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Name	Brand Names, Company Names, Other Relationships	Material	Type	Owner/Contributer	Notes
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Mackay	Yi Schuang Enterprises	bamboo	SP	SEW 2148	gift from Gay Lines
Maddy		wooden	SP	CC 2830	
Maddys Craft Collection		plastic	SP	SEW	gift of CB/Colonial Needle Co.
Majesty	Federated Dept Stores brand. Distributor of Majesty is City Products Corp., Chicago, Illinois	aluminum	straight	SEW	CC 545 -- see Princess for notes on similarities.
Maltese			SP	SEW CC967	Canadian brand
Mandalace					Australian brand made up to 1995 (phone number on the label reads 03 728 4506, and thus doesn't have the prefix added in that year)
Marbletone	Swallow brand	casein ?	straight	BW / SEW	Mottled fawn coloured needles with self-coloured shield shaped stopper with size on one side.
Marcia Lynn	brand name of C.J. Bates & Co	aluminum nylon	straight circular	GL	made in USA, introduced in 1961 by CJ Bates as a low-nitch brand
Marcus Handcrafts		wood	SP	SEW	Name is stamped in ink on the shaft of wooden needles. Found by GL in opp shop. Coolie hat stopper
Margaret		metal	SP	Poynter	
Marlene		plastic coated metal	SP	SEW CC2213	French, 1920's
Marshall and Company's Knitting Needles, Darning Needles	retailer of Thomas Harper		kit		  
Martha Stewart	brand name is Susanne's		straight		
Martha Washington	See also Eureka, Lady Smith and Gloria	steel	double pointed	SEW	German tin tube with only 3 compartments, sizes 13-16. These four brand names appear on tin tubes with yellow background. I think they were imported into the USA around 1890-1910, the high era for tin lithography - and also just around the time of the Boer War and the battle of Lady Smith. 
"The Marvel"					branding on a wooden tube of regular blunt ended needles, in USA
Mary Maxim and Miss Mary Maxim	post-WWII Canadian yarn manufacturer, which also sold under this brand name in the UK in the 1960s.	plastic	SP	CC 3040	Canadian brand, which also sold under this brand name in the UK in the 1960s. CC 3040 are single point plastic needles in a paper wrapper.
Masterlite		metal	SP	SEW CC1117, 1729	Name is written around the flat, circular stopper
Maxa		metal	SP	CC 2914	
Mayfair	"Georgette"	baked enamel	DP		made in Quebec, Canada
McIlroy		metal	SP		name on top of shaft
M.C.&S.		metal	SP	SEW CC588, 1117	Stopper says Pat 22559
McAvis Co		bamboo	SP	SEW CC2734	box has a two-digit postal code
Measure-Knit	Hero brand		SP	SEW CC2735	shaft marked like a ruler
MeiMei-Pro		bamboo			

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Merrie Wives Series Knitting Pins	Brand name of Morris & Yeoman	steel	4xdp	CB/ SEW CC1532	Packet says "manufactured expressly for ourselves" - which MP explains as a statement of independence from drapery shops too mean to have their own name printed on the packaging but wishing to sound as if the knitting pins were in some way exclusive to the shop. 
Metalux			SP	GL, SEW CC2197	French, has centimeter rule along shaft
Meteor	Wm Wright & Sons - see fabrics.net	metal	SP	SEW CC761	painted metal shaft with silver tips
Midland Drapery		resin	SP	SEW CC794	name impressed on shaft. Midland Drapery was a big store in Derby between WWI and WWII.
Mikado	Molly Pearce says this is a trademark of J and N Phillips, Haberdashery Wholesalers of Manchester. Morris & Yeoman made the needles.	metal	4 x DP	SEW CC946	paper packet says "warranted by Morris and Yeomans Ltd Ashwood Bank REDDITCH". Also on reverse stamped "made in England" 
Miladi		metal	SP	SEW CC756	1950's <i>Vogue Knitting</i> ad says "Miladi - the last word in knitting wool"
Millimeter	See also Diadem and Standard	resin	straight and DP	SEW CC383	These are very old (celluloid?) needles with the needle size in millimeters is on a small oval label on the shaft, surrounded by the word "Millimeter".
Millings		resin	SP	SEW	Clear plastic sleeve with a cardboard insert with brand name. I have seen these needles in Australia many times, but this is the first branding.
Milford		bamboo	circular	SEW	made in China
Milward & Sons, Henry	At times, brand names included Archer, Archerite, "Disc", Double Century, Gold Seal, Knobfast, Milward, Milward-Ernoid, Phantom, Rainbow, Shipbrand or Ship Brand. This was a long-lived firm, which took over or amalgamated with numerous smaller firms during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Logo was a raised arm brandishing a sabre. Milward set up and owned Pony in India before that firm was nationalised in the late 1940's after India's declaration of independence. At least two books have been written about this firm, by Bernard Lee.				Photo shows all the various Milward packaging I have. Also CC 2787 - "Milward's Needles" is a salesman's display case for Royal Society in USA - 1930-1950? - not included in photo. 
