SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHING BEADS WITH THE USE OF A NEEDLE THREADER

All patterns that I have seen incorporating beads involve threading the beads onto the shuttle or chain threads before commencing work. This is not only laborious but makes the threads difficult to work with. I have devised a way of attaching the beads, by means of a needle threader, when the point in the pattern is reached that requires a bead. When working a beaded edging on a wedding veil, for example, where hundreds of bead may be used, the advantages become apparent.

- 1. Place a bead on a needle threader.
- 2. Work to the point where the bead is to be placed, either on a chain or in a ring.
- 3. Using the right hand, pull up the bar thread across the left fingers to form a loop. (Fig 1)
- 4. Put the loop through the needle threader. (Fig 2)
- 5. Pull the bead over this loop. (Fig 3)
- 6. Thread the shuttle through the loop that is extending beyond the bead. (Fig 4 & 5)
- 7. Ease the bead into position by gently pulling out the excess thread with the left fingers. (Fig 6 & 7)
- 8. Continue tatting in the usual way.







Fig 2



Fig 3



Fig 4



Fig 5



Fig 6



Fig 7