

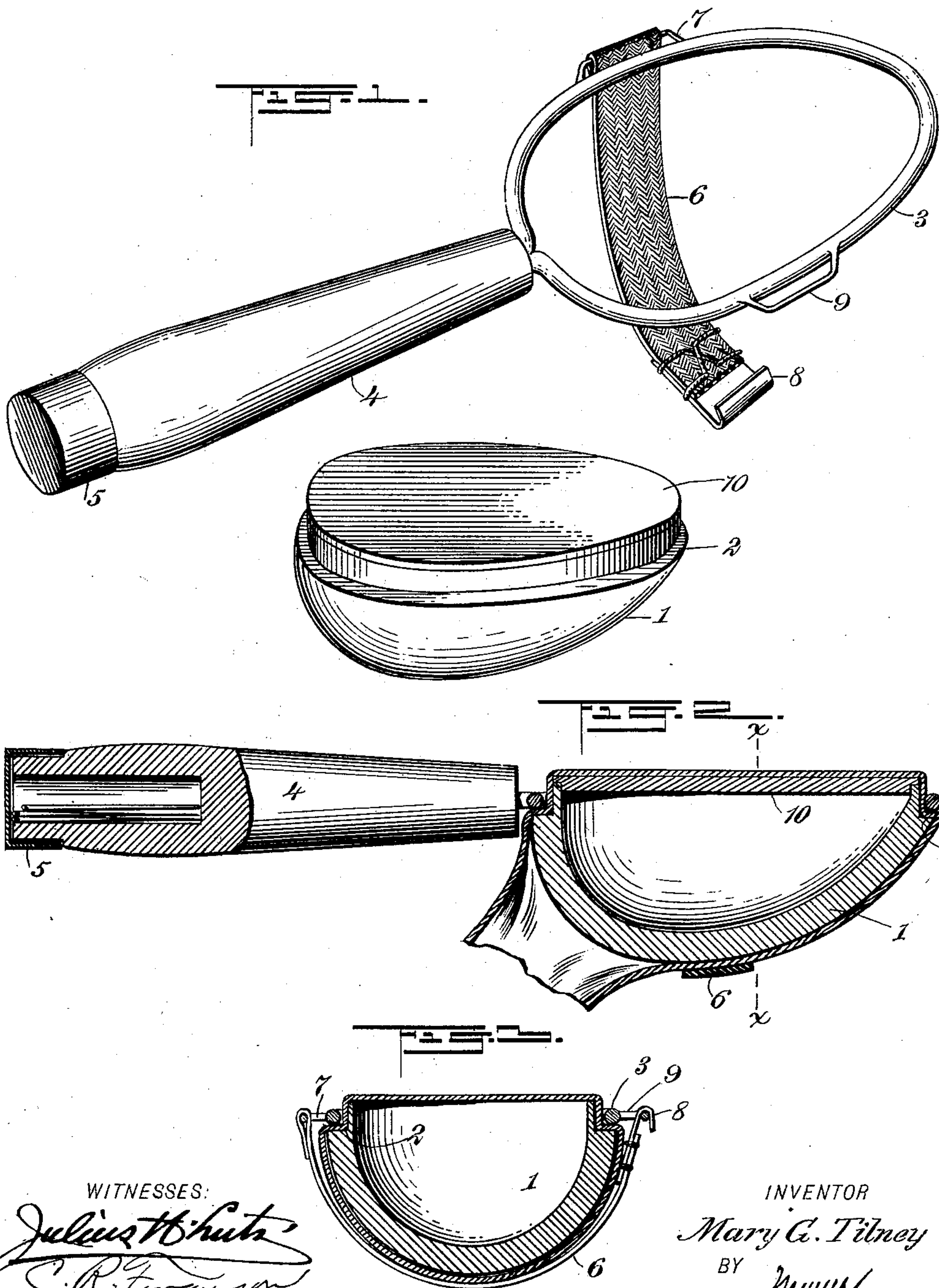
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## DARNING-LAST.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY GARNER TILNEY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Darning-Last, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to improvements in lasts for holding stockings or the like while darning, the object being to provide a device of this character of simple construction and by means of which the portion of the stocking to be darned may be held yieldingly or rigidly by a solid base, as may be desired.

I will describe a darning-last embodying my invention and then point out the novel features in the appended claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a darning-last embodying my invention, showing the last and holding-frame separated. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section showing the parts together, and Fig. 3 is a section on the line  $xx$  of Fig. 2.

The darning-last 1 is made cup-shaped and has a substantially ovate contour. At the upper edge of the last a shoulder 2 is formed, so that the stocking material may be clamped thereon by means of a wire frame 3, designed to engage around the reduced upper portion of the last, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. This frame 3 is provided with a handle 4, which is preferably made tubular to receive darning-needles or the like, and the opening may be closed by a cap 5. A strap 6, of flexible material, is secured at one end to a loop 7 at one side of the frame 3, and the said strap at its free end is provided with a hook 8 for engaging a loop 9 on the opposite side of the frame.

In operation the last is to be placed in the stocking or the like with the part to be darned over the opening of the last. Then the frame

3 is to be placed in position and the strap 6 drawn around the outer side of the stocking and engaged with the loop 9. The stocking when in such position will yield or bend into the cup-like last; but if such yielding motion is not desired a rigid base, consisting of a cover 10, may be engaged with the last, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 2.

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

1. A cup-shaped darning-last, a frame for holding the material to be darned thereon and a removable cover for the last, substantially as specified.

2. A cup-shaped darning-last substantially ovate in contour, a clamping-frame for engaging therewith, and a holding-strap attached to the frame, substantially as specified.

3. A cup-shaped darning-last having a shoulder at its upper portion, a frame adapted to engage around the last over said shoulder, a flexible strap attached at one end to the frame, and a hook on the other end of the strap for engaging with the frame, substantially as specified.

4. A cup-shaped darning-last having a shoulder at its upper portion, a frame for engaging around the last over said shoulder, a holding-strap attached to said frame, and a cover for the last, substantially as specified.

5. A cup-shaped darning-last having a shoulder at its upper portion, a frame for engaging around the last over said shoulder, a tubular handle for said frame, a removable cap on the end of the handle, and a holding-strap attached to the frame, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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