

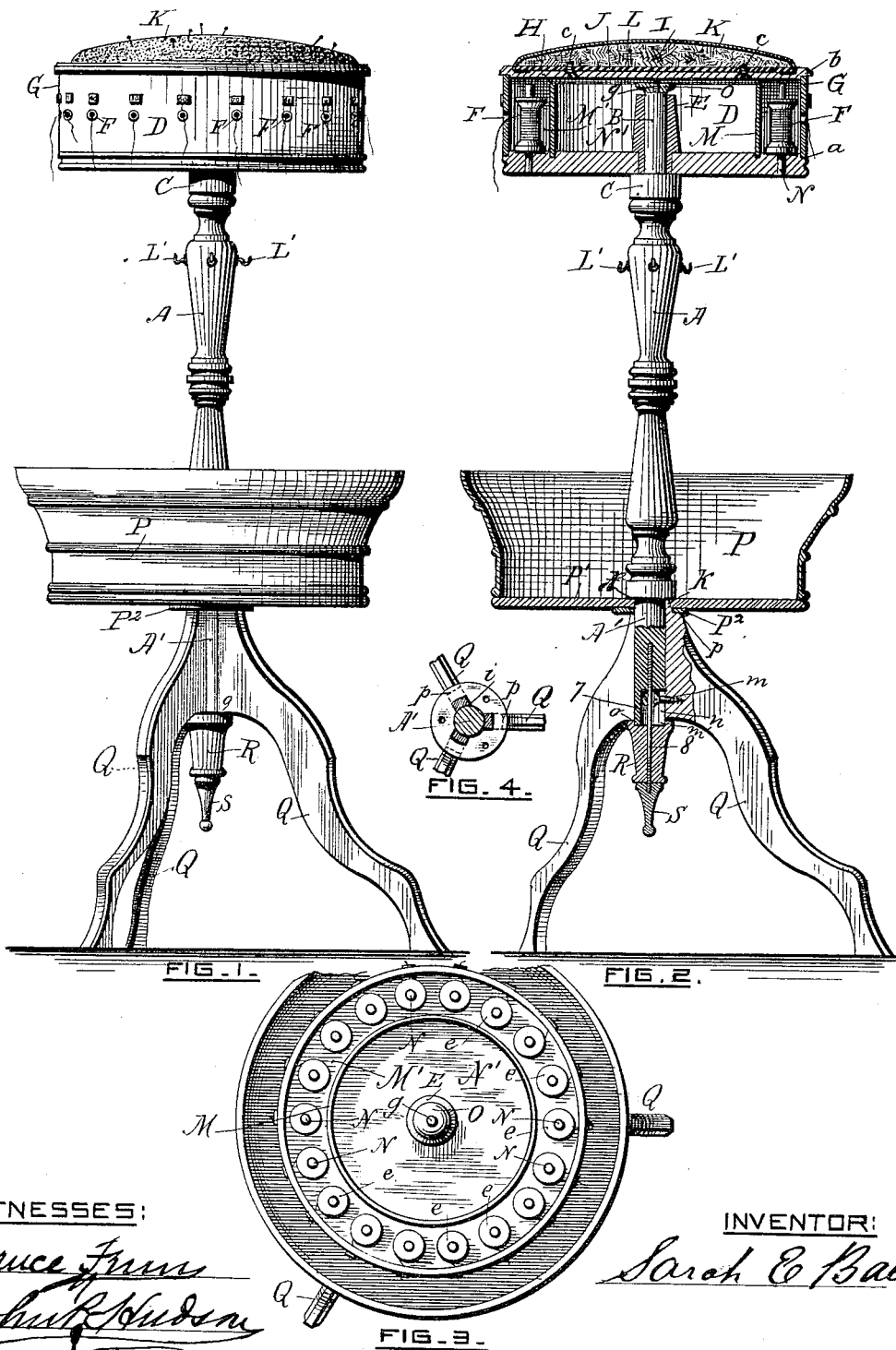
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH E. BALL, of Brooklyn, Kings county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful
5 Combination Work Table and Basket; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked
10 thereon, forming a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a side view of my combination work table and basket ready for use. Fig. 2 represents a side view of the same
15 structure, a portion thereof being shown in section, as will be hereinafter more fully described. Fig. 3 represents a top or plan view with top cushion removed, and a portion of the basket broken away, as will be hereinafter
20 more fully described; and Fig. 4 represents a section of the standard part below the basket and above the leg-fastening plate, as will be hereinafter more fully described.

The object of my present invention has been
25 to provide a convenient, compact, and desirable combined work table and basket for ladies' use, and that, too, in such combined form and construction as to render it an article of ornament as well as of great practical utility,
30 while at the same time it can be readily taken apart and packed up in a compact manner and carried in an ordinary trunk.

To enable those skill in the art to which my invention belongs, I will proceed to describe
35 the same more in detail.

