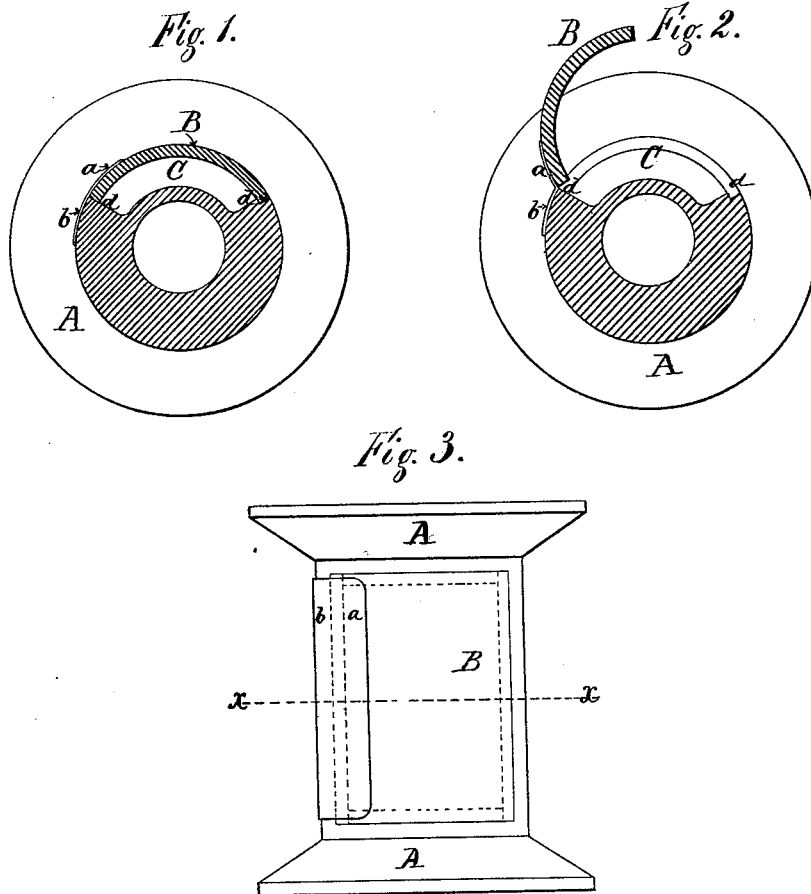


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## IMPROVEMENT IN SPOOLS.

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### *To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY ELDRIDGE, of Jersey City, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spools, of which the following is a specification.

One of my improvements consists in the construction of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound.

Another one of my improvements consists in the construction of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound, said mouth being furnished with a cover adapted to form a continuation of the periphery of the spool.

My improvements also consist in the construction of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is provided with a ledge and is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound, said mouth being furnished with a cover adapted to form a continuation of the periphery of the spool.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a cross-section through a spool embodying my invention, showing a recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine, with the cover shut down. Fig. 2 represents a cross-section through a spool embodying my invention with the lid or cover thrown open; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a spool embodying my invention with the lid or cover of the recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine closed.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A A represent a spool, which may be of the ordinary kind. B represents the lid or cover for the recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine, which may be hinged to the spool in any suitable manner, but which, in this example of my invention, I hinge simply by pasting a piece of muslin of proper size and shape half on one edge of the lid *a* and the other half on the ad-

joining edge *b* of the recess, receptacle, pocket or magazine.

Preferably I form this lid or cover of wood, and hinge it to the adjoining surface of the periphery or barrel of the spool; but I may make it of metal, paper, or other suitable material, and spring or fit it snugly into the edges of the recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine C.

I may, if desirable, provide a ledge or resting-surface, *d*, for the edges of the cover B, one object of the cover B being to complete or perfect the cylindrical surface of the periphery or barrel of the spool after a part has been cut away to form the recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine C.

When the advertisement, caution, or other desired article is put into the recess C, and the cover B is fitted, shut, or sprung into place, the spool is ready, as represented in Fig. 3, to receive the thread, silk, or other fabric.

The importance of my improved spool as an advertising medium can be well understood and appreciated when it is considered how many millions of spools of thread, silk, &c., find their way into the homes of almost every family in the country. Advertisements that it would be impossible to get into the hands of families in any other way will effect an entrance in this unique way. Not only can it be used to convey advertisements, but cautions against goods of inferior grades, certificates of genuineness of goods used thereon, tissue-paper patterns, measuring-tapes, and other inexpensive and useful articles may be stowed away in such pocket-spools, and the expectation and amusement which these little surprises will excite adds not a little to the value of the invention.

It is obvious that, although I have selected a spool to illustrate my invention, I may use a bobbin or any other reel upon which fabrics are wrapped, formed, or wound with equally beneficial results.

It will be seen that by my invention I provide a recess, receptacle, pocket, or magazine in a spool for containing advertisements and other articles of small bulk, whereby any particular business may be largely and uniquely

advertised and the public benefited and amused.

It will be seen that by my invention I provide a spool provided with a pocket the mouth of which is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound, said mouth being furnished with a cover adapted to form a continuation of the periphery of said spool, said spool also being provided with an axial opening or cavity for the reception of a spindle, whereby rotary motion may be imparted to it for the purpose of winding thread upon it.

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

1. The new article of manufacture consisting of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound.

2. The new article of manufacture consisting of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound, said mouth being furnished with a cover adapted to form a continuation of the periphery of the spool.

3. The new article of manufacture consisting of a spool provided with a receptacle, pocket, or magazine, the mouth of which is provided with a ledge and is at that part of the periphery of the spool whereon the thread, ribbon, or other fabric is designed to be wound, said mouth being furnished with a cover adapted to form a continuation of the periphery of the spool.

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