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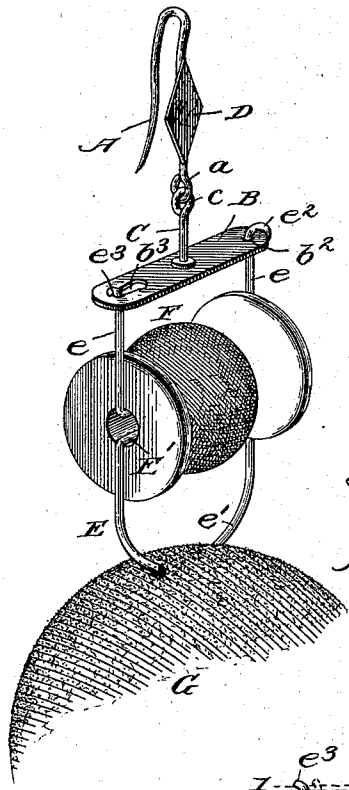
Fig. 1.



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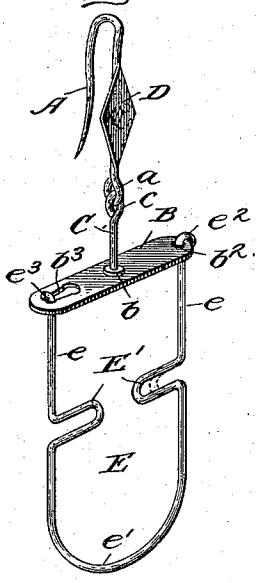

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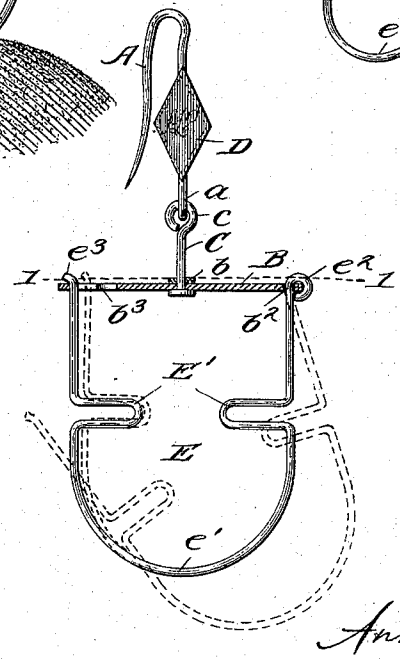

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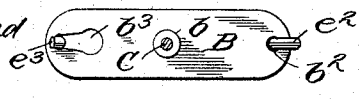

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNIE LOVERING PEROT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Devices for Holding Knitting Silks and Worsteds; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved device for holding knitting silks and worsteds during the operation of working and knitting by hand.

Considerable inconvenience is experienced during the operation of knitting by hand by reason of the worsted and silk rolling from the hands or lap of the operator to the floor and its liability to become tangled and otherwise displaced.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and improved device adapted for attachment to the dress of the user, which will effectively carry the knitting silks and worsteds and retain the same in proper position and condition for use, thus obviating the disadvantages and trouble heretofore experienced in this connection.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a device embodying my invention, showing the same in position for use. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing the device without the knitting material. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse sectional view. Fig. 4 is a detail horizontal sectional view taken on the line 1 1, Fig. 3.

Referring to the drawings, A designates a hook which is adapted to be engaged in a woman's dress, from which hook the silk and worsted holding device is suspended. Comprised in the latter device is a flat transverse top plate B, with which the hook is connected by a swivel-joint, as shown at *b*. The connection of the hook with the plate is preferably effected by means of a short bar or pin C, having its lower end swiveled to the plate B, as at *b*, and projecting upwardly from the plate. The lower end of the hook is loosely connected to the end of the swivel-pin C preferably by means of engaging loops or eyes *c* and *a* on the respective parts. This loose and swivel connection of the hook with the plate B allows free play of the device and its operating parts.

An ornamental device or plate D may be carried upon the bar of the hook if desired, upon which may be engraved a monogram or other suitable ornamentation.

E designates a frame which is carried by the top cross-plate B, and is preferably formed of spring-wire. This frame is by preference of approximately U shape, formed of a single piece of wire and comprising the side bars or arms *e e* and the curved bottom or central portion *e'*. The upper ends of the arms or side bars *e e* are loosely connected to the ends of the top plate B, this connection being preferably formed by an eye or loop e^2, formed at the end of one of the arms *e*, upon which the plate B is mounted in a pivotal or hinged manner by means of an eye or opening b^2 engaging said loop. The end of the other arm *e* is turned outwardly to form a small hook or point e^3, engaging a slot or suitably-extended opening b^3 in the corresponding end of the plate.

In the operation of the device the arm *e*, carrying the engaging point e^3, may be sprung inwardly, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, to permit disengagement from the top plate B, as also shown in dotted lines. The spring-wire frame E is then adapted to receive the knitting silk and worsted, when it may be sprung back into engagement with the pivoted or hinged top plate B.

Projecting inwardly from the arms *e e* are lateral extensions E' E', adapted to hold a spool of knitting-silk F, as shown. These extensions are preferably formed by bending U-shaped loops in the wire of which the frame is constructed, and may be of corresponding length, or one may be shorter than the other, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, as desired.

The ball of worsted G is held on the bottom, as shown.

The operation and advantages of my invention will be readily understood. It is adapted for simple and convenient use to effectively hold knitting silks and worsteds while knitting, and will retain the same in proper position for use, and will obviate any liability of tangling or displacement.

My improved device may be constructed entirely of metal. It may be made of silver or other inferior metals, as desired.

I do not desire to be understood as limiting myself to the precise construction and arrangement herein set forth, as manifest variations may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention. I therefore reserve the right to all such variations or modifications as properly fall within the terms and scope of the following claim.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

An improved device for holding knitting silks or worsteds, comprising a transverse top plate, an approximately U-shaped wire frame, one of the arms of said frame having a hinge connection with one end of said top plate and the other arm having a detachable locking connection with the opposite end of said top plate, and means for suspending the device in position, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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