In the drawings, the part marked A is the main supporting-standard, provided with a top spindle, B, which rises from the shoulder on
40 hub part C, and upon which spindle is fitted to turn the thread-spool and button-case D, the latter having a central tubular vertical socket-piece, E, which fits upon the spindle B, as fully shown in Fig. 2. The bottom of
45 case D rests on the top of shoulder C, and said case is formed by an outer rim, G, the bottom of which rim fits in a groove, *a*, in the outer edge of the bottom, while the upper edge of rim G fits in a groove, *b*, in the under side
50 of the top H. The top H is upholstered to form a cushion, I, for the reception of pins and needles. In this instance the wood bot-

tom J of the cushion is held to the top H by screws *cc*. The edge of the velvet or cloth cover K, which holds the stuffing L in place, is fastened to the under side of cushion-bottom J, 55 and thereby is held securely in place between cushion-bottom J, and top H, by means of screws *cc*; but any other suitable mode of fastening may be adopted.

From the top of spindle B projects a screw, 60 *g*, to receive the thumb-nut O, which screws down upon the top of spindle B, thereby preventing case D from coming off, while at the same time the case is free to turn.

Case D is provided with an inner circular 65 division-rim, M, and the space M', between the outer and inner rims, is filled with standards N, for the thread and silk spools *e*, there being a thread-eye, F, through the outer rim, opposite each spool, for the passage of the 70 thread or silk, and on the outer side, close to each eye, is to be placed or fixed the different numbers of the thread, and letters may be placed to designate the different sizes of silk.

If preferred, the case may be made large 75 enough to contain two full sets of thread and silk, so that it will not be necessary to turn the case but slightly to reach any desired thread.

The inner space, N', forms a convenient 80 receptacle for buttons and other articles.

Upon the standard A are arranged hooks L', upon which to hang shears and scissors.

A basket, P, is arranged upon the supporting-standard, the basket-bottom P' having a hole in the center, through which the bottom 85 end, A', of said standard passes, while in this instance a metal collar or plate, P², is screwed to the under side of bottom P', with a hole for the passage of the lower end, A', of standard A, and also three notches to receive the 90 upper ends of the three legs Q Q Q, and which leg ends are concaved out on their inner edges, *i*, to fit the outer round surface of the standard end A'. The upper ends of legs Q are also provided with shoulders to press against the 95 plate P², and with beveled ends *k*, to enter the slots or notches in said plate.

The lower end of the standard A' is bored out, as seen at 7, and a metal screw-rod, 8, is inserted in the center, the lower end of said 100 rod passing down some distance below the lower end of said standard and having a screw-

thread cut thereon. Each leg Q is provided with a screw, *m*, on its inner upper edge, an illustration being shown in Fig. 2, the head of each screw projecting a short distance. Three
5 slots, *n*, are made in the lower end, A', of the standard A, the width of the slots being sufficient to permit the bodies of the screws to slip up therein.

A button or thimble-piece, R, having a
10 groove or socket, *m*, in its upper end and a central hole large enough to let rod 8 pass through freely, is fitted on the lower end of standard A, with its socket-flange passing up against the under edges, *o*, of legs Q, a nut, S,
15 screwing onto the end of rod 8, thereby holding the legs Q Q Q, basket P, and standard A all firmly together, as illustrated in the drawings.

To put the devices together, the operator
20 takes standard A and passes its lower end, A', down through the basket, then inserts the upper ends of the legs Q in their respective notches in the plate P², and their screws *m* in their respective slots *n*, after which socket or
25 thimble piece R is slipped on and nut S screwed up, which brings the bottom of basket P up against the shoulder A², while the upper ends of legs Q Q Q will be held firmly between socket or thimble R, and the under side of the
30 metal plate P². Case D is now placed in position upon the spindle B, and thumb-nut O applied and turned down and the cushion-top put on, when the combined work table and basket is ready for use. When a flat, hard, smooth
35 top is desired, it is only necessary to turn the cushion down with the top H up. In this form the device serves well for a whist or other stand or table.

In Fig. 2 case D and its cushioned top are
40 shown in section, also the basket and lower part, A', of the supporting-standard A, by which one of the legs is removed, and in Fig. 4, which is a view looking down, only portions of the legs are shown, their shoulders *p* being
45 indicated in dotted lines, same figure.

In Fig. 3 a portion of the basket is broken away. If preferred, the parts R and S may be made in one piece and of metal.

Those skilled in the art to which my invention belongs will appreciate the ease and simple manner in which my combined work table
50 and basket can be put together and taken apart, and compactly put up for transportation or storage, case D fitting into the basket, while the legs, when taken off, can be tied up with
55 supporting-standard A, thereby reducing the length one-half.

It will be observed that only two fastenings have to be removed in separating the parts for packing—viz., the top and bottom nuts—both
60 of which a lady can remove with her fingers.

The work table and basket may be made of any desired material and upholstered in desired cloth, velvet, or silk, and the numbers,
65 too, may be of any desired material or stamp. If preferred, the wood-work may be veneered in one or many different kinds of wood.

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

1. The combination, with the slotted end A',
70 of supporting-standard A, basket P, provided with notched metal plate P², and detachable legs Q Q Q, screws *m*, screw-rod 8, thimble R, and nut S, substantially as described.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a
75 combined work table and basket consisting of a central supporting-standard, A, slotted at its lower end, and having a spindle, B, screw *g*, and nut O at its upper end for supporting the upholstered spool, silk, and thread-case D,
80 basket P, clamped in position against shoulder A² on standard A by the detachable legs Q, and nut S on screw-rod 8, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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