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CROCKET KIT

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Fig. 1.

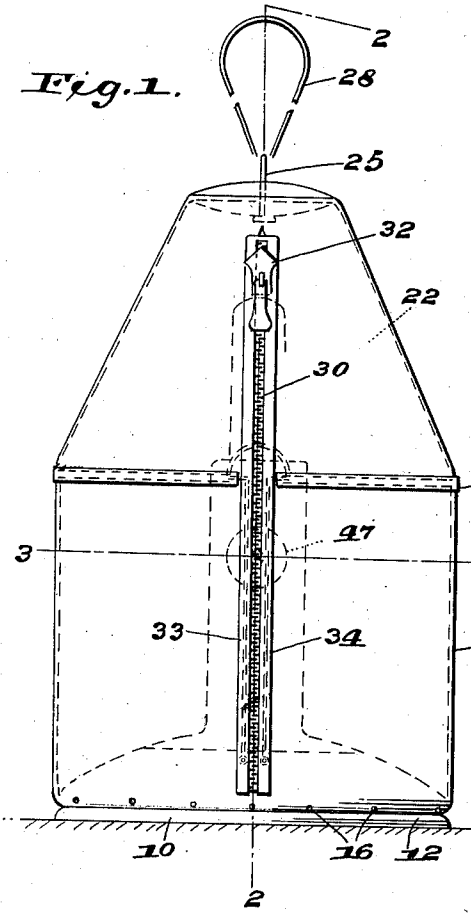


Fig. 2.

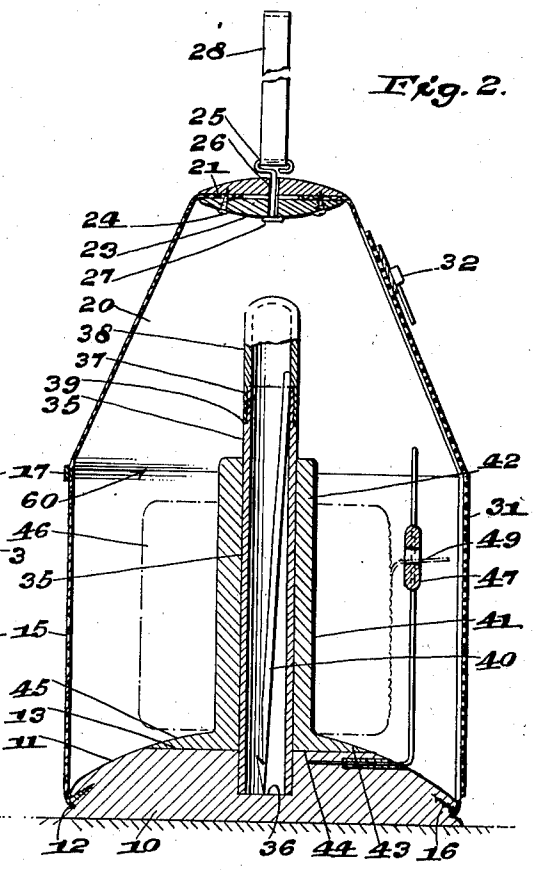
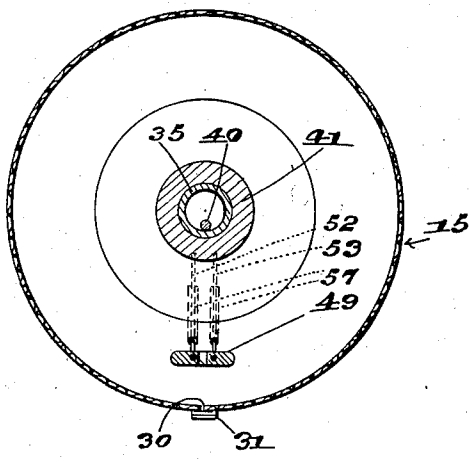


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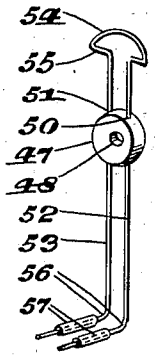


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to a crochet kit.

An object of the invention is the provision of a kit in which a spool holder forms likewise a receptacle for crochet needles so housed that they will not come in contact with the hands of the operator.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a crochet kit which has a container formed of flexible material and which may be carried around as desired, one wall of the container being provided with an opening substantially throughout its length that may be closed by a separable fastener, the base of the container being formed of rigid material from which rises a housing for crochet needles and for supporting a spool of cotton, the cotton when withdrawn from the spool being guided by a slidable member adjacent the spool and substantially aligned with the elongated opening in the container.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a crochet kit having its walls formed of some fabricated material for housing a plurality of instruments for crochet purposes besides other articles for the convenience of the owner, the kit including a rigid base and a vertical member rising from the base for aiding in maintaining the kit in a substantially erect position, said rigid member providing means for supporting a spool of cotton and for housing crochet needles.

This invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description, in view of the accompanying drawing forming a part of the specification; nevertheless, it is to be understood that the invention is not confined to the disclosure, being susceptible of such changes and modifications as define no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of a kit constructed in accordance with the principle of my invention,

Figure 2 is a vertical section taken along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1,

Figure 3 is a horizontal section taken along the line 3—3 of Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a view in perspective of a thread guide shown in detached relation.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 designates a circular base member which may be formed of wood or any other suitable rigid material and this base member has a curved top 11 and an annular groove 12, a portion of the top, as shown at 13, being flat for a purpose which will be presently explained,

A piece of fabricated material 15 is in cylindrical form and has its lower portion received within the groove 12. Tacks or screws 16 secure the lower end of the member 15 to the base member 10. A ring 17 is either secured to the inner face of the member 15 or to the outer face to provide a stiffening means for the walls of the housing formed by the fabric 15.

The upper portion of the walls, as shown at 20, is pleated and is brought inwardly at the extreme upper end, as shown at 21, and clamped between a pair of discs 22 and 23 which are secured together by screws 24 or other suitable fastening means.

A hook 25 has a shank portion 26 passing through central openings in the discs 22 and 23 and a head 27 at the inner end of the shank maintains the shank and likewise the hook 24 in position. The discs 22 and 23 may be formed of wood, metal, or any other material which will be suitable for the purpose.

A loop 28 is received within the hook 25 and extends upwardly and is adapted to be grasped by the hand for transporting the kit.

The container or housing, which is generally designated by the numeral 15, has an elongated opening 30 extending from a point near the top to a point adjacent the bottom. A separable fastener of a well known type, designated at 31, is adapted to close the opening by drawing upwardly upon the sliding member 32 which locks the two sections 33 and 34 of the fastener together.

A metal tube 35 has its lower end secured within a pocket 36 formed in the base member 10 and centrally thereof. This tubular member extends upwardly and is provided with a reduced portion 33 to receive a cap or closure 38. The inner end of the closure rests upon a shoulder 39 formed at the base of the reduced portion 37. The tubular member is adapted to house crochet needles, as shown at 40 (Fig. 2).

A spool, designated by the numeral 41, has a hollow tubular portion 42 which is received by the tube 35. The bottom of the member 42 has an annular flange 43 and the bottom portion of the annular flange is flat, as shown at 44, which neatly rests upon the upper flat face 13 of the base member 10. The outer wall of the flange 43, as shown at 45, is curved along the arc of the curved side wall 11 of the base member 10 so that when the member 43 rests upon the base member 10 it would appear that the member 43 was substantially a part of the base member.

The spool 41, which has threads wound thereon to form the ball 45, occupies the central por-

tion of the kit. A disc **47** is provided with a central opening **48** which forms a thread guide through which the thread **49** is inserted before the spool is located on the tubular member **35**. The disc is provided with spaced vertical passages **50** and **51** to receive wire guides **52** and **53** which form the legs of a U-shaped member constructed of a single piece of wire. The bight portion **54** of the U-shaped member is expanded to provide shoulders **55** to engage the upper portion of the disc to prevent said disc from being dislodged from the legs **52** and **53** of the guide. The lower ends of the legs, as shown at **56**, are bent inwardly at right angles and forced into spaced sleeves **57** secured in horizontal passages in the base member **10**.

It will be noted that the discs, as are the legs **52** and **43**, of the U-shaped member, are located adjacent the opening **30** so that when the separable fastener is operated to provide an entrance to the kit the disc will be in a convenient position for the owner of the kit. It will be noted that the disc **47** in Fig. 2 may be moved to approximately the top **60** of the cylindrical portion of the housing.

Since the shank **26** of the hook **25** is swivelled, said hook may be revolved to any convenient position.

The disc **47** is sufficiently heavy to always move to the bottom of the legs **52** and **53** so that a sufficient tension will be placed upon the thread **49** in order that the thread may be drawn off smoothly while preventing the ball of cotton or yarn **46** from rotating and thereby tangling the thread.

I claim:

1. In a crochet kit, a base member, a spindle rising from the base member and adapted to support a spool of cotton, a thread guide removably connected to the base member and formed of a strip of wire bent intermediate its ends to form parallel vertical portions spaced from the spindle, the free ends of the wire being bent at substantially right angles to the vertical portions, means for removably connecting the free ends of the wire in the base member, a disc having an axially and horizontally disposed thread-receiving passage and a pair of vertical passages to receive the vertical portions of the wire, said disc being slidably mounted on the vertical portions.

2. A crochet kit comprising a rigid base having an annular groove in the side wall, a substantially vertical collapsible housing formed of textile fabric and provided with an elongated entrance opening, means for closing the opening, means securing the bottom of the housing within the groove of the base, a rigid means forming the upper end of the housing while restricting the diameter thereof at this point, a substantially vertical spindle for a spool of thread having the lower end secured in the base, the upper end of said spindle terminating adjacent to the top of the housing and supporting the rigid means for maintaining said housing substantially erect.

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