

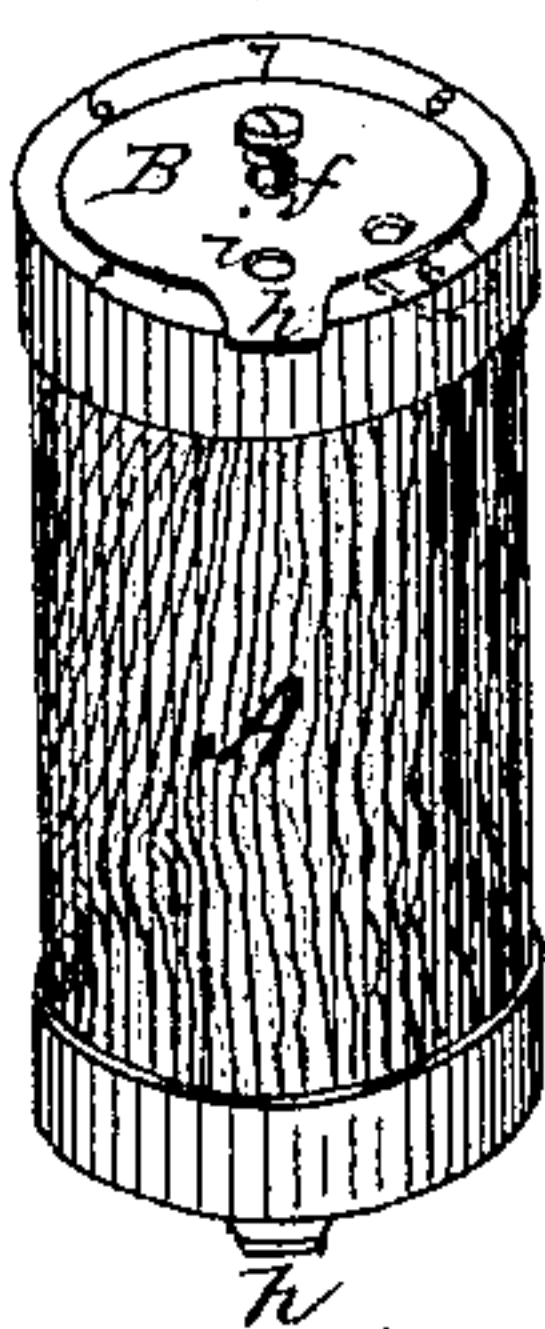
*Field & Beach,*

*Needle Case.*

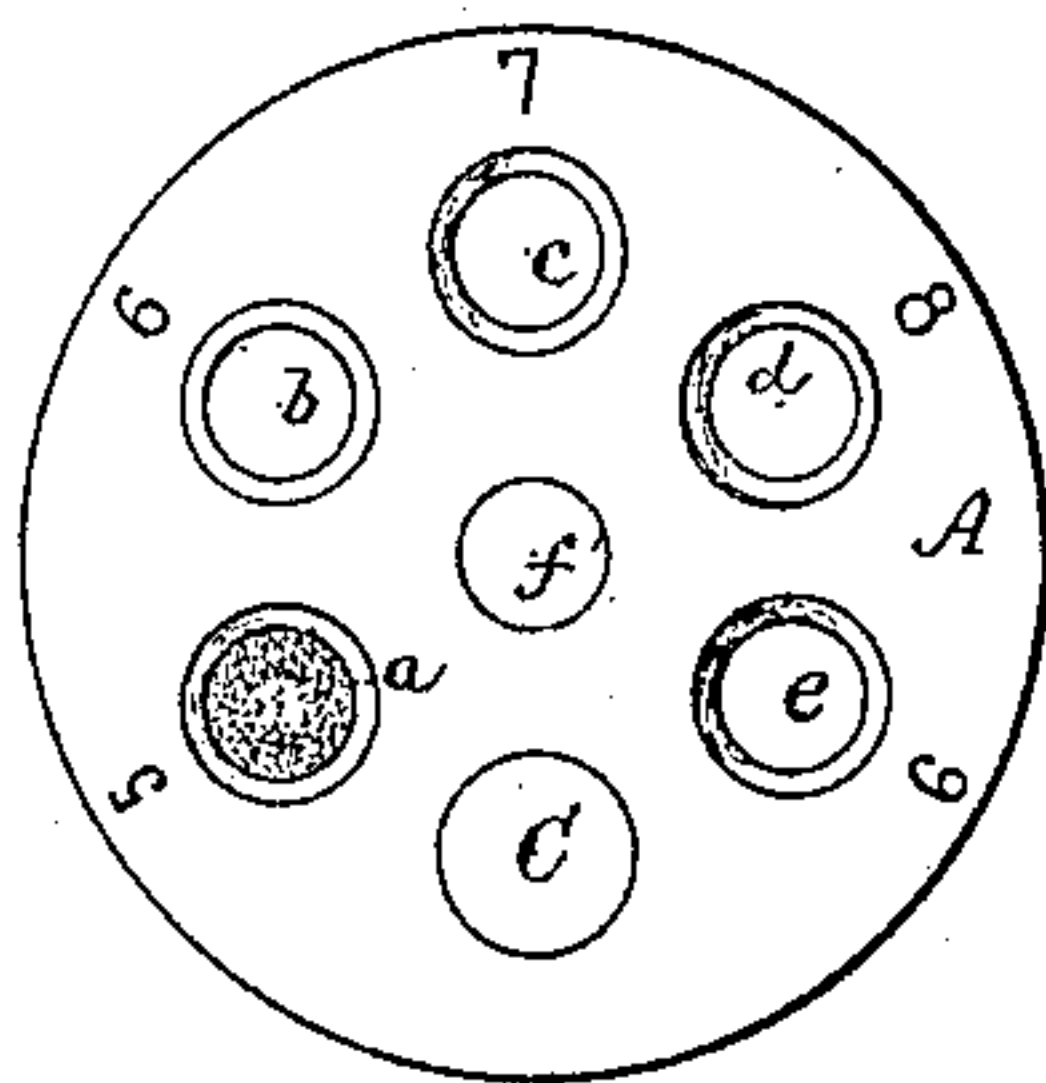
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