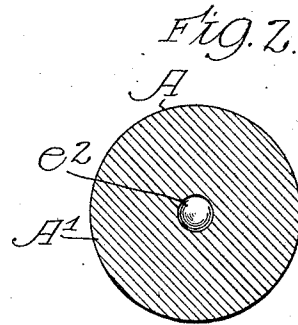
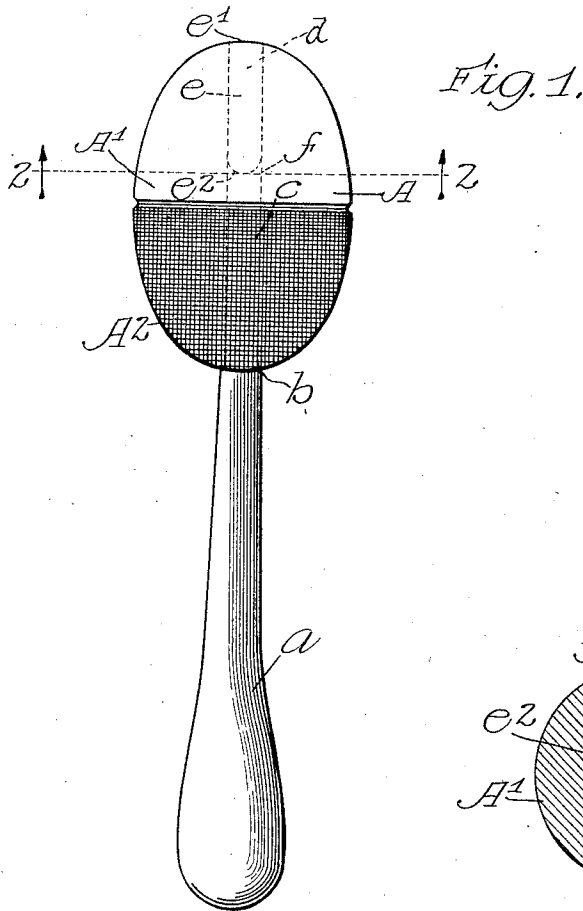


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD NELSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stocking-Darners, of which the following is a full, clear, concise, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification.

My invention relates to improvements in stocking darners, and has for its object the production of a device with a separable handle that can be turned end for end when desired.

A further object is the production of a device adapted for use with stockings of any color, and one that is of extremely simple and cheap construction, not liable to get out of order.

These and such other objects as may hereinafter appear are attained by my device, an embodiment of which is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of my device; and Fig. 2 represents a sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in the several figures of the drawing.

Referring now to the drawing—my device comprises a body portion A formed either of wood or metal and preferably spheroidal or egg-shaped. The body is divided into two portions, A' and A², the outer surface of one of which, for instance A', is painted white or some light color, and the other part A² of which is painted or stained black or a dark color. The body portion is made preferably smooth, either of polished wood, varnished and stained, or of a metal shell, but it is essential that it be made smooth so as to form a surface that will not catch threads of the stocking or other garment being repaired.

Extending lengthwise through the center of the main member A is an opening or channel d within which is fitted the reduced end c of the handle a. The handle is provided with circumferential shoulders b adapted to rest against the outer periphery of the member. The reduced end c, it will be noted, is of less length than the distance through the member, terminating for instance at f, while fitted within the opening d is a plug e of a length equal to the distance

from the end f of the reduced end of the handle to the outer surface of the body. It will thus be noted that the reduced end c of the handle and the plug e extend throughout the entire length of the body member from end to end, so when the handle is pushed into place the plug e occupies the position shown in Fig. 1, completely closing the upper end of the opening and presenting a smooth surface, the ends being slightly curved in order to conform to the curvature of the outer periphery of the body.

The diameter of the plug e closely approaches the internal diameter of the hole, so as to make an extremely snug fit, thus frictionally holding the plug in place. The ends of the plug are painted or stained corresponding to the color of the member, so when the handle is pushed in place, as shown in Fig. 1, the upper end e' of the plug is painted or stained white, thus forming no break in the color of the upper body member. The opposite end e² is painted or stained black, so when the handle is reversed the entire outer surface of the opposite portion of the body member is solidly black.

In the use of my device, if the stocking or garment to be darned or mended is of a dark color or black, the device is used in the shape shown in Fig. 1. If, however, the stocking or garment is white or a light color, the body member is reversed, bringing the black end in operative position.

While this article is of an extremely simple character, it is of great practical utility, as in the repairing of stockings, for instance, unless there is a sharp contrast between the surface on which the stocking rests and the stocking itself, it is hard to perform good work; whereas, on the other hand, if a sharp contrast is present, such as obtainable by the use of this device, a high grade of work is assured.

Attention is called to the fact that it might under certain conditions be desirable to use other colors than black or white, provided that contrasting colors be used on opposite ends.

While I have illustrated my device in the shape of an oblate spheroid, or egg-shaped, it is understood that I do not limit myself to this particular shape, as any body member having smooth curved ends may serve my purpose to a greater or less extent, and with a device of such character satisfactory work could be performed.

I claim:

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a stocking darning consisting of an egg-shaped body having its convex ends of contrasting colors and each end being provided with a hole, and a handle having one end adapted to be removably fitted into either one of said holes, whereby the body is rendered reversible end for end to enable either end of the body to be brought into position for use according to the color of the stocking to be darned.

2. A stocking darning last consisting of a reversible body member having two convex ends of contrasting colors, a passage extending lengthwise entirely through said body, a handle having a reduced portion at one end adapted to fit detachably within

either end of said passage and being of less length than said passage, a plug fitting within said passage and slidable from end to end thereof and of a length equal to the difference between the length of said passage and the length of the reduced portion of said handle, whereby said reduced portion and said plug entirely fill said passage in either position of the handle, said plug having its ends convexed to correspond with the curvature of the ends of the body.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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