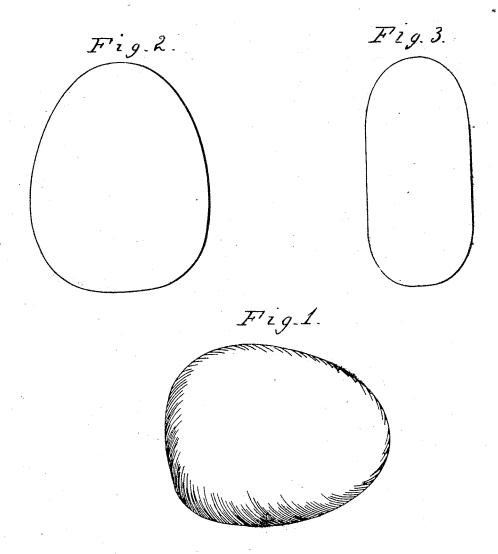
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## DARNING-LAST.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 51,047, dated November 21, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Delia E. Holden, of the city of Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and the State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Darning-Lasts for Mending Hose; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which-

Figure 1 is a perspective view; Fig. 2, a horizontal front view, and Fig. 3 a horizontal side view. The two last are also sectional views.

The last is made of glass or any other material the surface of which is sufficiently hard and smooth. It is of an oval form, with two sides flattened, and of suitable size to fit the different parts of a stocking.

I do not limit myself to any definite dimensions; but those which I have used and find most practicable are three inches long, two and onefourth inches wide, and one and one-eighth inch thick.

The last is of a flattish oval shape, having only curved surfaces, and one end broader than the other, in order to fit different parts of hose.

To use this darning-last it is only necessary to drop it into the leg, and its weight will carry it to the place required. Then, by grasping the stocking firmly around the last, the edges of the place to be mended are held in their proper position. The process of darning is thus rendered easy and expeditious.

What I claim as my invention, and wish to

secure by Letters Patent, is-

The construction of a darning-last when made of a flattened oval form and with hard and smooth surfaces, for the purpose and in the manner substantially as described, as a new article of manufacture.

DELIA E. HOLDEN.

In presence of— H. G. BULKLEY, JUSTICE J. HOLDEN.