

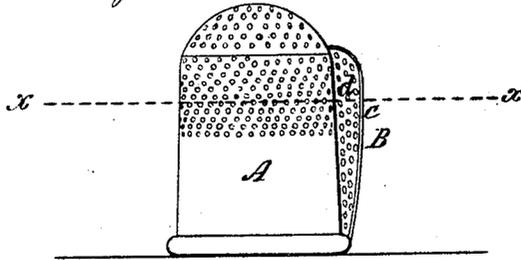
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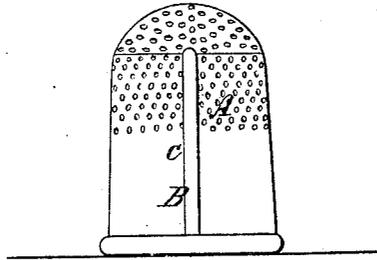
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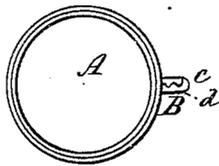
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## SEWING-THIMBLE.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 18,807, dated December 8, 1857.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN DEVLIN, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Sewing-Thimbles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1 and 2 are enlarged perspective views of a sewing thimble, with the improvement applied, Fig. 1 being a side view, and Fig. 2, an edge view, of the latter, and Fig. 3, a transverse section, through the line  $x, x$ , of Fig. 1, like letters, in the different figures, indicating the same parts.

The nature of my invention consists in the application of a guard or fender to the outer side of a sewing thimble, so that it shall serve the purpose of protecting the third, or the finger next below the thimble-finger, from being injured, or wounded, by the eye-end of the needle when it accidentally slips off of the thimble in sewing.

Referring to the drawings, A, is a common sewing thimble; B, the "guard" or "fender." The guard, or fender consists of a piece of the same material of which the thimble is made, soldered fast, in a radial longitudinal position, on to the outer side of the said thimble. It is made about from three-sixteenths to a quarter of an inch wide at the middle, and rounded smoothly off at each end, as seen in the drawings, so as to prevent its catching against either the thread of the needle, or the material being sewed. It has, also, its outer edge turned upwardly, or so constructed as to form a boundary rim,  $c$ , around the upper side of

the same, to catch the eye-end of the needle, in case the latter should not be caught and held in the indentations,  $d$ , which are made on the upper side of the guard for the purpose, when the said needle accidentally slips over the thimble proper.

Operation: The improved thimble is applied over the end of the usual thimble-finger, with the guard or fender (B) turned outwardly. In sewing, if the eye-end of the needle slips out of and over the usual indentations of the thimble, it will come in contact with the guard or fender, and by means of the indentations ( $d$ ) therein, or its raised boundary edge ( $c$ ), be caught, and prevented from passing farther over the thimble finger, and thus from coming in contact with and wounding the third, or next finger below the thimble finger.

It will be readily perceived that this guard, or fender (B), constitutes a very useful improvement in the common sewing-thimble; as it must effectually prevent the needle from slipping past the thimble-finger, in sewing; and that it will, therefore, as effectually guard, or defend the third, or next finger below, from the injury to which it has hitherto generally been subjected whenever the eye-end of the needle slipped out of the usual indentations of the thimble, in sewing.

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

The application of a guard or fender to the outer side of a sewing thimble, substantially as and for the purpose set forth and described.

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