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Thimble.

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Fig. 1.

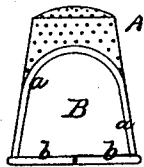
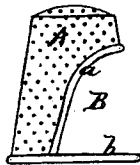


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SEWING-THIMBLES.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT H. LAW, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Sewing-Thimbles; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawing are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvements, without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to an improvement in common sewing-thimbles, such as are used to protect the finger in forcing needles through articles being sewed.

When the ordinary thimble is used, the end of the finger upon which the thimble is worn after a time becomes quite sensitive, and the consequence is that what are known as hang-nails are quite frequently occasioned thereby, just below the finger-nail, which occasion great inconvenience.

My invention contemplates removing that portion of the thimble which would otherwise cover the inner and lower portion of the finger-nail, and providing a rim or clasp around the open end of the thimble, by which it is more firmly retained upon the finger, without compressing the nail and end of the finger.

In order to more fully illustrate and explain my invention, reference is had to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification, in which—

A represents a thimble of the ordinary construction, having a portion, B, cut away, as shown, leaving a sufficient width of metal between the top of the thimble and upper end of the cut, to serve for pre-

venting the needle from coming in contact with the finger-nail while sewing.

The shape of the portion cut away is immaterial, but it should only extend around one-half of its circumference, so as to leave the line where the finger-nail and the flesh joins exposed, when the thimble is on the wearer.

A rim, *a*, is made around the edge of this cut, in the ordinary manner, to prevent the needle from slipping off the thimble.

Around the lower portion or large end of the thimble I make two clasps, *b*, which will encircle the finger upon each side below the finger-nail, and hold the thimble in place by clasping around the finger.

I am aware a patent was granted to J. E. McBeth August 4, 1868, for a thimble with a series of openings around its sides above a solid ring or base, through which openings the front of the finger might press until it was made sore; therefore I do not claim a thimble with a series of openings on the side, as shown and described in said patent; but

What I do claim, is—

A thimble; with a single opening on the back, above an open base, and with a full side to support the front of the forefinger, substantially as described.

In witness that the above-described invention is claimed by me, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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