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FIG. 1.



FIG. 2.

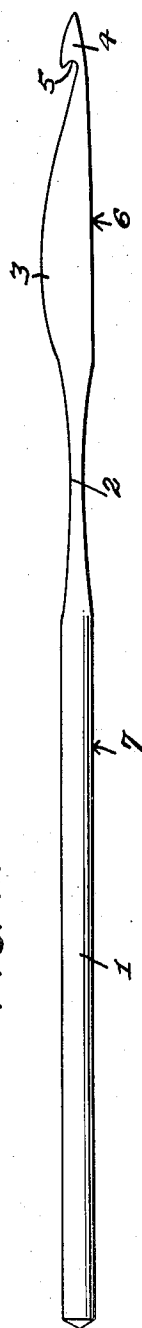
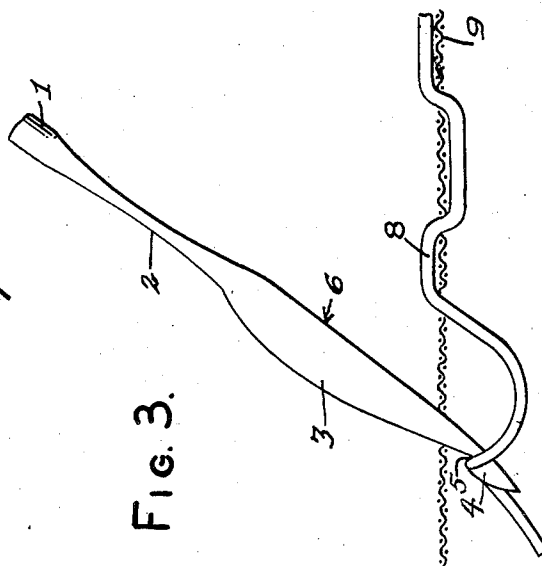


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to a braid-stitch crochet hook or needle.

Until I invented this hook and stitch, it was not possible to crochet designs directly on materials. The design had to be crocheted separately, and then sewed on the foundation. My new hook makes possible any design, in any color and on any material. It even makes crocheting with sequins possible in any design.

Therefore, an object of this invention is the production of a novel hook or needle whereby the operator can cover up the cloth or foundation by making a design.

Another object of the invention is the construction of a hook which is provided with a peculiar elongated enlarged portion, whereby a comparatively large opening can be made in a foundation for permitting free passage of a large thread or braid during the crocheting of the desired design upon the foundation.

A still further object of invention is the construction of an efficient hook or needle which will enable the operator to pull a large braid or thread through a foundation, during the crocheting process, without either the hook or thread catching on the foundation.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangements of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a top plan, enlarged view of a hook or needle constructed in accordance with this invention, while

Fig. 2 is a view in side elevation of the same.

Fig. 3 is in the nature of a diagram, showing the foundation, with the hook in the act of pulling a large thread or braid through said foundation.

Referring to the drawings, in which the preferred embodiment of the invention is illustrated, 1 designates the handle of a hook or needle, having at its inner end a flat portion 2, and on the outer end of flat portion 2 is an elongated outwardly bulged portion 3, which portion 3 has on its outer end an elongated hook 4; hook 4 has a deep throat 5. The bulged portion 3 has a flat under face or bottom 6 which is in the same horizontal plane with the under face 7 of handle 1.

In using this braid crochet hook, the thread or yarn 8 (Fig. 3) is always held in the left hand, on the under side of the foundation or base 9.

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The braid crochet hook is held in the right hand on top side of foundation 9. The stitch is easily made by piercing the foundation 9 and pushing the hook down through said foundation far enough to enlarge the opening or hole so the hook and thread 8 or braid may be pulled up through the foundation 9 without catching. The operator is to retain the loop in the throat 5 on the hook and pierce another opening or hole close to the other one just mentioned and reach through and pull another loop of the braid or thread 8 up through the foundation 9 and the loop remaining on the hook. This makes a stitch that resembles a braid. It can be applied by hand to any material or article desired. For example, the designs in filet crochet may be gone over with this stitch and make roses two or more shades of red and the leaves and stems green. Or it may be simply outlined in color. It is best to use dainty threads for intricate designs. By using large rug yarn, heavy rugs are made that look exactly like braided rugs, but are heavier and more durable. It is also possible to do embroidery work with this braid-stitch hook on any kind of fiber.

This braid crochet hook or needle can also be used to make ordinary hook rugs by hand. The advantage would be that one could use closely-woven foundation material, instead of loosely-woven burlap as has been used heretofore. The special construction of my invention makes this possible. It is also possible to crochet intricate designs on any fabric.

In using ordinary hooks known to the art, prior to my invention, it is not possible to form a satisfactory opening or hole in the foundation because ordinary hooks will not produce openings large enough to quickly draw a braid through, and also prevent catching; my invention is efficient, as all of the undesirable features attendant to using an ordinary hook or needle are eliminated.

While I have described the preferred embodiment of my invention and illustrated the same in the accompanying drawings, certain minor changes or alterations may appear to one skilled in the art to which this invention relates during the extensive manufacture of the same, and I, therefore, reserve the right to make such changes or alterations as shall fairly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

As a new article of manufacture, a braid-stitch crochet hook comprising a handle having an under face, a comparatively flat portion extending

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from one end of said handle, an elongated outwardly bulged portion extending from the outer end of said flat portion, said outwardly bulged portion provided with a flat bottom throughout its entire length, said flat bottom being formed in the same plane with the under face of said handle, and said outwardly bulged portion being provided with a comparatively long or enlarged hook on its outer end with a deep throat formed in said hook, substantially as shown and described.

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