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FINGER-GUARD.

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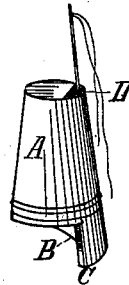


Fig. 1.

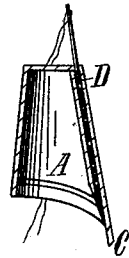


Fig. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FINGER-GUARDS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KATIE A. WYNNE, of East Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improved Finger-Guard with a Cutter and Emery-Cushion Attachment, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a means for protecting the forefinger of the left hand while sewing.

It is well known that the fabric or article being sewed is held upon the said forefinger when the sewing is done by hand, and that, consequently, the end of the finger is liable to become pricked and chipped, thus tending to soreness and inflammation, in consequence of the needle penetrating the fabric and piercing the finger over which the cloth is held.

My invention is further designed to combine in one instrument the several features of a finger-guard, an emery cushion, a thread-cutter, a marking or creasing device, and a needle-holder.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of an instrument embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same.

The shield or guard A is of a frustum shape, the lower edge of which is of spiral form, terminating in an edge, C, and an offset, B. The edge C is sufficiently pointed to enable it to be used by dress-makers in marking patterns and creasing gathers without cutting the paper or fabric. At one side of the shield or

guard A is a cavity, D, open at the top, as shown in Fig. 1, and extending down to a point near the bottom of the guard, and closed at its lower end. In this cavity is to be placed an emery-cushion, for the purpose of cleansing the needle from rust when necessary. It also serves as a holder for needles when not in use on the finger.

The guard A may be made of metal of any kind, or of ivory, bone, gutta-percha, or hard rubber, or other suitable material. It is equally adapted for use by dressmakers, tailors, sail-makers, straw-sewers, and all who do plain or fine sewing. Children learning to sew and ladies who do fancy embroidery will also find it of advantage.

The device will be found to be a very useful adjunct of the work-basket of those engaged in sewing in any way.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A finger-guard, A, closed at one end and provided with an offset, B C, at the other end, as and for the purpose specified.

2. A finger-guard, A, provided with a cavity, D, for holding an emery-cushion, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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