
Guide to the British Patents Collection, 1841-1853

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Scope and Contents

The *British Patents Collection* consists of documents related to the process of acquiring patents in the United Kingdom in 19th century. In order to acquire a patent in the United Kingdom, the inventor first must put a detailed description of their invention into the public domain through what is called a patent specification. The inventor is then granted a patent by the government providing them the right to prevent others from exploiting their invention for a limited period of time.

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Box 1, Item 1

Patent Specification Written by Alfred Vincent Newton for an "Improved Sewing Machine," 1853 July 18

Box 1, Item 2

Copy of Patent Granted to Oliver Louis Reynolds on November 4th, 1840 for a "Certain Improvement on Machinery for Producing Stocking Fabric or Framework Knitting," 1841 January 4