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Fig. 1.

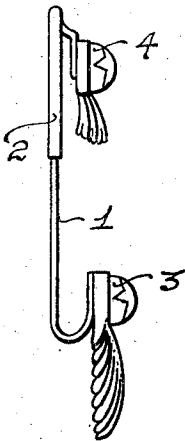


Fig. 2.

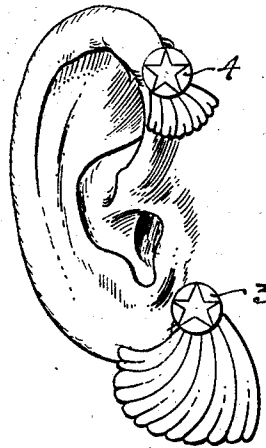
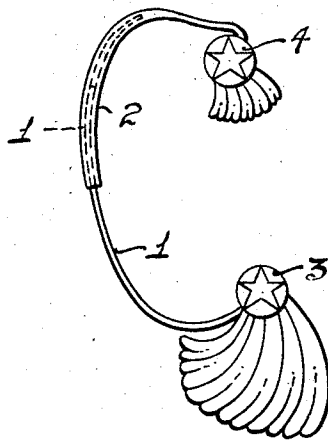


Fig. 3.



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The object of the present invention is to provide an ornament which will have the attractiveness of an ear-ring, but which will not require either puncturing or clamping the ear lobe as with the customary types of ear-rings, and which furthermore will prevent the loss of valuable stones or other ornamental devices displayed by ear rings such as are clamped upon the ear lobe.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the kind which in one size will be adapted for secure holding upon the ear and adjustable for ears of all sizes; and a further object is to provide a device which will be balanced by an ornamental feature which will lie at the top area of the ear.

The invention will be described with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a view in elevation, showing an embodiment of the invention in side view.

Figure 2 is a view in elevation showing the said embodiment held upon the ear of a wearer.

Figure 3 is a view in elevation of said embodiment in front view.

Referring to the drawing it will be seen that the embodiment therein shown consists of a holding member in two relatively movable sections, and ornamental members held thereby in special relation. The holding member consists of a slender wire-like section 1 of curved formation and a receiving slender sleeve therefor, the latter also being curved in form, as shown at 2.

At its end opposite that held in sleeve 2, the member section 1 is bent outwardly as shown in Figure 1 and at that point it receives an ornament of any suitable form, such as that shown at 3. While in the form shown in the drawing the said end of section 1 is so bent as to hold the ornament slightly in advance of the ear lobe, it will be understood that the bent section may extend outwardly and then slightly to the rear so as to position the ornament directly opposite the ear lobe and hence in the usual position of an ornament held by the clamped or pierced ear-ring. As hereinbefore stated, the specific form of the ornament is immaterial and it may be widely varied from that illustrated in the drawing.

The sleeve section 2 at its free end is preferably reduced in thickness or formed as a wire length brazed or otherwise secured to the sleeve area per se. It is preferably bent forwardly, as indicated in Figure 1, and said bent area at its

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terminus may have applied thereto a supplemental ornamental 4. A pleasing effect is obtained by making the primary and secondary ornaments of the said design with the latter of substantially reduced size.

The secondary ornament has a function which is important in addition to the pleasing effect obtained thereby. Thus it serves to balance the device and to afford a holding means which affords greater security than without its employment.

It will be understood that while I prefer that the adjustment be obtained by the employment of the telescopic arrangement illustrated, because of its simplicity and greater area of mutual frictional engagement between the two sections, any other suitable means for adjustably connecting the two said sections may be employed. Usually the section 1 will be constructed of fairly hard and springy wire, as for example a gold alloy, and its upper end area may be straight, so that when it is inserted into the sleeve the required distance to afford a required adjustment the reactive pressure of such springy end of the wire will adequately supply the friction necessary to hold the two sections in secure adjusted position.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. An ear ornament consisting of a carrier formed by two curved slender members of resilient material connected for relative movement to change the distance from end to end of the connected structure, one of said members being uppermost and the second lowermost in use, and the latter having its outer end area turned outwardly from its major plane, and an ornament secured to said last named area.

2. An ear ornament consisting of a carrier formed by two curved slender members of resilient material connected for relative movement to change the distance from end to end of the connected structure, one of said members being uppermost and the second lowermost in use, and the latter having its outer end area turned outwardly from its major plane, an ornament secured to said last named area, and a second ornament secured to the end of the uppermost curved member and adapted as a balancing ear-attachment member.

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