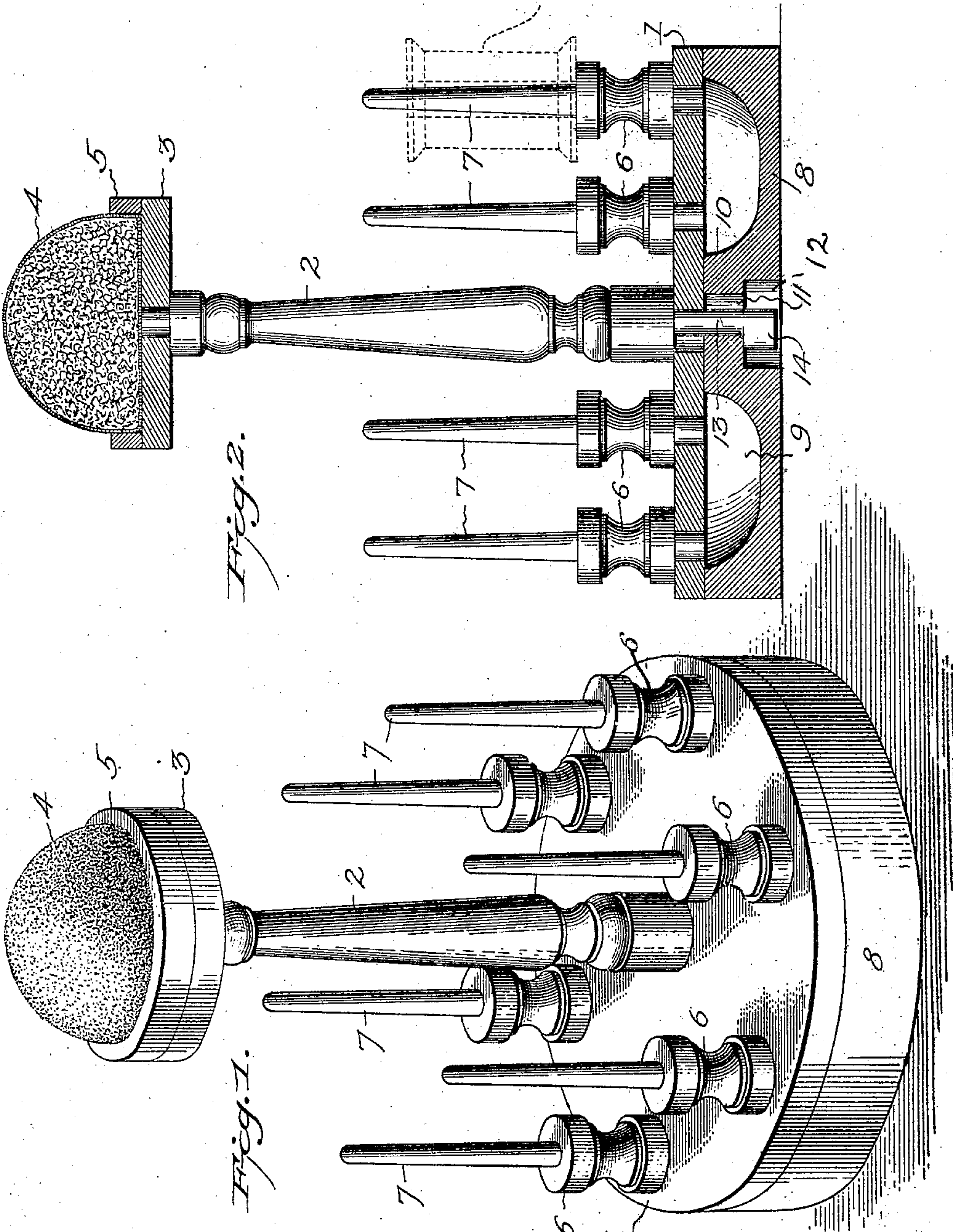


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUDVIG THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at the city and county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful Combined Pincushion and Spool-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in threaded spool and pin and needle cushions; and the object of my invention is to provide a simple inexpensive device that will provide a plurality of spools of thread in such a manner that they are separated from each other and held so that the thread of each spool can be easily and quickly grasped and reeled off, and to arrange a pin and needle holding cushion in such coöperative relation to the spools that one or more operators can easily reach any needles and pins that may be therein without their hands encountering the threaded spools. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved threaded spool and pin and needle holder, and Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view.

