

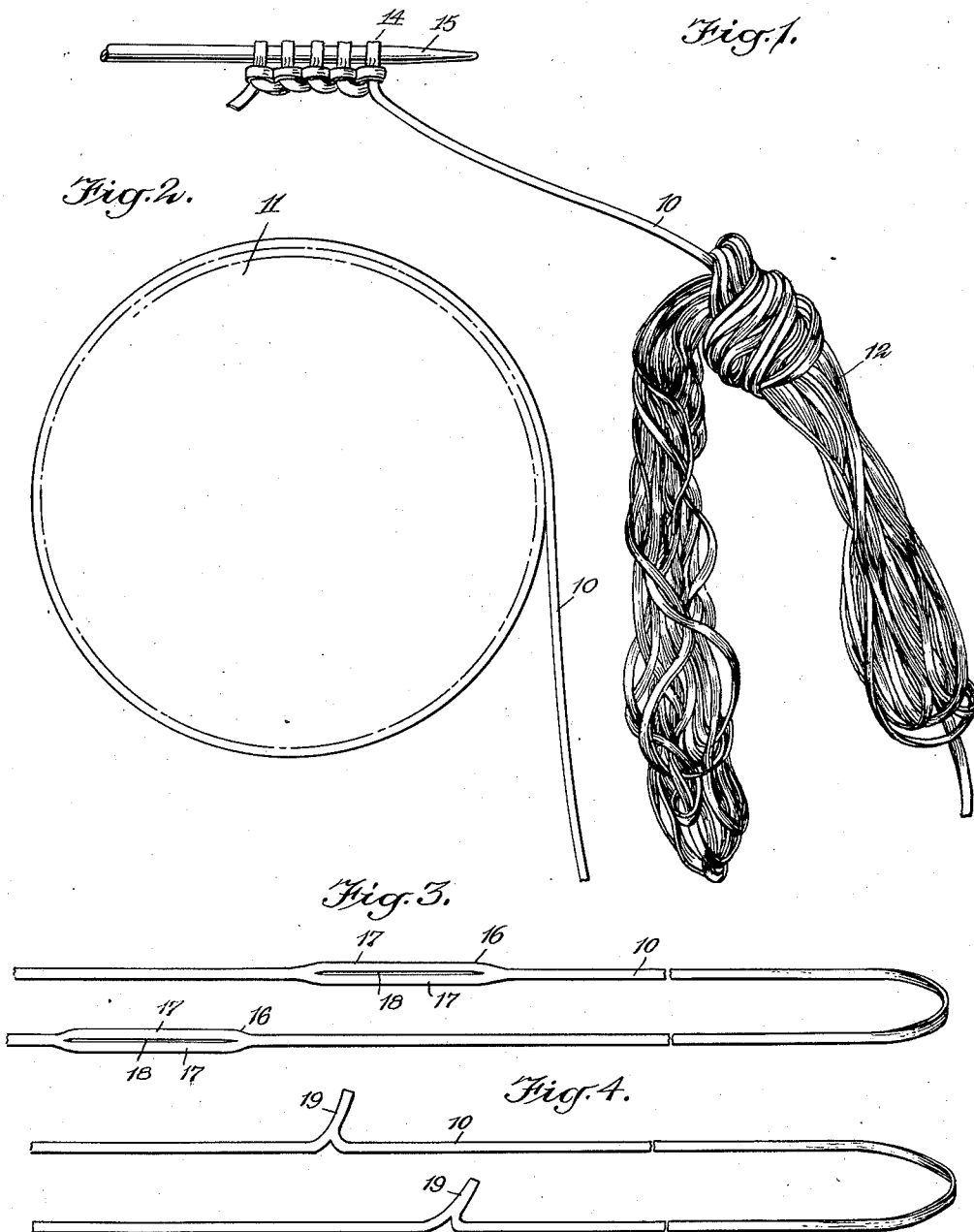
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This invention relates to improvements in yarn or thread and has particular relation to yarn made from skin, hide or leather.

It is an object of this invention to provide an improved yarn made of leather which is particularly suited for knitting, crocheting, and the like, and which is of such a texture and nature that it can be formed into fabrics and garments of unusual and attractive appearance.

A further object is the provision of an improved yarn which can be formed from skins having blemishes and defects therein, and from splits of leather which heretofore were regarded as scraps, the yarns being of such a nature that when woven or knitted into a garment or fabric the defects will not be apparent. By means of my invention unusual effects can be secured, the garments and fabrics made therefrom combining the color combinations heretofore attainable only by means of woolen or other textile yarns, and the soft texture and appearance of the leather together with the wearing qualities thereof.

