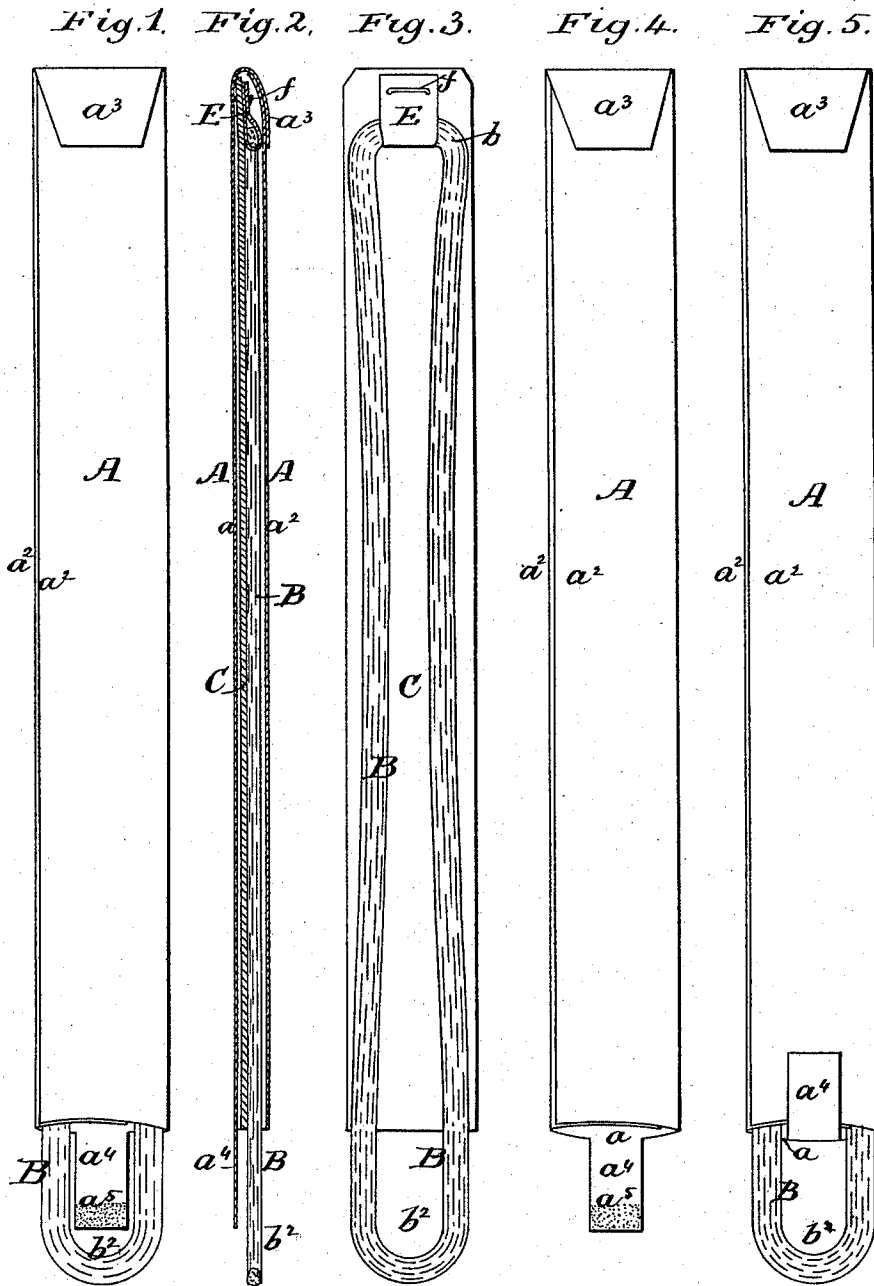


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. FRALEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Silk or Thread Packages, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The objects of my invention are to produce a simple and inexpensive package by means of which skeins of silk, thread, and analogous material may be handled and marketed without danger of becoming soiled, faded, or tangled, but permitting the whole length of all the threads of the skein to be exposed upon one of the faces of a card to customers for the purpose of matching the color and to be returned into the receiving-pocket of said package and said card and skein be permanently retained in said pocket after said package has been purchased. I attain these objects by the construction of a pocket permanently closed at one end, a card, and a skein-retaining flexible loop secured to one of the faces of said card at one end thereof, as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of a skein-package closed at one end and provided with skein-retaining devices constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central section of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view of the card carrying the skein secured thereto, but removed from the protecting-pocket of the package. Fig. 4 is a front view of the pocket. Fig. 5 is a front view of the skein-package with the flap of the pocket sealed to the body thereof to retain the skein-carrying card therein, as may be desired by customers after purchasing it.

In said drawings, A represents the envelop or pocket within which the skein B of silk or other material is to be inclosed. Said pocket consists of a blank of paper that is folded lengthwise into three parts—a central part a and two side flaps a^2 alongside thereof—that when folded are pasted together the whole length thereof. The central part a has at one end a flap a^3 of the same width as said part a where it is jointed thereto, and is

past to the outer one of the flaps a^2 to complete a pocket wholly closed at one end. The opposite end of the central part a has a narrow tongue a^4 , coated with paste or mucilage a^5 on its inner face. Said tongue may remain extended, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, and 4, until the package has been sold to the public, after which it may be folded, as shown in Fig. 5, and made to adhere to the outer one of the flaps a^2 to permanently retain the skein secured to the package with its strands separated into two distinct and equal parts. Said parts of the skein are mounted upon the same side of a narrow card C, of pasteboard, of sufficient thickness or stiffness to be pushed endwise within the pocket many successive times without becoming bent. Its width is slightly smaller than the pocket and its length is about equal thereto. The skein is retained permanently secured to the upper end of the card C by means of a loop E, preferably of textile material, as a short piece of tape looped upon itself, with the upper end b of the skein within the loop, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The outer ends of the loop E are secured to the card C by means of a staple f , passing therethrough and through the card and clenched to the back of the latter.

The skein being thus mounted upon the face of the card can be wholly exhibited without disturbing it from its location thereon and introduced with the card within the pocket A, wherein its upper portion adjoining the loop E is protected against becoming soiled and faded in the middle of each length or needleful, (as the skein is to be cut by the person using it in the middle of the lower loop b^2 .) When the skein is to be removed from the pocket to exhibit its color to a purchaser, it is pulled by its lower loop b^2 either part way or the whole length with the card carrying it and easily pushed back by means of the card after having exhibited it. If a purchase is made, the open end of the pocket may then be closed in part by the tongue a^4 , that thus permanently retains the card within the pocket with only the loop b^2 of the skein exposed.

I am aware that skein-packages have been made consisting of a sleeve open at both ends and a card carrying a skein straddled there-

on, and I do not claim said construction, as it does not protect either end of the skein and does not permit a similar exhibition of the skein as above described.

5 Having now fully described my invention, I claim—

In combination with a narrow paper pocket having a flap a^3 permanently and wholly crossing one end thereof and an open end
10 provided with a tongue a^4 , the card C, removable from said pocket and loop E secured to

one end of said card, whereby all the strands of a skein are upon the same face of the card and one end of the latter is wholly inclosed within the pocket substantially as described. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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