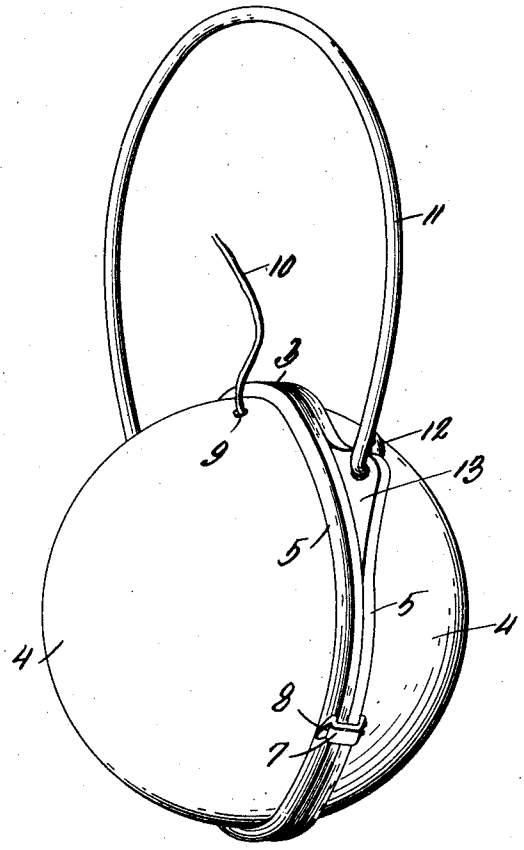
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Fig. 1.



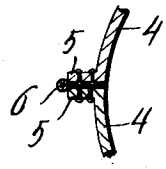


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDNA M. CHRISTENSEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winner, in the county of Tripp and State of South Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Receptacles for Crochet-Thread and the like, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention consists of a receptacle for crochet thread and the like, which permits the thread to be conveniently carried and avoids possibility of the ball of thread falling from the person of the user. It is well known that crocheting, knitting, tatting, etc. is now done by women on public conveyances, and the like, as well as in the home, and it is customary to hold the ball of thread or yarn in the lap. The result is that the ball is frequently displaced with obvious inconvenience to the user. With the device of this invention this inconvenience will be eliminated, and moreover there will be no possibility of the thread becoming tangled.

The above and other objects of this invention will be in part described and in part understood from the following description of the present preferred embodiment of the invention taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1, is a perspective view of a receptacle constructed in accordance with this invention, and

Fig. 2, is a fragmentary sectional view illustrating the manner in which the parts thereof are hingedly connected.

In the drawings, a receptacle, generally designated 3 is provided, which preferably consists of a pair of semi-spherical bodies 4, the marginal edge of each of which is bent outwardly at right angles to provide a flange 5. Each of the members 4 is made of celluloid or analagous light and inexpensive material and are hinged together in any suitable manner, such for instance, as by a hinge 6. The hinge 6 has the leaves thereof secured to the inner faces of the flanges 5, permitting opening movement of the said members 4 to permit the introduction of the ball of thread or yarn thereinto. The members 4 are normally held in a closed position by a clasp 7, one end of the latter being secured to the flange 5 of one of the members 4, while the opposite end is engaged over the flange of the opposite member 4 and has an outstanding finger piece 8, by which it is conveniently manipulated. An opening 9 is formed in one of the members 4, through which the thread or yarn 10 extends.

To permit convenience in carrying this device, a suitable handle 11 is provided which may be made of any desired material, and has the opposite ends 12 thereof looped through ears 13, which are formed on the outer periphery of the flange 5 on either of said members 4.

In use of this device, the members are opened by disengaging the clasps 7, pursuant to which the ball of thread or yarn is inserted thereinto, in an obvious manner, and the free end of the thread or yarn extended out through the opening 9, as shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The handle 11 may be engaged over the arm of the user, or, if desired, may be suspended from a suitable support. It is to be understood that the device may be of any desired size and the shape thereof may be changed to satify the caprice of the manufacturer. Other changes may also be made in this device within the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A receptacle for crochet thread and the like including a pair of semi-spherical members, the margins of which are turned outwardly at right angles to provide flanges, a clasp for holding the flanges together comprising a strap one end of which is secured to one of the flanges and the opposite end flexed over the other flange and having a portion thereof extended to provide a finger piece, and a handle secured to one of said right angled flanges.

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

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