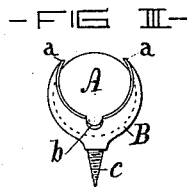
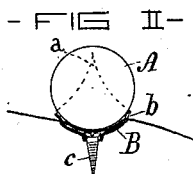
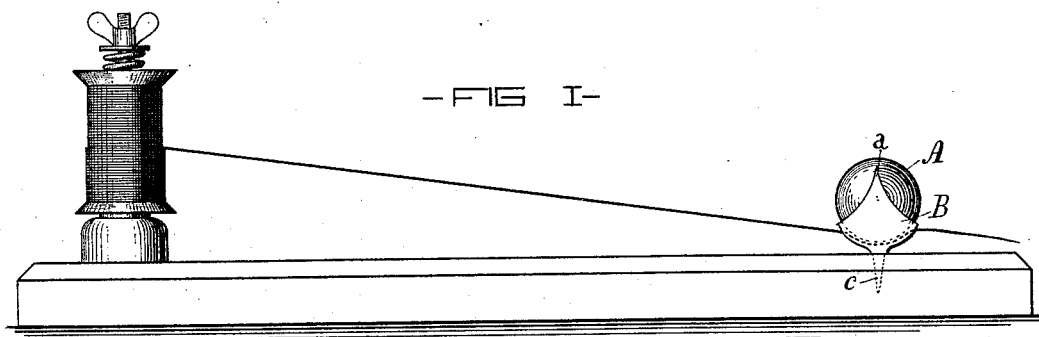


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN A. SCHOLFIELD, of Westerly, of the county of Washington and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain
5 Improvements in Tension Devices, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved device adapted for application to shuttles, sewing, and other machines, to place a regular and
10 constant tension on a running thread.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, Figure I illustrates one of the many uses to which my invention may be applied. Fig. II is a partly sectional view of
15 the invention. Fig. III is an exterior view of the invention as seen from a different point.

A is a spherical weight, and B an open shell with spherical bottom, in which the weight A is confined. The pointed sides *a* of the shell
20 B are closed around the weight, so as to prevent its removal, but sufficient space is left to admit of the weight being easily revolved and slightly elevated. The shell B is provided with grooves *b*, to guide the thread to and from
25 the device and retain the thread directly under

the center of the ball, and it is perforated at its under side for the holding-screw *c*.

In Fig. I of the drawings the device is shown as applied to a thread running from a spool or bobbin; but it may be used in connection with a shuttle or any machine where
30 a running thread is to be held at a constant tension.

I am aware that loose spherical weights have been used in various devices to give tension to cords and threads, and I do not therefore claim, broadly, a weight inclosed in a holder; but

What I do claim is—

In a tension device, a spherical weight
40 inclosed in a spherical shell open at the top, and having overlapping sides to limit the upward movement of the weight therein, grooves to guide the thread, and a central perforation, combined with a holding-screw seated in the
45 said perforation, substantially as specified.

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