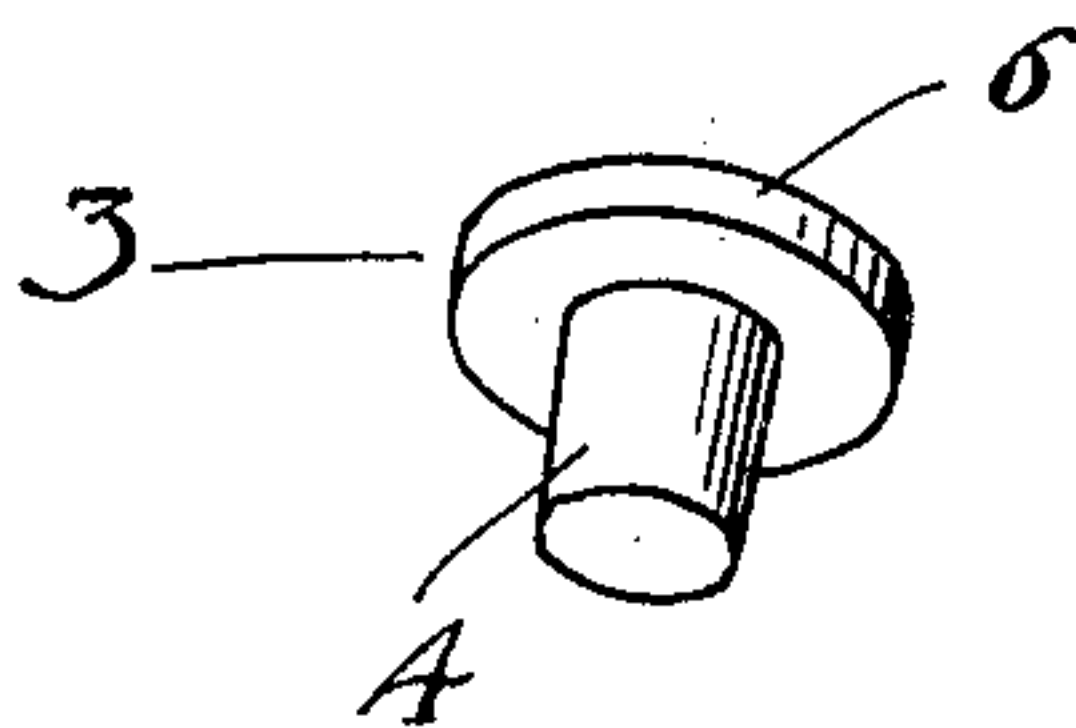


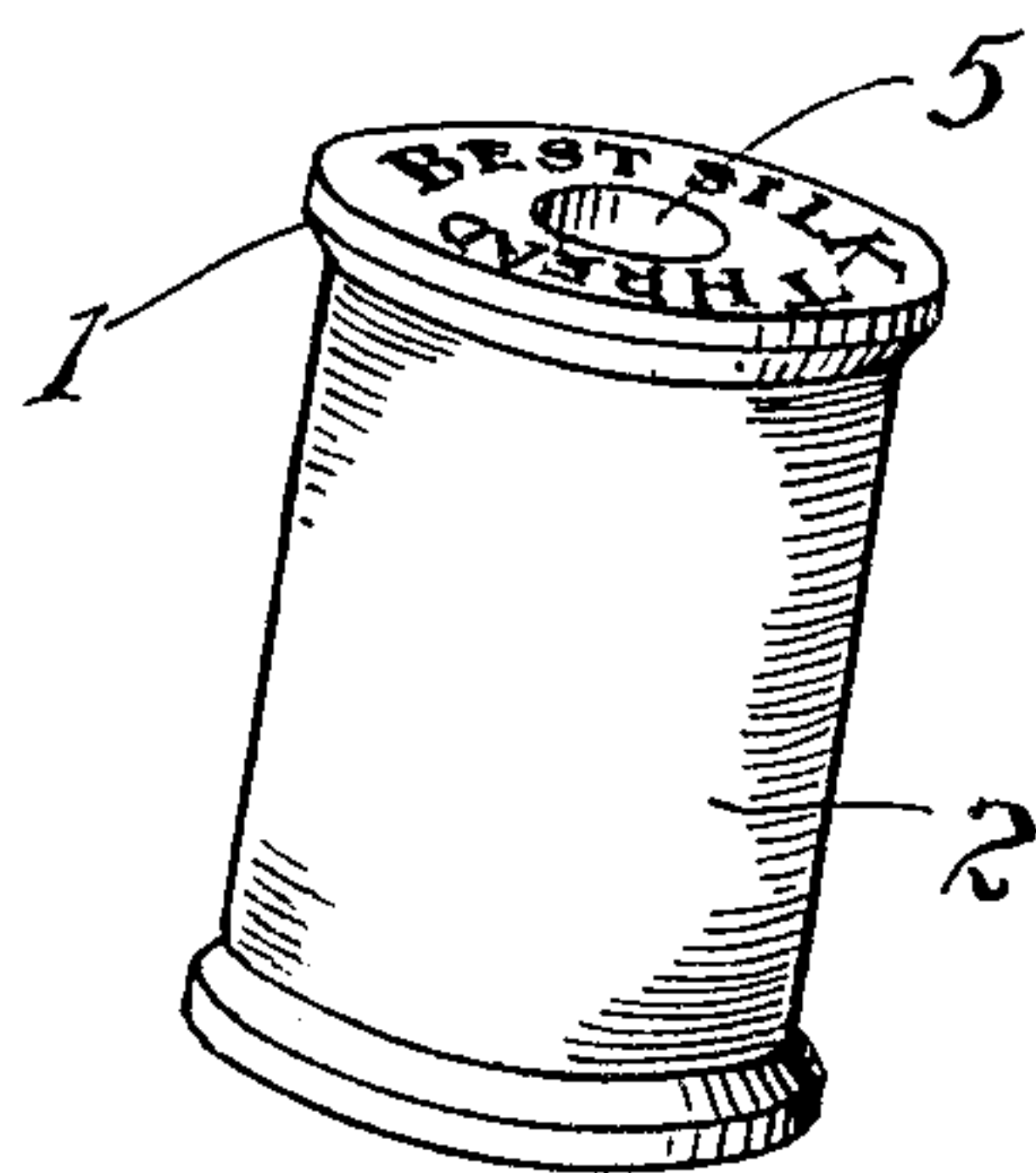
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