and are stitched or otherwise secured at intervals, as indicated at 11. The lower edges of the strips 9 and 10 are secured by stitching or other way. The inner strip 10 is gathered between the stitching 11 to provide the necessary fullness for the inner wall of the pockets. The top edge of the pocket strip 10 terminates a distance below the corresponding edge of the strip 9 and top of the box to admit of the open ends of the pockets being a distance below the top of

the box. The several edges of the parts are bound or suitably finished to present a neat appearance and cover any raw edges. An elastic keeper 12 is provided upon the inner or lower side of the cover to receive scissors or other desired article.

It will be readily understood that the article is admirably adapted for use as a sewing basket, the pockets providing convenient means for holding pins, needles, thimble, spools of cotton, buttons, hooks and miscellaneous articles forming a sewing kit. The box provides ample means for receiving the articles to be sewed, or mended, and embroidery and sundry articles. When the cover is open it is not necessary to completely detach it from the box and it may be conveniently swung from either side.

It will be noted that the body 1 comprises a tubular member which is relatively stiff and which provides a peripherally continuous upright wall structure, and that the upright wall structure includes a layer of suitable outside covering material. It will also be noted that the bottom of the box is located at and within the lower interior portion of the tubular body member 1 and that the bottom is suitably held in place to the lower portion of the body so as to provide strength and rigidity to the box or receptacle as a whole. It will furthermore be noted that along the upper edge of the peripheral body portion of the box there is a series of pockets provided by and between stitched-together continuous outer and inner pocket strips 9 and 10 of flexible material and which outer pocket strip is secured to the top marginal portion of the upstanding tubular peripheral body.

What is claimed is:

1. The combination with a box or like receptacle provided with certain members of separable fasteners secured in place at and to the upper outer portion of the box and a cover for the box completely removable therefrom, of a flexible handle in the form of a strap, said strap being secured to and extending the full width of and across the cover, said strap having an extension in each end thereof which is adapted to extend about the edge of the cover and overlap a side of the box and which extension is provided with a member of a separable fastener arranged so as to engage a companion member provided by one of the separable fastener members carried at the outer side portion of the box for connecting said strap extension to the box and whereby the cover may be detached from either side and swung into open position.

2. A basket or like receptacle comprising in combination a tubular body providing peripherally continuous upstanding side walls, a bottom interiorly located within and secured to the lower portion of the tubular body, within said tubular body a series of pockets provided in and by inner and outer pocket strips of flexible material, which strips constitute continuous members, the outer continuous pocket strip being secured along and at the upper portion of the peripheral body so as to depend from the place where secured downwardly into the box, the inner continuous pocket strip being peripherally connected at its lower portion to the outer continuous pocket strip, the pockets being defined between said strips by spaced vertical stitching that also locally secures together said strips along vertical lines, and a cover for said box.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of October 1931.

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