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Fig. 4.

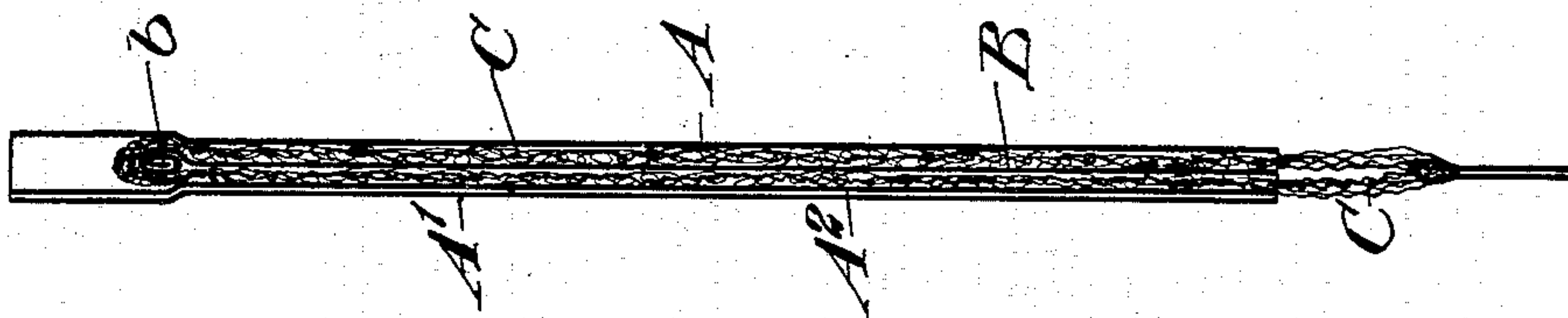


Fig. 3.

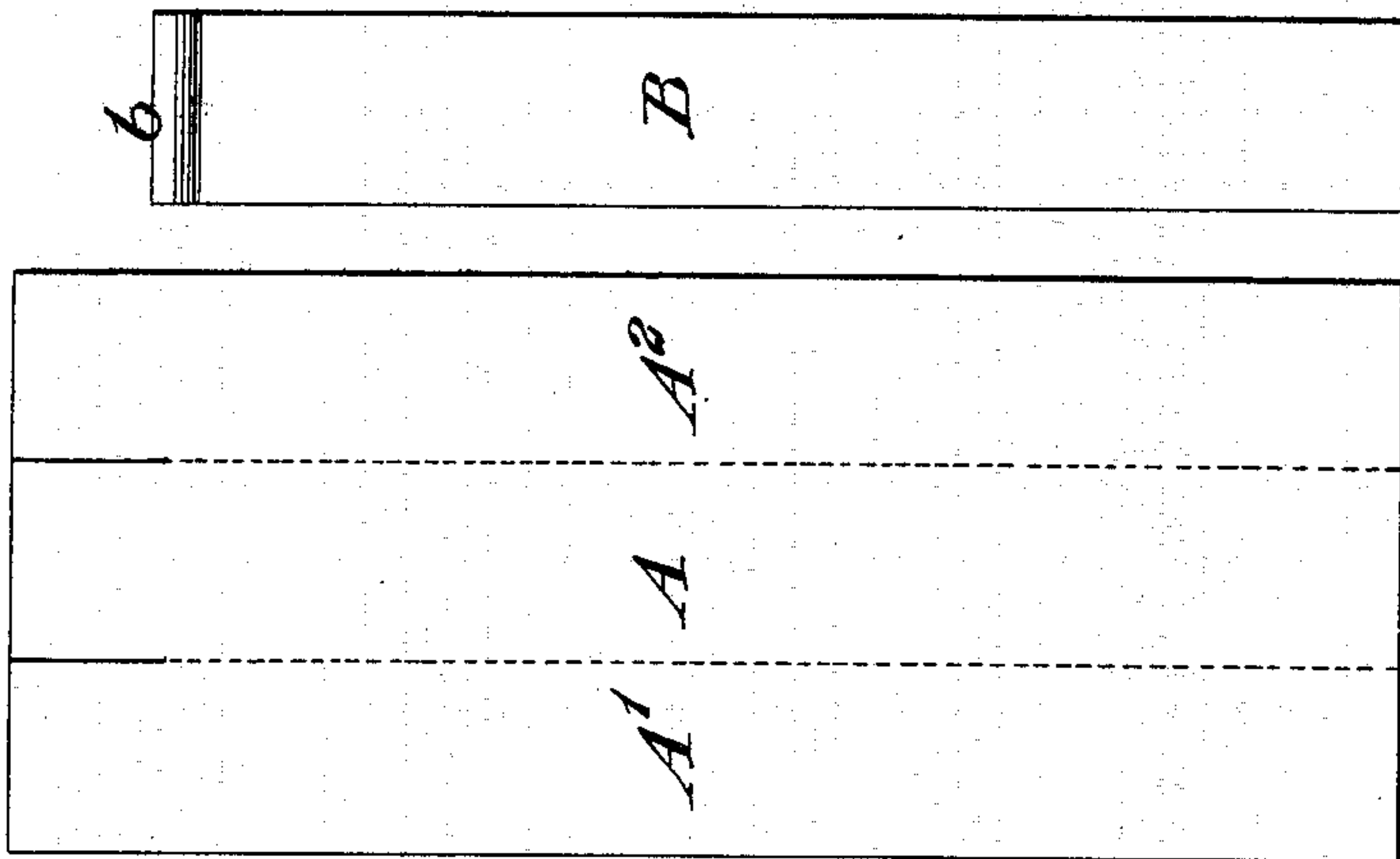


Fig. 2.

