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Fig. 2.

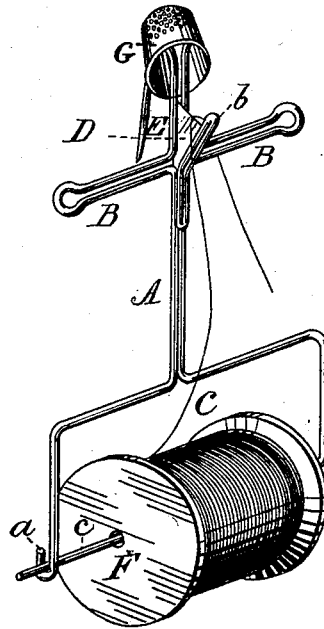
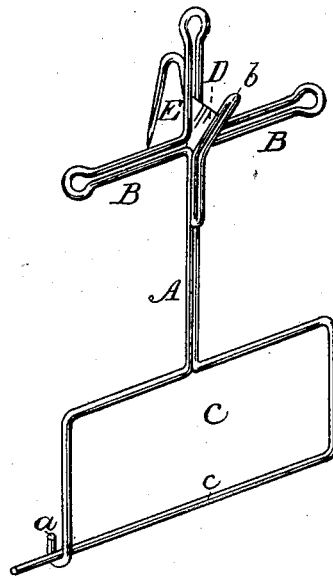


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTONIO M. BARRETT, of Ione City, county of Amador, State of California, have invented an Improved Combined Spool and Thimble Holder and Thread-Cutter; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and useful device, which I call a "combined spool and thimble holder and thread-cutter."

My invention consists of a suitable spindle or shaft for receiving the spool, of a standard for supporting the thimble, of a cutter for severing the thread, and of a hook or pin for affixing the device in convenient position. These are the results of a construction as follows: A single wire is bent to form a cross above and an open base below, one end of the wire fitting into a hook on the other end at one corner of the base and forming the spindle for the spool. Upon the front of the cross above is soldered a wire, the upper portion of which is bent outwardly and receives one end of a small blade extending from the main piece. Upon the back of the cross is affixed a bent pin or hook, which sustains the device, and forms, with the top of the cross, a secure resting-place for the thimble. This will be more fully seen by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the application of my device.

Let A represent the vertical or central portion, and B the arms, of a cross having an open base, C, at right angles. These parts are formed of a piece of wire bent double to form the center A and arms B. At the base of the center the wire extends in opposite directions, thence downwardly, where one end is bent to form a hook, *a*. The other end extends across to it and lies in the hook, thus forming a parallelogram, the base of which is the spindle *c*, which may be released from the hook when necessary. To the center A, in front, is attached a small piece of metal, *b*, here shown as a bent wire, the upper portion of which diverges from the center wire.

D is a small steel cutting-blade, one end of which is secured to the center A and the other to the top portion of piece *b*.

To the back of the center piece is secured by

one end a wire, E. Its top is free, and diverging slightly from the main center A. Its end is bent down and sharpened to form a pin or hook.

The use of this device is shown clearly in Fig. 2, and is as follows: It is intended to be secured to the garment of the person using it, in some convenient position, by simply inserting the pin or hook E. To insert the spool F the end of the spindle *c* is released from the hook *a* and the spool fitted upon it, after which it is rehooked and the thread may be drawn from the spool, which is thus secured. The thread may be cut upon the blade D above, and when it is necessary, for any purpose, to lay aside the thimble G, it may be fitted upon the top of the center A. Its edge will pass down between the loose top of the pin E and the back of the center A and be held securely and prevented from falling off.

The cross-arms B and the wide base C lend stability to the device and cause it to lie in convenient position.

I may make several sizes, if necessary, and the finish of the wire may be according to fancy; though I prefer it to be nickeled.

The device is useful for persons who do any kind of hand-sewing. Its convenience and effectiveness, together with its small cost, will render it a desirable article.

It is obvious that the blade D might be omitted and there would still be a convenient and useful device.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A spool and thimble holder constructed of a piece of wire bent to form a vertical center, A, upon top of which the thimble is sustained, and an open base, C, in one corner of which one end of the wire is formed into a hook, *a*, and receives the other end from the spindle *c*, upon which the spool is fitted, and a hook or pin, E, upon the back of the device to secure it, the top of said pin being separated from the center A to receive the rim or edge of the thimble, substantially as herein described.

2. A combined spool and thimble holder and thread-cutter, constructed of wire bent to form a vertical center, A, upon top of which the thimble is sustained, cross-arms B, and wide open base C, in one corner of which one end of

the wire is formed into a hook, *a*, and receives the other end forming the spindle *c*, upon which the spool is fitted, the cutting-blade *D*, supported from the front of the device by a strip
5 or piece, *b*, and the pin or hook *E*, secured to the back of the center *A*, and having its upper portion free to receive between it and the center *A* the rim or edge of the thimble, substantially as herein described.

10 3. A combined spool and thimble holder and thread-cutter, consisting of a central piece, *A*,

cross-arms *B*, open lower portion, *C*, having a hook, *a*, at one corner, and a spindle or base, *c*, adapted to rest in said hook or to be removed therefrom, a cutting-blade, *D*, in front, and a
15 pin or hook, *E*, behind, all arranged and used substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand.

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