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Name	Brand Names, Company Names, Other Relationships	Material	Type	Owner/Contributer	Notes
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Van Blankensteyn & Hennings	Early 20th century US haberdasher. Brand names for knitting needles were Cinderella and V.B.&H.				late 19th / early 20th century haberdasher and importer, New York City. Used their initials VB&H on some very early needle gauges.
Varimp			straight		Czech
VB&H	See Van Blankensteyn & Hennings	metal	SP, gauge	SEW CC552, CC 2484 is a plastic gauge	
VEB			4xdp	SEW CC929	Paper packet says VEB Automatik
Vicars	19th and 20th century London haberdasher. Brand names were Caliban, Ivy, Vicars	bone or resin or faux tortoiseshell	SP, DP, circular	SEW CC 916, 1137, 1874, 2589	DP, including those of faux tortoiseshell, are inscribed Vicars in the centre of the shaft; SP inscribed near stopper (CC 753)
Victory				GL	
Victory Brand		metal	4xDP	SEW	
Villawool	Giant Jiffy Pins	plastic	SP		
Vivacour	Depose label on the holder	plastic-coated metal	straight	SEW	similar ovoid stoppers with pointy end to the Rhodo varieties. Came in a "French-style" stitched wool case.
Viyella	brand name of Wm Hollins & Co - 1930/40s		straight	SEW CC567, 589	
Vogue		plastic	SP		
V.U.L.E.					label on a plastic sleeve - Italian?
Vulcanite	Used on some Abel Morrall needles as a trademark, but also the name of a common synthetic	resin	SP		
"W"		metal	straight	SEW	mitre-shaped resin stopper
Wakefield, Greenwood & Co. (Hudders-field) Ltd.	Trading brand was WG				
Waldes	brand name is Koh-i-noor				Czech firm, pre-1940's, made lots of different kinds of haberdashery
Waldorf	children's needles				
Waldorf/Werra			4xdp	SEW CC929	gift from Heike Belter
Walker	Early Alchester needlemaker. Brands included Archer, Archerite (?), Queen's Own, Sultana, and Penelope			SEW CC923	The firm was taken over by Bartleets in 1876, then by Milward. CB /NN p 134. In 1851 <i>The Royal Victoria Knitting Book</i> by W. Carter recommended on page 158, Pattern No. 80, "Walkers Needles No. 22 and Manlove's crochet thread" - this is one of the earliest references I have found to knitting needle brands.
Walker		bamboo	straight	SEW	made in Japan
Walker & Baldwin	Yarn spinners - these Baldwins are a different firm to the Alchester needle maker (although they may have been relatives)				A "gift" KN case branded Baldwin & Walker was distributed in the fourth (?) quarter 19th century.
Ward			SP		British -- but also a brand name of US Montgomery Ward.


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Watneys	MP says Watneys is a famous English brewer. The red barrel is their trademark.	plastic	SP	SEW CC1865	The brand name "WATNEYS" is on both the single points and the sets of needles, and the red barrel is on the end of the single points. Not sure if this was intended as some sort of promotion for Watneys brewers?? 
Watto			DP		
Webs		bamboo	straight circular		
Webster	US silversmith active late 19th c up to 1950's, maker of sterling KN and other sewing tools		SP	SEW	At least two types of sterling knitting needles with Webster logo
Webster	British firm	resin	SP	SEW CC875, 1636	Brand name is on plastic sleeve --also says "made in France". CC1636 is circular, says Webster Knitting Wools and Websters Knitting Paradise (?)
Welmoro		metal	SP	SEW CC1535	
Wenco	"Qualitat"	resin	circular		made in Germany "Rundstricknadel" 
Wendy			SP	SEW	packet only -- says Redditch England
Wentworth Distributors	New Zealand firm - brand name was Naturally				
WG	stands for Wakefield, Greenwood & Co. (Huddersfield) Ltd.			SEW CC1662	term WG appears on many mid-20th century paper labels. Identifying reference was in 1951 Vogue Knitting ad. 
Whitecroft	UK firm - brand name is Essentials				
Whitecroft Lindley Ltd	Label says Whitecroft Lydley Limited, Gloucestershire England GL 15 4QG Made in India.	grey coated metal	straight		Sold during 1990's 
Willard			SP		
Williams			SP	SEW CC 1090	
Wilzone		resin	SP	SEW CC826	

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Wimberdar	Brand names ACE, Premier, Wimberdar, Quaker Girl		SP DP circular, faux tortoiseshell	GL 06/04, SEW CC 826, 1457, 1940	Ron (avocabloke) says : Wimberdar don't always have the name on them. However, they are distinct in the way they are numbered and the button top. Betty (flotsamandjetsam) writes re Premier brand : "Putting it up against the normal Wimberdar, the only differences I can see are the colour of the top which is also orange (like the shaft and not black, and it has Wimberdar Premier on the shaft and not just Wimberdar". Premier also has metric numbering, not Imperial, so early 1960s? 
Winco			straight	SEW CC1917	conversely tapered tip. Winco logo on stopper
Windsor	Woolworth's brand			SEW 1912 (see h/c file on 1912 for more info)	
Winfield	Woolworth's brand	metal	4 x dp	BW	White plastic packet, red lettering -- "Winfield Knitting Needles. Made in Great Britain"
Winifred Co	English		SP, 4x dp in tin case	sew CC 1327	
Wisdom				SEW CC 1714	Indian brand - active in 1960's - see CC 1714, an advertising slide (!) for the movie theatre
"Witch, The"	maybe Kirby Beard - that firm made sewing needles under this brand	nickle-plated	DP	SEW CC1643	Packet says "made in England". Logo is same as for Salem Witch thimbles and scissors
Woman and Home			SP	SEW CC1159	Give-away
Woman's Own		resin	straight	SEW	give-away (purchased for \$2 via Ebay)
Woman's Weekly			circular	SEW	1960's giveaway in square paper sleeve. See also CC1559 give-away crochet hook
Wonoco Yarn Co					Sleeve only which says "Fine Knitting Yarn since 1923" -- maybe this was a promotional campaign? Also case imprinted Bell Yarn Co. Yarns catalogue exists dated 1937
Woodfield & Sons		steel	DP	SEW CC 526, 2266	CC 526 is early bell gauge 
Woolco	trademark of F.W. Woolworth Co in early 20th century, in Canada (NN No. 2 and 10)				Although Woolworths sold knitting needles under their own name (?), the Woolco name also appears on a cardboard backing sheet for GEM circulars (1930's?). Often made by Dossmann & Co of Germany
Woolcraft Bishops			SP		
Woolshop Darlington Street		resin	SP		Think these were just a special order to promote the shop.
Woolway		steel	4x dp	SEW CC1504	
Woolworth Co, F.W.	Canadian firm - brand name used was Woolco - see this entry.				
Woolworths Australia		metal, resin	SP	SEW CC2156, 1214	CC 2156 - sold in Australia, in a paper wrapper. 
Woolworths UK	Needles made at one time by British Needle Co. See brand name Woolco.				

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Woolworths USA					<p>CC 1214 - "distributed by F.W. Woolworth Co, New York, NY 19279, made in Taiwan."</p> 
Wright's	owner of Boye				Name Wrights often appears as a small encircled logo on Boye modern packaging