

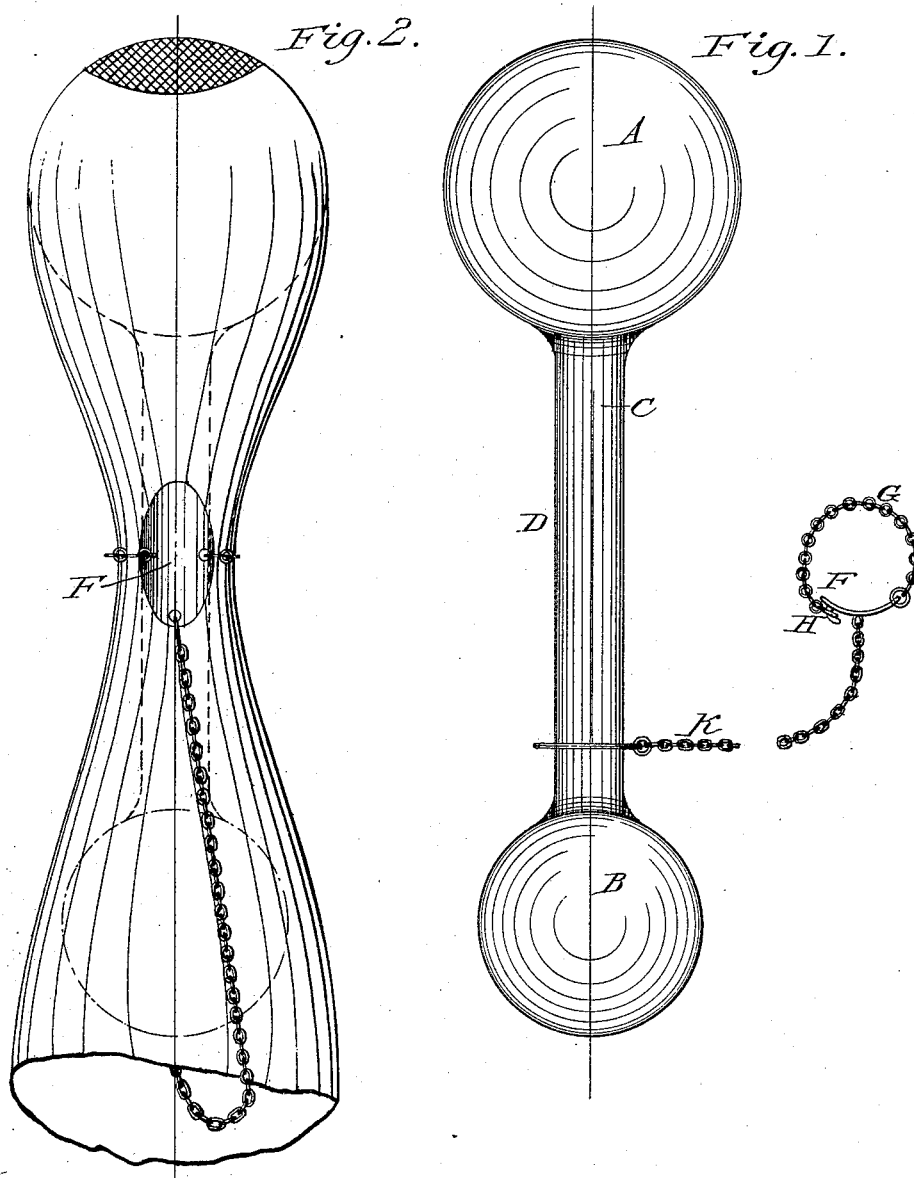
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## DARNING-LAST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY BRADFORD CROWNINSHIELD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, District of Columbia, have invented a new and useful  
5 Appliance to Assist in the Operation of Darning Stockings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is an improvement upon an  
10 appliance to assist in darning stockings, upon which Letters Patent were granted to me on May 15, 1877, bearing No. 190,745, and is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, of which—

15 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the last having the clamp attached, and Fig. 2 a view of the same in use.

It consists of two parts—the last D and the clamp L—connected by a small piece of chain,  
20 K. The last consists of two balls, A and B, of wood or other material, of different sizes, connected by a short rod, C. The clamp consists of a small metal plate, slightly curved, with a short piece of chain, G, secured to one  
25 of its sides, the other side of this metal plate being provided with a hook, H, over which any link of the chain G may hook, when the clamp is in position, to secure the stocking about the last.

30 The application of this device, when used,

is as follows: The last is placed inside the stocking to be darned, using whichever ball is most suitable. The hole in the stocking is then spread over the ball and the stocking secured by the clamp, which is applied outside  
35 and about the stocking between the two balls, as shown in Fig. 2.

The advantages of this device for assisting in darning stockings over the one for which I was granted Letters Patent on May 15, 1877,  
40 are, first, its having two balls, A and B, of different sizes, making it more applicable to all sizes of stockings; second, the bar C, connecting the two balls, furnishes a rigid support for the clamp F; third, the clamp F is more sim-  
45 ple and cheaper than the clamp used in the device patented by me on May 15, 1877.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination, in a stocking-darner, of  
50 the last D, consisting of the rod or bar provided at each end with a ball, with the clamp P, consisting of the curved plate having a hook upon one side and the chain upon the other side adapted to engage with the said hook when  
55 the last is inserted in the stocking, as set forth.

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