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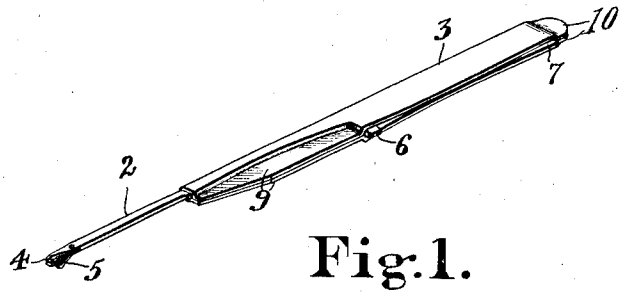


Fig. 1.

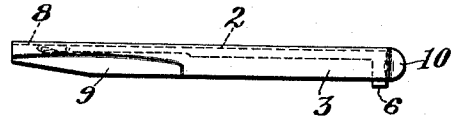


Fig. 2.

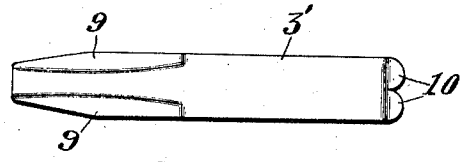


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to hand implements designed to be used especially in connection with the manufacture or repair of knit goods, crocheted work, and the like.

It is the chief object of the invention to devise an implement with which "runs" in hosiery and other knit goods can be readily knit in, and which will be useful in picking up dropped stitches, and for a variety of other purposes. The invention also aims to devise an article of this character in which the needle can be protected when not in use, and which can be manufactured economically.

The nature of the invention will be readily understood from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the novel features will be particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an implement constructed in accordance with this invention;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the implement shown in Fig. 1; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the blank from which the holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is made.

The implement shown comprises a needle 2 and a holder 3 for said needle. The needle shown is of a well known type commonly used in knitting machines, although other types of needles can be substituted for it. Preferably, however, a knitting machine needle is used because such needles are readily obtainable at very reasonable prices.

The needle illustrated is provided with the usual hook 4, latch 5 and butt 6. The holder 3 is of such shape that it may conveniently be held in and manipulated by the hand, and it is provided at one end portion with a relatively wide guideway 7 for the butt 6 of the needle, and near its opposite end with a narrower guideway 8 for the shank of the needle. Preferably this holder is made from a blank of sheet metal of approximately the shape shown at 3′ in Fig. 3, this blank being provided with offset portions 9—9 and with raised or offset end tabs 10—10. The holder is made simply by bending the blank, as shown in Fig. 3, along its longitudinal median line, thus producing the holder shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The offset parts 9—9 and 10—10 are pressed firmly together. The needle may then be slipped into the slot 7 and into the guideway 8. The parts 9—9 which are pressed together assist in forming the guideway for the shank of the needle, and in addition, these parts, together with the parts 10—10, limit the normal range of movement of the needle butt 6. Obviously, however, the needle can be slipped in or out between these end offsets 10—10.

Preferably the needle butt 6 projects slightly from the slot 7 so that it can be pressed forward by the thumb nail, thus projecting the needle into its operative position, as shown in Fig. 1. By sliding the needle butt backwardly into the position shown in Fig. 2, the needle is withdrawn within the holder where it is substantially enclosed and the hook and latch are effectually protected.

The device is useful in picking up dropped stitches and manipulating threads in a great variety of ways, and an especially important use of the device is in knitting in a run which occurs in hosiery or other fine knit goods.

While I have herein shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that the invention may be embodied in other forms without departing from the spirit or scope thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what I desire to claim as new is:

1. A hand implement of the character described comprising a knitting needle having a butt, a shank and a hook, and a holder for said needle designed to be held in the hand and comprising a piece of resilient sheet metal folded upon itself to form two guideways, one for the shank and the other for the butt of the needle, the sides of said holder having portions 9 pressed together at one side of said guideway for the needle shank, the resilient sides of said holder serving to grip the needle, and said holder having a slot along one edge thereof through which the butt of the needle projects.

2. A hand implement of the character described comprising a knitting needle having

a butt, a shank and a hook, and a holder for said needle designed to be held in the hand and comprising a piece of resilient sheet metal folded upon itself to form two guideways, one for the shank and the other for the butt of the needle, said holder having a slot along one edge thereof through which the butt of the needle projects, and offset portions in the sides of the holder forming stops for said butt at the opposite ends of the slot.

3. A hand implement of the character described comprising a knitting needle having a butt, a shank and a hook, and a holder for said needle designed to be held in the hand and comprising a piece of resilient sheet metal folded along its longitudinal median line and having its opposite sides shaped to form two guideways, one for the shank and one for the butt of the needle, the guideway for the butt of said needle being open at one edge of the holder, the sides of said holder having parts bearing against each other at opposite ends of said slot and serving to limit the normal movement of the butt, but said parts at one end of the slot being relatively movable to permit the butt to be slipped endwise between them.

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