

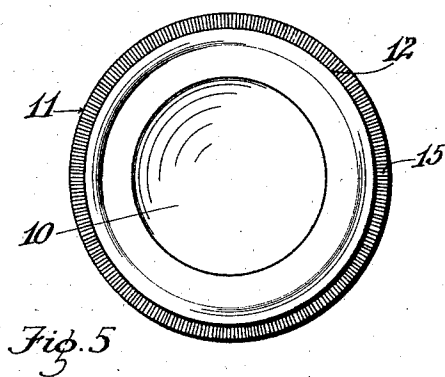
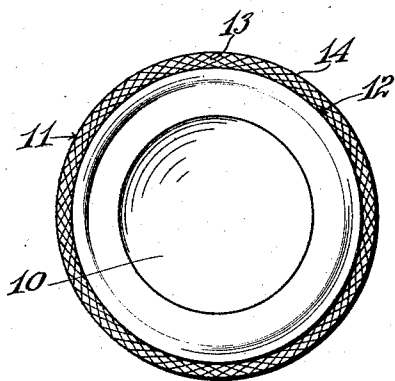
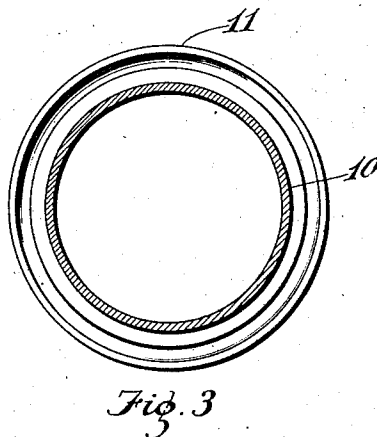
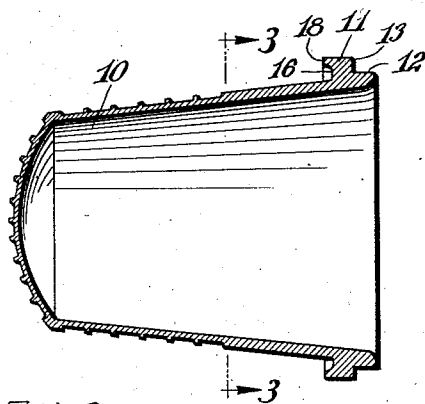
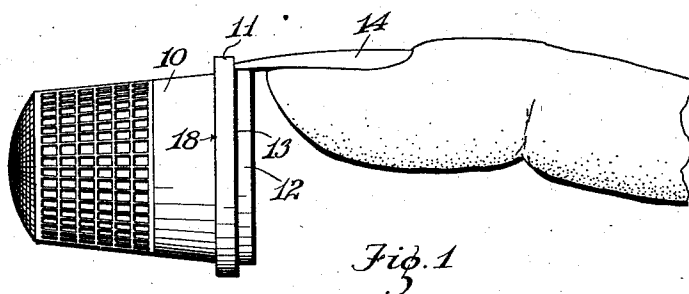
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## THIMBLE

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My invention relates to thimbles of the type used for sewing, and has for one of its objects to extend the use of the thimble to an additional purpose, the same being to also function as a nail file.

A further object is to extend the open end of the thimble with a formation usable as a nail file.

Another object is to utilize the nail file improvement as a base for a needle stop.

Another object is to design the improved thimble and its novel formations in one piece for simplicity and economical manufacture.

With the above objects in view and any others which may suggest themselves from the description to follow, a better understanding of the invention may be had by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the thimble, showing its use as a nail file;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the thimble;

Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2;

Fig. 4 is the view of the open end of the thimble; and

Fig. 5 is a similar view of a modification.

In accordance with the foregoing, specific reference to the drawing indicates a standard form of sewing thimble at 10. For the present purpose, the open end of the thimble is not made plain, but with an annular external flange 11 from which the open end of the thimble terminates with a circular ledge 12. As indicated in Fig. 4, the edge 13 of the flange 11 which is adjacent to the ledge 12 is serrated with a criss-cross design. Thus, with the thimble made of steel or other hard metal, it is apparent that the edge 13 of the flange will have an abrasive quality similar to that of a nail file. Thus, Fig. 1 shows the manner in which a finger nail 14 is applicable to the edge 13 for this purpose. The ledge 12 serves as a rest for the nail in this event, and the rotation of the thimble will effect the nail filing operation.

Fig. 5 shows a modification of the serrations as a milling formation 15, in case an alternative type of nail file is desired.

The flange 11 is formed with an annular groove 16 in the edge 18 opposite from the edge 13. Thus, in case a needle slips down the thimble,

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it will stop in the groove 16 and prevent injury to the other hand.

It will be evident from the above description that the standard thimble has been developed with two additional useful features. Thus, the nail file is a handy adjunct when a pause in sewing occurs and a favorite occupation is to take a nail file out of the purse and file the finger nails. At the same time, the formation on the back side of the nail file is a safety factor when the thimble is used for sewing, helping to avoid injury to the fingers.

While I have described the invention along specific lines, various minor changes or refinements may be made therein without departing from its principle, and I desire to consider such changes and refinements as coming within the scope and spirit of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. The combination with a sewing thimble having a tubular wall; of an annular flange extended from such wall at a point near one end thereof and in a plane substantially crosswise of the wall, and a finger-nail file comprising a serrated formation on the face of said flange proximate to said end.
2. The combination with a sewing thimble having a tapered tubular wall and an annular flange extended from the same; of a finger-nail file comprising a serrated formation on that end-face of the flange which faces the larger end of said wall.

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