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.