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Fig. 1.

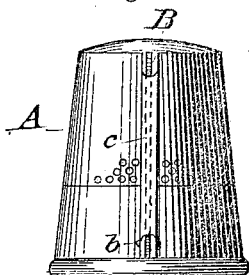


Fig. 2.

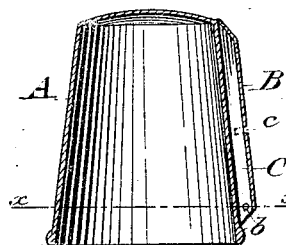


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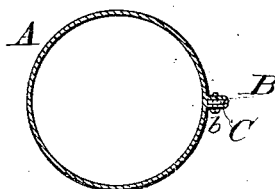
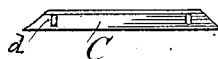


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARCHIE EDWARDS BROWN, a citizen of the United States, residing at El Paso, in the county of El Paso and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Thimbles; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in attachments to thimbles.

The objects of the invention are to produce a device of simple construction for cutting the thread when sewing that can be readily applied to old as well as to new thimbles; also, to produce the device in such manner that the thread can be quickly and conveniently cut at any desired point in an expeditious manner; also, that it will not interfere with the ordinary sewing, that it can be easily applied to any thimble at a reasonable cost, and finally that it will not get out of order and is always ready for operation.

My invention consists in the peculiar construction of certain details and a novel arrangement of parts, as will be fully described and specifically pointed out in the claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters indicate similar parts in the different figures of the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of a thimble with my attachment applied. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same at right angles to Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section of the same on line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a detail view of the knife in a modified form.

In the drawings, A represents the shell or body of an ordinary thimble, made of silver, gold, steel, or any other suitable material and any desired size. It is of the usual construction and has on one side a hollow U or V shaped flange B, in which is arranged a knife or blade C, made of steel or other suitable material, and is held in place by one or more

rivets or screws *b*, so as to be readily removable for sharpening, &c.

In the outer edge of the flange B and centrally located is a notch *c*, into which the thread, cotton, &c., may be inserted sidewise and cut off at any desired point in an easy and expeditious manner, thus dispensing with the employment of scissors or other instruments, as is now required.

If desired, the knife C may be provided with slots *d* for adjusting it when worn down by employment and sharpening, as is shown in Fig. 4.

The advantages of my improved thimble will be apparent to those using it, and among them may be mentioned that the necessity of using scissors, knives, &c., is obviated. It is simple and not likely to get out of order, can be easily and cheaply produced, saves time when sewing, and is always ready for use.

In sewing the thimble is worn on the second finger of the right hand, with the flange toward the ball or otherwise, as may be preferred, the needle being held between the thumb and index-finger. The thread is pulled across the thimble into the notch *c*, while the material or other end of the thread is held by the left hand, which draws the thread taut across the blade or knife which cuts it as may be desired.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the thimble described, consisting of the body A, having on one side the double flange B, forming a groove and having a notch *c*, centrally located therein, the knife C having slots *d* located at each end thereof, adapted to secure and adjust said knife by means of the screws *b*, that pass through said slots in the knife, all constructed and arranged as shown and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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