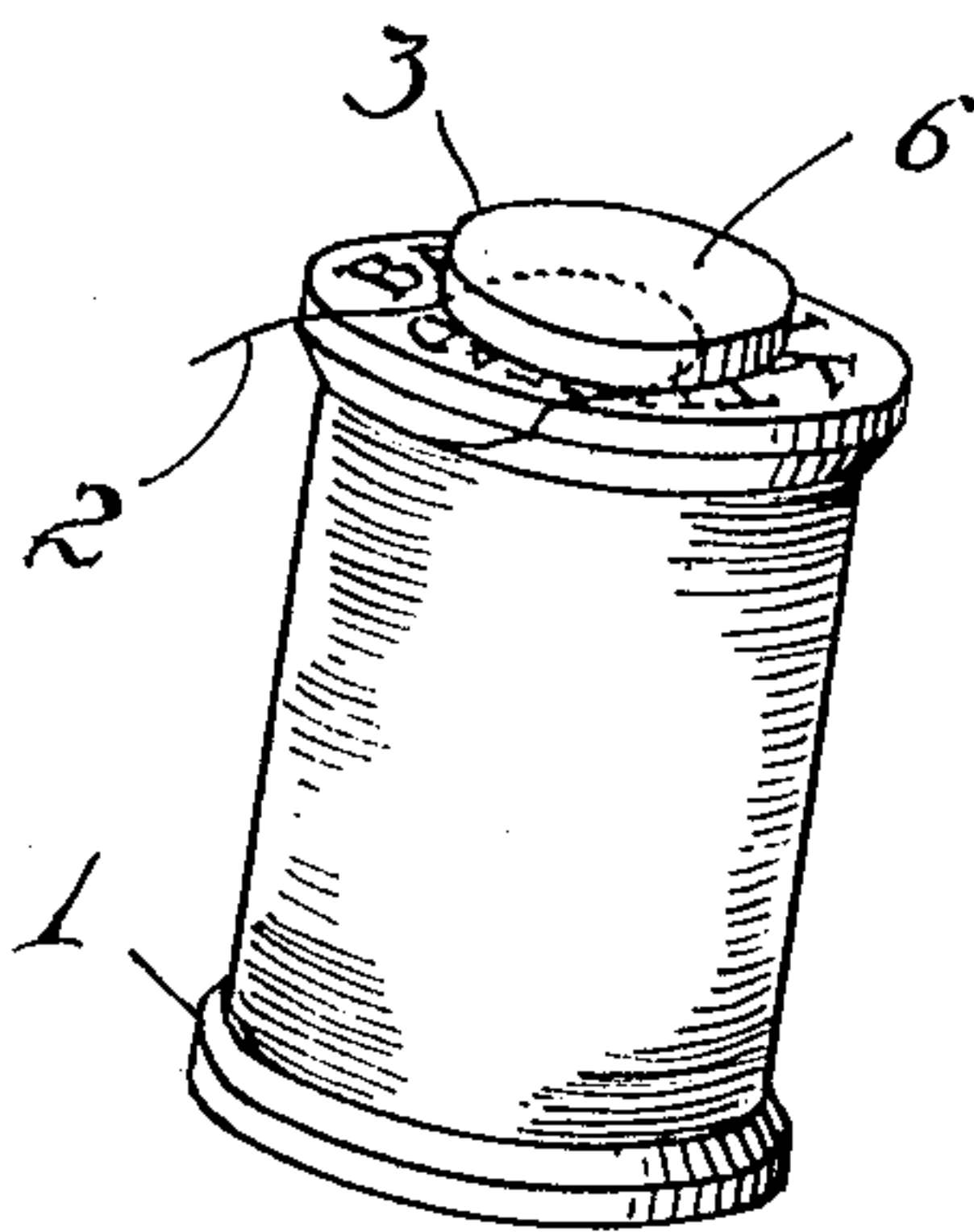
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*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 3*