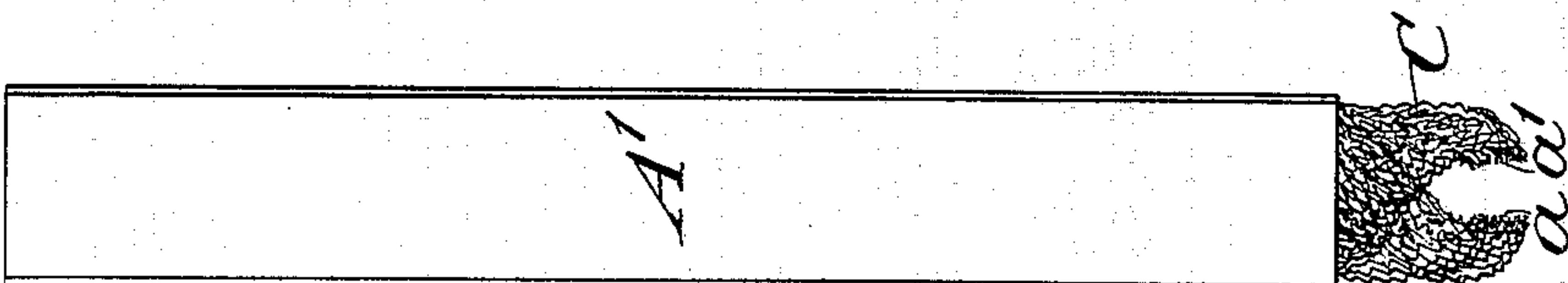
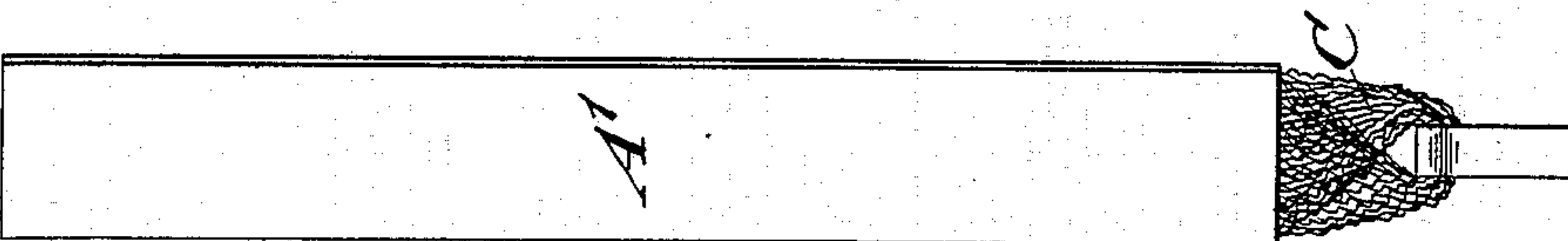


Fig. 1.



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THREAD-HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD C. SEWARD, of Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Thread-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in thread-holders in which provision is made for retaining a skein of silk or thread within a
10 wrapper in such manner that when the loop at one end of the skein is cut the threads may be drawn one at a time from within the holder without liability of snarling the remaining threads.

15 A practical embodiment of my invention is represented in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents the holder with the skein therein as it appears ready for market.
20 Fig. 2 represents the same with an end of the skein cut ready for withdrawing the threads. Fig. 3 represents the blank which forms the casing of the holder and the core around which the skein is placed; and Fig. 4 represents a
25 longitudinal section through the holder, showing the core and skein thereon in position within the holder.

The casing of the holder consists of a body portion A, provided with wings or flaps A' A²,
30 formed integral with the body portion A and adapted to be folded over the one upon the other on the face of the body portion to form a flat elongated casing, as clearly shown in the drawings.

35 The core on which the skein is held within the casing is denoted by B and consists of a flat strip of material—such, for example, as paper—having one of its ends folded or rolled over upon itself, as shown at b, to form an
40 enlarged rounded end to serve as a bearing over which the threads of the skein may be smoothly drawn from within the casing.

The core B is made separate from the casing and is preferably of a width substantially
45 equal to the width of the interior of the casing.

The skein of silk or thread is denoted by C, and after the skein has been passed over the core it is, together with the core, inserted within the casing in the position shown in Fig. 4. 50

The enlarged rounded end of the core has a tendency to press apart the opposite sides of the casing as the skein, with the core therein, is pulled upon at the end opposite that where the rounded bearing is located, and for the
55 purpose of permitting the rounded end of the core to pass between the projecting sides of the casing, where the core is made the full width of the casing, the opposite edges of the casing may be severed for a short distance, 60 as shown at a a'.

In use the casing may be held between the thumb and forefinger of the left hand at a point just inward from the position occupied by the enlarged end of the core and the threads
65 may be drawn over the rounded end of the core at pleasure.

The enlarged rounded end of the core performs a double function in that it prevents a core separate from the casing from being
70 drawn longitudinally through the casing and at the same time furnishes a smooth bearing over which the threads may be drawn without liability of catching or cutting creases in the bearing. 75

What I claim is—

A thread-holder comprising a folded casing having one of its ends slit for the reception of the head of the core, a core within and separate from the casing for separating the opposite sides of the skein, the said core having
80 one of its ends folded over to form a retaining-head and a bearing for the threads when the latter are withdrawn for use, substantially as set forth.

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