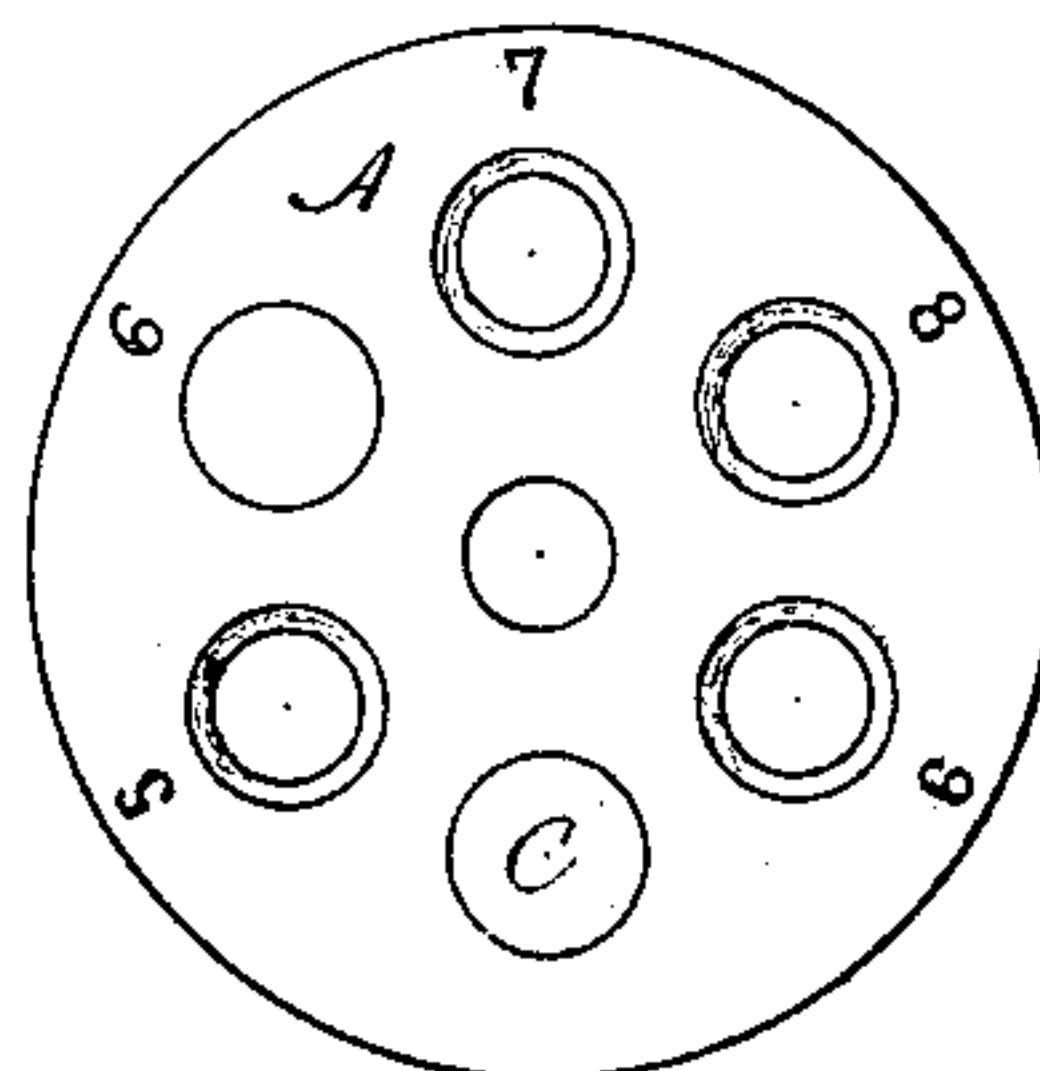
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN NEEDLE-CASES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