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## THREAD-HOLDER FOR SPOOLS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH SHERBURN PRESCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Thread-Holders for Spools, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a device for holding the end of a thread of a spool of thread, to prevent unwinding of the same, which device will be cheap in construction, simple in operation, and not liable to unduly catch or entangle the thread or injure fabrics which may come in contact therewith.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a spool of thread; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device detached; Fig. 3 is a similar view of the device in position on the spool.

Referring to the drawing, 1 indicates a spool, having wound thereon the thread 2.

3 indicates my improved thread holding device, which consists of a plug 4 of soft rubber, which is of such diameter as to fit tightly within the central aperture 5 of the spool. When pushed into place a disk 6 extending from the outer end of said plug fits closely against the end of the spool.

When the holder is in position, all that is necessary is to draw the end of the thread between the disk 6 of the holder and the end of the spool. The rubber disk yields sufficiently to permit the thread to be drawn into place, and, when the thread is in position, presses said thread against the end of the spool.

Important advantages of the device, as compared with prior metallic devices for the same purpose, are its cheapness and simplicity of construction, and the fact that it cannot possibly become entangled with the thread or injure the most delicate fabrics.

I claim:—

A thread holder for spools of thread formed of soft rubber and comprising a plug adapted to fit tightly within the central aperture of the spool and a disk arranged to lie in contact with the end of the spool when the plug has been inserted in said aperture, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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