Similar letters of reference refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a disk-shaped base-plate which is preferably made of wood, although any other suitable material may be employed, if desired. I preferably make this base round, although it may be made square or hexagonal or of any other polygonal form. In the center of this base I secure a vertical standard 2, which I preferably make several inches long, and to its top I secure a disk 3, which is preferably made somewhat smaller than the base. Upon this base I place a needle and pin cushion 4. The covering and the filling may be of any suitable material. I preferably secure this needle and pin cushion in place by a ring 5, the outside diameter of which I preferably make of the same diameter as the cushion-supporting disk 3. The inside diameter of this ring I make of a diameter that will fit the base portion of the cushion tight enough to stretch its cover down tight against its supporting-disk. I then secure the ring 5 to the supporting-disk 3 by any suitable means, preferably by glue.

Upon the base-plate at a short distance from its edge and surrounding the needle and pin cushion standard I place a circum-

ferential row of spool-supporting pedestals 6, and at the center of the top of each pedestal I place a long spool-holding pin 7, which projects vertically upward from the pedestal. These pins are made small enough and long enough to allow one or two or three or more spools of thread, cotton, or silk to be placed on them, placing the axial apertures of the spools over them, the pins being made enough smaller than the apertures in the spools to permit the holes through the center of the spools to fit loosely on them, so that when the end of the thread of a spool is pulled the spool will rotate easily and allow the thread to unwind.

I illustrate six spool-holders arranged at equal distances apart around the base-plate, but more or less spool-holders may be placed on the base-plate, if desired.

The needle and pin cushion standard is extended enough higher above the spool-supporting pedestals and pins to permit the pin and needle cushion to be reached by one or several persons sewing and using thread. Thus, assuming that a number of ladies were sewing around a table, the spool and needle and pin holder could be placed where all could use its threads and pins and needles, and as the pins and needles are placed above the spools the cushion can be easily reached by all of the sewers without interfering with those who may be at the same time taking a supply of thread from the spools.

The spool-supporting base is pivotally mounted on a subbase 8. A circular recess 9 is formed in the face of the subbase that is a receptacle for buttons. The spool-base rests on a center hub portion 10 and on the edge of the subbase. In the hub of the subbase an oblong hole 11 is formed, which extends part way through the base. The center of one end of this oblong hole is in the center of the hub. The opposite end of this oblong hole extends to one side of the center of the hub, and through the remaining portion of the subbase an enlarged round hole 12 is formed, which extends into the base from its bottom side and which is larger than the full diameter of the oblong hole, and the bottom of the spool-base is provided with a depending round pin 13, which is formed integral with the standard, the end of which is provided with an oblong head portion 14, which fits loosely in the oblong hole in the hub of the subbase.

In the manufacture of the pincushion and

spool-holder an oblong hole is formed in the base of the spool-holder to permit the head of the depending pin of the standard to be inserted through the spool-base, after which
 5 the standard and the pin are glued or otherwise secured in this oblong hole of the base, and then the standard, the spool-base, and the depending pin are fastened together, so that they form one integral piece, and the pin
 10 while made on the standard is thus secured to and also depends below the spool-plate. The length of the pin is such that the oblong head of the pin projects through the oblong hole in the hub into the enlarged circular hole
 15 in the bottom side of the subbase, which is large enough to allow it to rotate therein freely, while the round body of the pin rotates freely in one side of the oblong portion of the hole. The spool-base can then be rotated by
 20 an operator by a stroke of the hand to bring all the spools in succession near to the hand of the operator, and the spool-base can be easily and quickly lifted off from the subbase in case the operator wants a button.

25 The holder can be made in different sizes and with different numbers of spool-holding pedestals and pins.

My invention is useful, practical, and novel, as it arranges spools of different sizes and colors
 30 of thread of cotton and silk in a convenient form to be easily and quickly seen and used.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

35 1. In a device of the character described, a

circular base, having a circular chamber surrounding a central hub; a revoluble disk forming a cover for said chamber and provided centrally with a depending pin having an elongated head which passes through a
 40 correspondingly-shaped hole in the hub, and is inclosed by a surrounding recess formed in the bottom of the base, a plurality of spool-spindles arranged around the disk adjacent to its periphery; a standard projecting centrally from said disk, having a circular plate
 45 upon its upper end, a pincushion secured upon said plate, and a ring surrounding said cushion and secured to said plate.

2. In a device of the character described, a
 50 circular base having a circular chamber surrounding a central hub, said hub being provided with an elongated hole which opens into a circular recess in the bottom of the base; a revoluble disk forming a cover for the
 55 chamber; a pivot-pin depending from said disk, having an elongated head which extends through and below the hole in said hub, and engages the lower end of the hub to prevent the accidental withdrawal of the pin; 60
 spool-holding spindles on said disk, and a central standard having a pincushion upon its upper end.

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

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