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Fig. 1

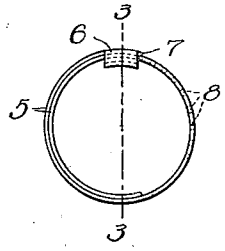


Fig. 2

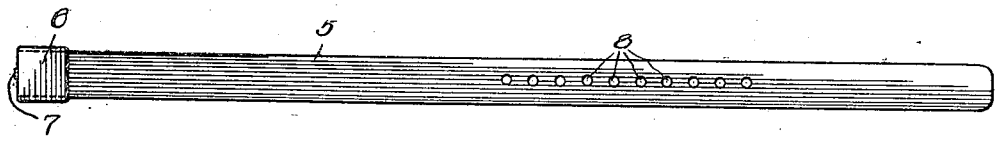
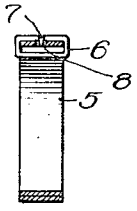


Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX HARRIS BALLARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Expansible Finger Rings, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an expansible or adjustable finger ring.

An object of my invention is to provide an expansible ring which may be increased in size as the wearer grows so that it may be continued in use as a lasting keepsake.

Another object of my invention is to provide an expansible ring in the form of a strap having overlapping ends, and means for adjustably connecting the overlapping portions to vary the size of the ring.

A further object of my invention is to provide an adjustable ring in the form of a strap of metal arranged with one end having a loop adapted to receive the other end, the loop having a projection for engaging any one of a plurality of indentations in the overlapped portion of the strap to adjust the ring to different sizes.

A still further object of my invention is to provide an adjustable finger ring which will be simple in construction, inexpensive in manufacture and convenient in use.

These and other objects will be apparent from the drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 shows an elevational view of the preferred embodiment of my ring;

Figure 2 is a plan view of the strap of metal forming the ring shown in extended position; and

Figure 3 is a vertical section on line 3—3 of Figure 1.

In carrying out my invention I provide a strap of metal 5, which may be of gold, silver or any other suitable material. At one end of the strap I provide a loop 6 secured to the strap. This may be formed as an integral portion of the strap or as a separate member suitably fastened thereto. In Figures 1 and 3 an integral construction is illustrated while in Figure 2 the loop is illustrated as being a separate member. The loop is provided with an inwardly-extending projection or detent 7 which is adapted to enter any one of several spaced indentations or openings 8 in the free end of the strap whereby the ring may be adjusted in size and consequently accommodated to fingers of varying sizes. It is desirable that the metal of which the strap is made have sufficient spring or resiliency so that the detent 7 may be retained in engagement with any one of the openings 8 when once adjusted. As will be observed from the drawings, the body 5 having been made as shown, the free end is inserted through the loop 6 and a ring formed by causing engagement between the detent and one of the openings 8. This engagement is shown in Figures 1 and 3.

The loop 6 may be utilized as a means for supporting a setting or carrying a monogram or any other suitable design which may be desired to be incorporated in the ring.

My invention is especially useful in connection with rings for infants, as the ring of my invention may readily be adjusted as to size and therefore increased in size to accommodate the rapid growth of the infant. The ring may therefore be worn always as a keepsake, as it can be accommodated to the varying changes in the size of the finger of the wearer. It will be noted from the drawing that the band 5 may be of substantially uniform thickness throughout its length, and that no wedging action is required to hold the ring at any preferred diameter.

While I have described more or less precisely the details of construction of my invention, I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself thereto, as I contemplate changes in form, the proportion of parts and substitution of equivalents as circumstances may suggest or render expedient, without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. An article of jewelry comprising an expansible ring including a strap of resilient metal of substantially uniform thickness, one end of said strap being provided with a loop having arms extending on one side of said strap for receiving the other end of said strap to form a ring, the first mentioned end of said strap being provided with means integral therewith for retaining same in plurality of adjusted positions relative said ring, said strap having a natural tendency to hold the outside end thereof close contact with said ring.

2. An article of jewelry, comprising expansible ring including a strap of

silient metal, one end of said strap being provided with a loop having arms extending on one side of said strap for receiving the other end of said strap to form a ring, said strap being provided with indentations spaced longitudinally thereof, said first mentioned end being provided with a detent for engaging any one of said indentations to hold said ring to a desired size, said strap having a natural tendency to hold the outside end thereof in close contact with said ring.

Signed at Chicago, Illinois, this 26th day of April, 1920.

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