Milward Patent 48544	brand name of Henry Milward & Sons	steel resin bamboo	SP, DP	SEW CC994, 1980, 1086, 1080, 961, 596, 468, 1549	The early metal double points (CC 994 in black paper packet) have unique short points. Haven't seen any other brands like these. Also CC 1980 plastic tip protectors w rubber band tension regulators. CC 1086 has green paper label, same as CC961 - patent 485448 - different stopper. CC961 has a unique, drum-shaped stopper. also labelled wooden tube. Also pair (CC 1980) hard plastic DP holders with rubber band tension regulators.
Milward-Ernoid	brand name of Henry Milward & Sons	plastic	straight	BW	
Milux		metal	SP	SEW	CC 552 shaft marked "Swiss made"
Miner Ind		resin	SP	SEW	blue hexagonal stopper, cheap looking. These needles were apparently part of the Barbie Knitting Kit, which was distributed by Miner Ind.
Minerva	In the UK, Morris & Yeoman brand - CB/NN No. 6, p 42 says "from W. Allwood's Minerva Needleworks at Alcester"	celluloid	SP	SEWCC 769, 946, 2371 (wooden tube), 995	Stoppers on these celuloid needles actually screw onto the shaft.  

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Minerva	In the US, this was a brand name of yarn produced by James Lee & Sons Co - up to at least 1940's. The firm also produced a circular celluloid gauge. James Lee later amalgamated with Columbia Products.	celluloid, steel	SP, DP	SEW CC895, 1457	The 1930's style needles have a variety of stoppers, some similar to Clark's ONT 
Minerva-Rhodoid	presumably a brand name of Rhodo		SP	SEW CC 818	Tear-drop stoppers like other Rhodos
Minfield		metal	straight		
Minoid		resin	straight	SEW	bought at Inverloch op shop
Misasa		bamboo		SEW CC 2786	sold in Canada?
"Miss Liberty"			circular	CC 2878	This brand was advertised in <i>The RedCross Magazine Western Edition</i> , April, 1918.
Modern Age		metal	4xDP	Poynter and CC 2860	England
Moher		metal	SP	SEW CC1257	paper sleeve
Mollie, The	This name is stamped in ink on wooden needles -- could it be the name of a haberdashery shop?	wood	sp		
Mondail	Lane Mondail is large Italian yarn firm		SP	SEW CC 2455	
Monitor			SP		French
Monopol	John Gardner & Co		straight		Monopol is the trademark of John Gardner & Co, Redditch, who also made sewing needles - MP
Morgan		resin	straight	SEW	gift from Gay Lines
Morgan Bristol	Maybe this was a UK yarn brand?				
Morrall's Aero	also see entries for Aero	metal	straight	SEW	-- same stopper as some Aero. Presumably these needles were available in the 1930s before the brand name Aero took over the company name Abel Morrall.
Morris & Yeoman	brand names include Minerva and "The Tower", Monarch, Rose Brand, Our Own, Dorcas, Mikado, Lighthouse, Aldergate. See NN No. 10 for details of the company. Firm taken over in 1958 by Amalgamated Needles & Fishhooks Limited	metal	DP	GL / BW / SEW CC 2371, 769, 742	Gay's DPs are very old - only 4" long. Also sold in a wooden tube (CC2371) and in many needlework sets like "The National Needle Case" (BW). CC2662 is a Stevengraph case "warranted by Morris Yeoman". 
Mossdale	Brand name is Idea	resin	4xDP	SEW	British. CC 729 Wrapper has a trademark saying "an Idea Product"
Mother Shipton	Brand name of D.F. Tayloer & Co, who were later incorporated with Neweys.		4 x DP		Text on packet says "Mother Shipton Steel Duplex Safety Pins". MP points out that Mother Shipton was the famous white witch of Knaresborough who prophesied the future.
Mountain Maid	brand name of Richard Ingham & Co Ltd, Pudsey, Yorkshire	metal	straight	Pat Ashford BW SEW CC 2872 - 4xdp in paper packet - pre 1970	small self-coloured stopper with "Mountain Maid" stamped on shaft 
MS		metal	sp	SEW CC1104	bought from Canada, but looks European -- also has Imperial sizing
Muench	Brand name of Pony. Pony Pearls	resin	straight		packet says "Made in India"
Myrene					similar to Helix with a black band around the stopper - here, the darker blue pair in photo. Ebay seller said the listing also included Aussie brands Parfrey and Swaloid, so I think the Myrene would be an Aussie name too.