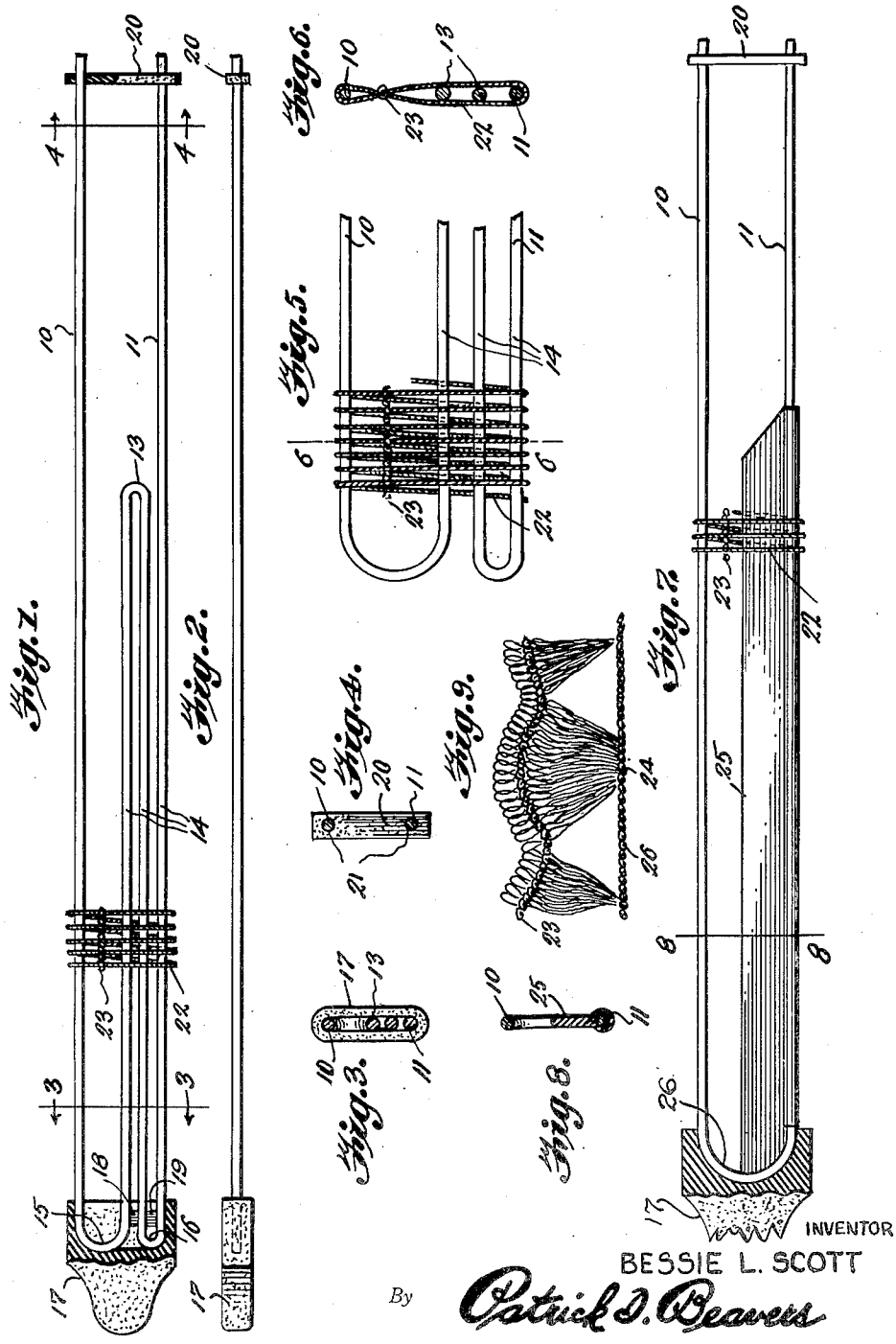
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The present invention relates to a frame for making scalloped crochet edging and it consists in the combinations, constructions and arrangements of parts herein described and claimed.

