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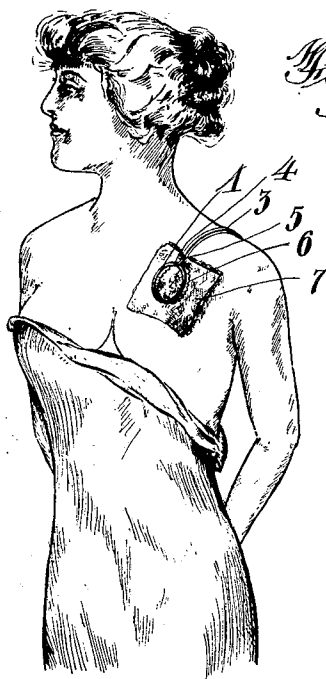


Fig. 1.

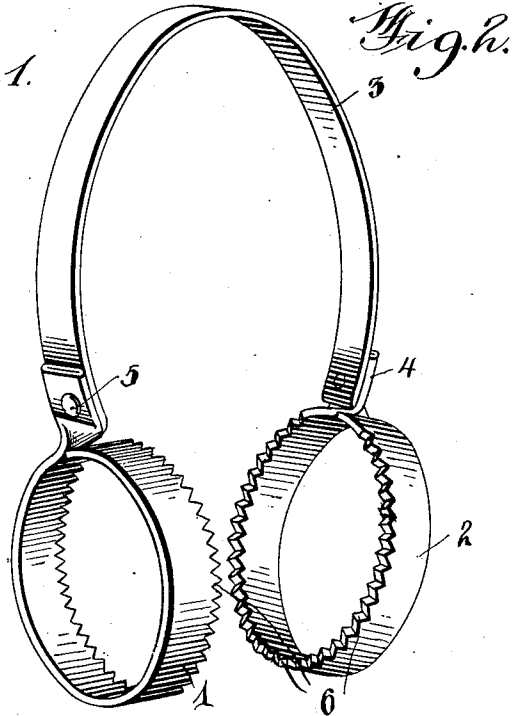


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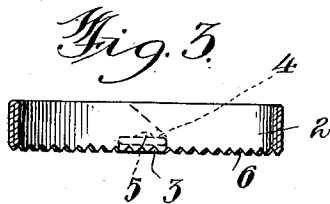


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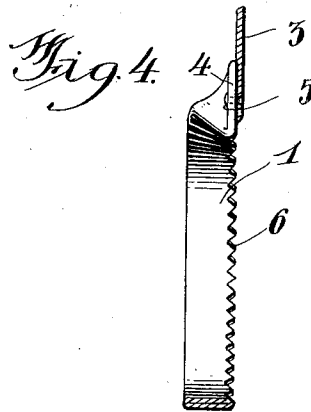


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MINNIE MAY LUPTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Antonio, in the county of Bexar and State of Texas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bandages, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to bandages, and has for its object the production of a simple and effective bandage clamp or holder for retaining a bandage or dressing upon or in contact with an affected part of the person, said clamp or holder being adapted to secure the bandage or dressing securely in position against accidental displacement, while permitting of its ready removal when occasion requires.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a mode of use of one form of device embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device *per se*. Figs. 3 and 4 are sectional views thereof.

In carrying my invention into practice, as disclosed in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, I provide a clamp comprising a pair of substantially ring-shaped jaws 1 and 2, and a connecting member 3. The jaws 1 and 2 are each formed, preferably, of a tubular section of metal reduced to a substantially flattened condition, and then bent into approximately circular form, each jaw having one of its free ends 4 riveted or otherwise suitably fastened, as at 5, to the adjacent end of the connecting member 3. As shown, the opposed edges of the clamping members 1 and 2 are transversely notched to provide spurs or teeth 6. The connecting member 3 is preferably in the form of a bowed spring metallic strip, tending, by its spring action, to force the clamping members 1 and 2 toward each other.

The clamping members 1 and 2 may be made of the same or different sizes, and of any preferred diameter to suit the size of the bandage or dressing to be held in place, or the area of the surface of the body against which the bandages or dressings are to be held. As shown in Fig. 1, the respective jaws 1 and 2 are adapted to hold bandages or dressings 7 against suitable parts of the person of the wearer. In the form shown, the device is particularly adapted for holding bandages or dressings against the front and back of the chest, the connecting member 3, in this operation, extending over the shoulder of the wearer. It will be understood that this connecting member will hold the bandages or dressings securely in position by spring action against any possibility of accidental displacement. The size and construction of the device may, however, be varied to adapt it for holding bandages or dressings applied to the arms, legs, or any other part of the body.

What is claimed is:

A device for holding a bandage or dressing in contact with a portion of the human body, said device comprising a pair of ring-shaped opposing jaws, each of said jaws being formed from a primarily circular hollow tube collapsed into flattened form, the folds of the opposing edges of said jaws being each notched to provide a plurality of rows of teeth or serrations, each jaw having an end portion thereof bent at an oblique angle thereto, and a bowed spring connecting the jaws, said spring being secured to the obliquely bent end portion of the jaws and serving to hold the toothed edges of the jaws at a relatively inward angle of divergence.

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

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