

MARY JANE PITRAT.
Thread-Cutters.

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Fig. 1.

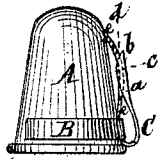


Fig. 2.

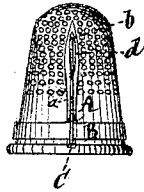
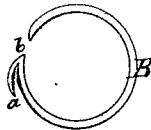


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN THREAD-CUTTERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY JANE PITRAT, of Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia and in the State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and useful Thread-Cutter; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in constructing a thread-cutter, to be used in combination with a sewing-thimble, formed of a spring, with a cutting-edge, affixed to a spring-band, by which the device is secured to the thimble, as will more fully hereinafter appear.

To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe its construction and operation.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is an enlarged side view of my invention attached to a thimble. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a modified form of my invention.

A represents the thimble. B is the spring-band, embracing the thimble and securing the thread-cutter on the thimble. It is preferably made of steel; and it may be suitably ornamented by polishing, plating, washing, engraving, &c. The ends of this band do not touch, and so allowing the band to be adjustable to any size of thimble. In the middle of this band B spring C is firmly secured by its middle, while its end *a* is turned up and provided with a point, *b*, and cutting-edge *c* that projects partly through a slot, *d*, in the other end, *e*, of the spring C.

I can make a simpler thread-cutter than the one just described by dispensing with spring C and constructing the band B of wire, making one of its ends barbed, as in Fig. 3, where the cutting-surface is shown between the points *a* and *b* of the barbed end.

My invention is secured to any thimble used in sewing by slipping the spring-band B over the taper end and forcing the band to the rim of the thimble. When thus placed on the thimble, and it on the sewer's finger, any sewing-thread may be quickly and easily cut by drawing taut the thread to be severed with one hand and applying the cutting-edge of the device to the thread with the other hand.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The detachable thread-cutter for sewing-thimbles, consisting of the spring-band B and spring-cutter C, substantially as shown.

2. The thread-cutter, constructed as herein described, in combination with a sewing-thimble.

In testimony that I claim the above-described certain new and useful thread-cutter I have hereunto signed my name this 12th day of June, 1873.

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