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Fig. 1.

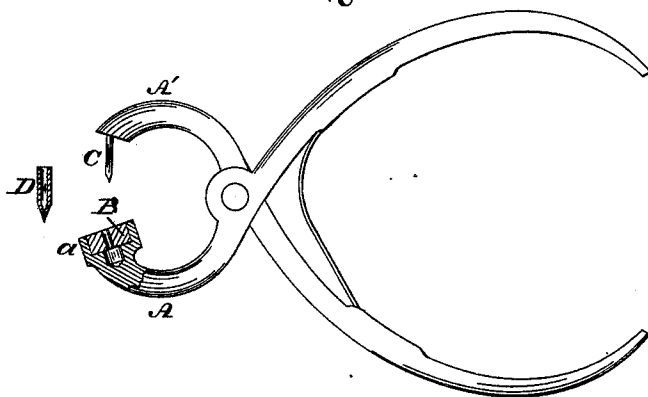
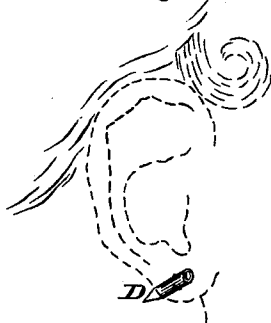


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB BÖNING, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ear-Piercers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, partly sectional, of the ear-piercer embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a portion thereof applied to an ear.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the two figures.

My invention relates to a device for piercing ears for the purpose of inserting ear-rings; and it consists of two jaws pivoted and handled, one jaw having a fixed prong on which a detachable piercing-sleeve is fitted, and the other jaw having a pad, all as will be hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the drawings, A A' represent two jaws properly pivoted together, and each provided with a handle, after the manner of a pair of forceps.

On the inner end of the jaw A is a pocket, a, which receives a piece, B, of cork or other flexible or soft material, and from the inner end of the jaw A' projects a prong, C, which is adapted to enter the jaw A when the jaws are closed.

D represents a tubular piece or sleeve, pointed at one end and adapted to be fitted over the prong C of the jaw A' and move therewith when the jaws open and close.

The operation is as follows: The sleeve D is properly located on the prong C, and the jaws

applied to an ear in such a manner that the lobe thereof is between the point of the sleeve and face of the pad B. The jaws are now closed by action on the handles thereof, and the sleeve D pierces through the lobe, thus forming the perforation for the ear-ring. The jaws are then opened, and it will be seen that the prong C emerges from the sleeve D, which latter remains on the ear in the perforation it produced. The point of the bow of the ear-ring is then inserted in the open end of the sleeve and the sleeve forced through the perforation of the ear, thus guiding the bow and preventing its point touching the raw edge of the perforation. The operations are repeated for the other ear.

If desired, the sleeves may remain in the perforations until the latter are healed, after which the ear-rings may be inserted.

It will also be noticed that the pad B provides a firm and soft cushion for the lobe of the ear, and guides the sleeve as it enters the opening in said pad.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The two jaws A A', pivoted and handled, in combination with the detachable piercing-sleeve D, the jaw A having a pad, B, and the jaw A' having a prong, C, which is part of or rigid with it, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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