*To all whom it may concern :*

Be it known that we, WOREN B. FIELD, of Rockville, in the county of Tolland, and BURROUGHS BEACH, of Meriden, county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Needle-Case; and we do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of the case complete;

Figures 2 and 3, the two ends with the caps removed, enlarged; and in

Figure 4, an under side perspective view of the cap.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of a receptacle or case for sewing-needles, the object being to construct the case so as to contain in separate compartments different sizes or kinds of needles, and so that either one of the sizes or kinds may be taken for use; and

The invention consists of a case or cylinder provided with several compartments arranged around a common center, and provided with a cover pivoted so as to turn on the common center, and having a perforation, so that the said cover may be turned to present the said opening to either of the said compartments, and through which openings the needles will, when the case is inverted, pass out.

A is the case, which consists of a cylinder of any desirable form, and made from wood or other suitable material. Both ends are by preference formed alike, but one end may be left solid if desired.

We bore into, or in other ways form compartments *a, b, c, d,* and *e*, around and equidistant from a common centre, *f*, to a sufficient depth for the length of the needles, and over the end place a cap or plate, *B*, of sufficient diameter to cover the several compartments, and for convenience of turning provided with a handle, *h*. This plate is pivoted to the center *f*,

and provided with a spring, as in fig. 1, to bear the plate down upon the top. The said plate has a single perforation at *i*, so that by turning the said plate the opening *i* may be presented to either of the compartments.

Upon the under side of the plate, as in fig. 4, a projection, *s*, is formed to set into the mouth of the several compartments, so that as the plate is turned to one of the compartments the said projection will drop into and retain the plate at such compartment. Then the proper needles may be passed into the compartment, and in like manner removed when required for use.

When it is desired to close the case, turn the cap until it comes to a recess, *C*, so that the projection *s* will fall into the said recess *C*, and there the cap will be held, the recess *C* being a blank. The several compartments are numbered to indicate their contents.

We make one of the compartments, *a*, fig. 2, and numbered 5, to serve as a means of cleaning the needles, and to do this, fill the compartment with emery, and when it is desired to clean the needles, the cap must be turned to that position, in like manner as for the other compartments.

We do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming a needle-case constructed to receive several sizes of needles, and so as to deliver any one of the several sizes, as such is not new; but

We do claim as our invention—

A needle-case composed of several compartments, *a b c d,* &c., and provided with a cover, *B*, pivoted to the case, the said cover having an opening, *i*, and provided with a spring *f*, and on the under side with a projection, *s*, so as to set into a recess or compartment, substantially as described.

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