For a fuller understanding of the invention reference should be had to the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a view of a hank of yarn embodying my invention, showing a portion thereof being knitted into a fabric;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of a sheet of leather showing the manner in which my yarn may be cut therefrom;

Fig. 3 indicates a modified form of yarn embodying my invention; and

Fig. 4 shows a further modified type of yarn embodying my invention.

I have found that the most satisfactory results are secured by forming my yarn of a relatively soft type of leather, skin, or hide which has a suede-like or roughened finish. Very satisfactory results have been secured from the type of leather generally referred to as mocha, and also from the splits of sheepskin, peccary pigskin, and the like, but it should be understood that other types of relatively soft leather having a suede-like finish may be employed.

My yarn is particularly suited for knitting, crocheting, and the like, and for this purpose it is desirable to have a relatively long strand so as to avoid a plurality of knots in the yarn which might possibly detract from the appearance of any garment or fabric formed therefrom. Relatively long strands of leather may be formed in many different ways, one of which is illustrated in Fig. 2 of the drawing, which shows a disk of

relatively soft leather 11 having a suede-like finish, from which a strand 10 is being cut in spiral fashion thereby producing a very long yarn. The strand 10 may be cut from the disk 11 either by hand or by a machine. The size of the strand 10 as to thickness and width may of course vary, but it should be relatively thin and narrow, of suitable thickness for hand or machine knitting and crocheting. After the strand 10 has been formed in any suitable manner, it may be formed into a hank as indicated at 12 in Fig. 1, or into a ball or skein. Due to the fact that the strand is relatively soft, it can be conveniently knitted or crocheted either by hand or machine into a fabric or garment. As indicated at 14, the yarn is illustrated in Fig. 1 as being hand knitted by means of the needle 15 into a fabric.

Due to the soft texture of the yarn and the suede-like finish thereon, garments and fabrics formed therefrom have an unusual and attractive appearance, in addition to embodying the characteristic durability of leather. Very unusual effects can also be secured by using strands of leather of various colors. The yarn may be dyed after it has been cut from the disk or, if desired, the disk may be dyed prior to the formation of the yarn. Very unusual color effects may be secured by dyeing one side of the disk one color and the opposite side of the disk another color, with the result that the yarn cut therefrom will be multi-colored. By employing bright colors in this manner, a fabric or garment of a bright and flashy effect can be secured while, on the other hand, if black and white are employed a tweed-like effect may be secured in the finished fabric or garment. It will be appreciated that due to the manner of cutting the yarn and especially where the leather is dyed, defective pieces of leather having blemishes therein may be employed without in any way affecting the appearance of an article formed from the yarn.

I have found that unusual effects can be secured in fabrics and garments knitted from my yarn by providing projecting strands which are not knitted into the fabric. In Figs. 3 and 4 I have illustrated two types of yarns from which these effects can be secured. Thus in Fig. 3 at spaced intervals the yarn is provided with thickened portions 16 which are approximately twice the width of the remaining portion of the yarn. These enlarged or thickened portions are split into two parallel strands 17 having a slit 18 therebetween, both of the strands connecting at their two ends with the body of the yarn 10.

In knitting a fabric or garment from the yarn of the type shown in Fig. 3, one of the strands 17 is knitted into the fabric while the other strand projects from the fabric in the form of a loop. Other yarns may be crocheted about this loop to produce ornamental effects if desired.

In the type of yarn shown in Fig. 4, the strand 10 is formed at intervals with small strands 19 which project laterally from the body thereof. In knitting a fabric or garment from the type of yarn shown in Fig. 4, the strands 19 are not knitted into the fabric but are permitted to project from the face thereof. If desired, instead of employing but a single strand 10 of leather as a yarn for knitting or crocheting, several strands of various colors may be twisted together to form the yarn.

It will be seen that by means of my invention as herein described, a leather yarn which is highly suited for knitting, crocheting or the like, may be produced. My invention, in addition to providing yarns which may be formed into at-

tractive and durable fabrics and garments, also provides an outlet for many types of leather skins or hides which have heretofore been regarded as scraps.

It should be understood that modifications may be made in the herein illustrated and described embodiments of my invention. Thus instead of a soft leather having a suede-like finish, an imitation soft leather having a suede-like finish may be employed.

I claim:

1. A yarn for knitting or the like comprising a very long, relatively flat and narrow strand of soft leather having a suede-like finish and having additional, relatively short strands integral therewith at spaced intervals.

2. A yarn for knitting or the like comprising a very long, relatively flat and narrow strand of soft leather having a suede-like finish and having short ends formed integral with the strand and projecting laterally therefrom at spaced intervals.

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