

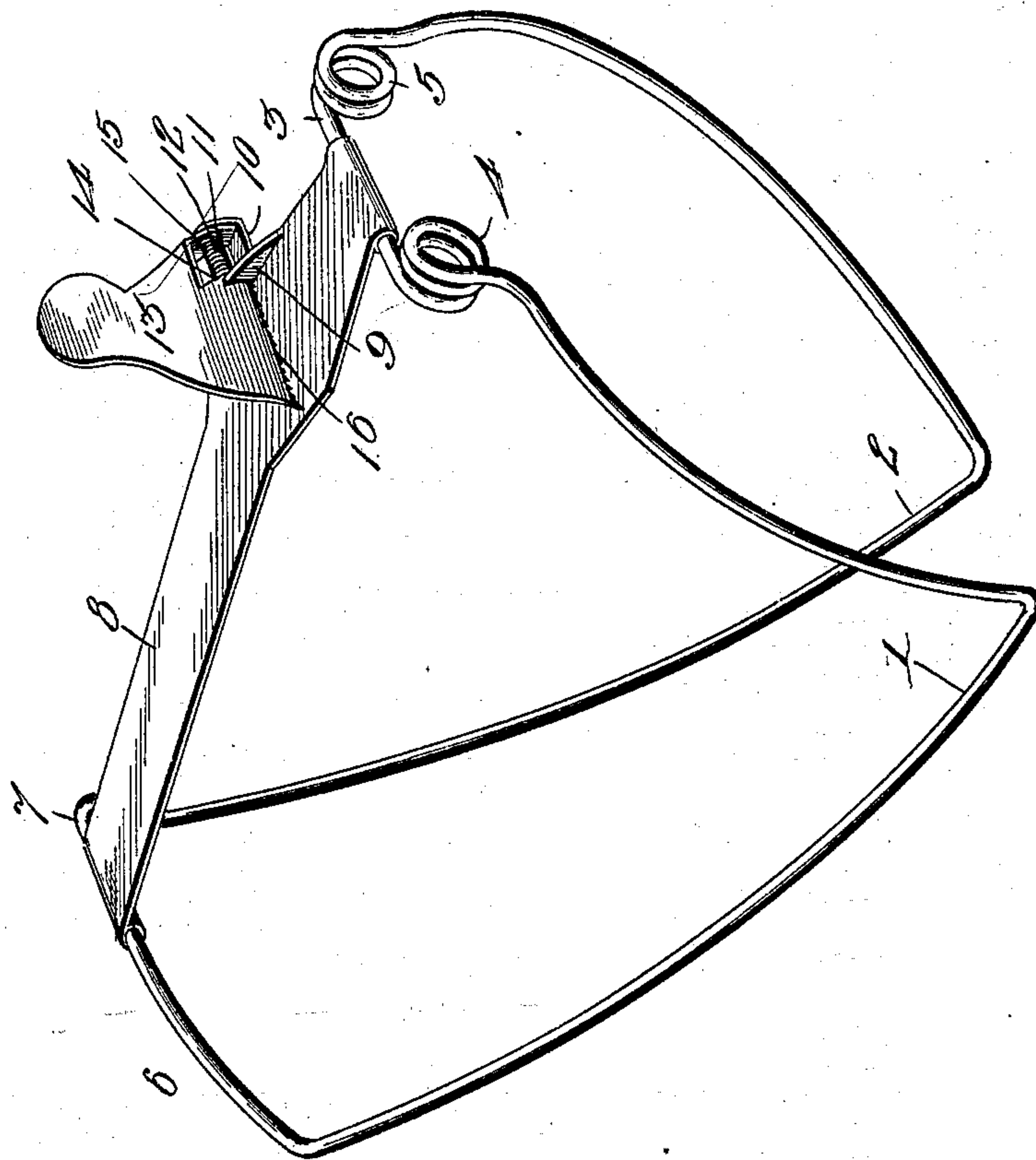
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MYRTLE M. WALLIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rock Springs, in the county of Sweetwater and State of Wyoming, have invented new and useful Improvements in Work-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to work-holding devices for seamstresses, the object being to provide a simple and inexpensive device adapted to fit upon the knee of the user to clamp and hold the work, especially while basting, hemming, or gathering.

The construction of the improvement will be fully described hereinafter in connection with the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and its novel features will be defined in the appended claims.

The drawing represents a view in perspective of a work-holder embodying the invention.

The device is formed from a single piece of resilient wire bent to form two loops 1 and 2, the front ends of which are connected by a cross-wire 3, having coils 4 and 5 at its ends. The rear ends of the wire are bent to form curved arms 6 and 7, which are connected by the rear end of a plate 8 of sheet metal or other suitable material, the forward end of said plate being bent around the cross-wire 3. The plate 8 is formed at one side and near its front end with an upwardly-projecting lip 9, arranged at an angle to the body of the plate.

10 designates an arm projecting laterally from the plate and having an ear 11 arranged parallel to the lip 9. The ear 11 and lip 9 are perforated to form bearings for a shaft surrounded by a coil-spring 12. A clamping-finger 13, formed with depending perforated ears 14 and 15, is pivotally secured upon said shaft and held normally in contact with the plate 8 by means of the spring 12. The lower edge 16 of the clamping-finger 13 is serrated, as shown, to engage and hold the work upon the plate 8.

The device is adapted to be applied to the knee of the user, the spring-jaws 1 and 2 fitting over the knee close to the knee-cap.

The spring-finger 13 permits the work to be pulled forward away from the user; but it cannot be pulled in the reverse direction without raising the serrated end of the finger away from the plate.

The device may readily be applied to and removed from the knee and obviates the necessity of pinning the work to the skirt of the seamstress.

I claim—

1. A work-holder for seamstresses comprising spring-jaws adapted to be clamped upon the knee and connected by cross-pieces; a plate secured to the cross-pieces; and a spring-pressed clamping-finger pivotally supported upon said plate.

2. A work-holder for seamstresses comprising cooperating clamping-jaws formed from a single piece of resilient wire bent to form said jaws; cross-wires and coils; a plate having its ends secured to said cross-wires; and a spring-pressed finger pivotally secured upon said plate and adapted to clamp the work upon said plate.

3. A work-holder consisting of spring-jaws connected by cross-wires and formed with coils; in combination with a plate secured at its ends to said cross-wires and having an upwardly-projecting perforated lip at one side; an arm projecting laterally from said plate and having a perforated ear; a shaft supported in the perforations of said lip and ear; a spring surrounding said shaft; and a clamping-finger pivotally secured upon said shaft and having a serrated lower edge.

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

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