Generally there is provided a device for the making of scalloped crochet edging which comprises a frame formed of a single piece of wire having a pair of elongated parallel legs and an integrally formed relatively shorter looped portion adjacent the inner side of one of the legs. A handle is affixed to one end of the device where U-shaped turns are made in the wire and the free ends of the elongated arms are held together by a latch member of resilient material. In another form of the invention the device is provided with elongated outer legs and, instead of the looped portion adjacent one of the elongated legs, a separate apron of either metallic or plastic material extends inwardly from one of the legs from the permanently closed end thereof to a distance a little greater than one half the length of such legs. The devices are utilized for the simple formation of loops which are successively interlocked by crochet knots or stitches. Proper manipulation of the thread utilized in working with the devices in a manner to be described herebelow will result in a continuous formation of scalloped edging material.

It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide a device of the character set forth which is simple in operation, inexpensive to manufacture and yet effective and efficient in use.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device of the character set forth wherein a minimum number of parts is utilized.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a novel device for the formation of scalloped edging material.

Other and further objects of the invention will become apparent from a reading of the following specification taken in conjunction with the drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view, partly broken away, of an embodiment of the invention,

Figure 2 is an elevational view of Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken along line 3—3 of Figure 1,

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken along line 4—4 of Figure 1,

Figure 5 is an enlarged fragmentary plan view of the device shown in Figures 1 to 4, inclusive,

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken along line 6—6 of Figure 5,

Figure 7 is a plan view of a modified form the invention may assume,

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Figure 8 is a sectional view taken along line 8—8 of Figure 7, and

Figure 9 is a fragmentary plan view of a portion of edging material manufactured through the use of the present invention.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, there is shown therein a frame for forming edging material comprising a pair of elongated legs 10 and 11 which are arranged in parallel relation and which are each integrally formed with a relatively shorter looped portion 13 which lies adjacent the leg 11 and the sides of which are parallel to such leg.

It will thus be seen the legs 10 and 11 and the looped portion 13 are formed of a single piece of wire and that the sides of the looped portion 13 and the leg 11 together form, due to their close alignment, an apron, as indicated at 14, in Figure 1 of the drawing.

The U-shaped bends 15 and 16 which are necessarily formed through the juncture of the leg 10 and the leg 11 with the looped portion 13 are encompassed by an ornamental handle portion 17 which may be formed of plastic material or the like and, in order to afford additional strength to the device, the legs of the looped portion 13 are joined by solder 18 and likewise the inner end of the leg 11 is joined by solder 19 to the looped portion 13.

A latch member 20, preferably formed of resilient material such as rubber is provided for connecting the free ends of the legs 10 and 11 and is of generally rectangular shape and provided with openings 21 for the reception of the legs 10 and 11.

In the operation of the invention it will be apparent that crochet thread 22 is first passed over the leg 10 and knotted at 23 to form a relatively small loop which encompasses the leg 10 and that thereafter the thread is passed over the entire apron 14 and back to the point 23 of previous knotting to form a relatively large loop encompassing such apron portion 14. This procedure is then continued until a rather large number of such small and large loops have been formed as, for example, twenty of such loops. Thereafter the thus formed mass of loops may be moved to that portion of the legs 10 and 11 beyond the end of the looped portion 13 and the outer ends of the larger loops may then be brought together and connected to what may be termed a "chain" 26 of crocheted stitching, as indicated at 24 in Figure 9 of the drawing. This will cause the outer ends of the smaller loops to assume an arcuate or scalloped condition as likewise shown

in Figure 9. This process may be continued indefinitely and, as the edging material is manufactured, portions of the same may be removed from the outer ends of the legs 10 and 11 by removing the latch member 20 therefrom.

In the form of the invention illustrated in Figures 7 and 8 of the drawing, instead of the apron 14, a solid apron 25 is provided and this apron may be formed of either cheap metal or plastic material. Also, the legs 10 and 11 are interconnected by a juncture portion 26 which is encompassed by a handle 17.

The operation of the latter form of the invention is identical with that above described with regard to Figures 1 to 6, inclusive.

While but two forms of the invention have been shown and described herein, it will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art that many minor modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device of the character described comprising a pair of elongated parallel legs interconnected at one end, and an inwardly extending apron of shorter length than said legs inwardly extending from one of the legs, said apron formed of a piece of sheet material.

2. A device of the character described comprising a pair of elongated parallel legs interconnected at one end, an inwardly extending apron of shorter length than said legs inwardly extending from one of the legs, a resilient latch member for interconnecting the free ends of the legs and a handle enclosing the juncture portion of said legs.

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