

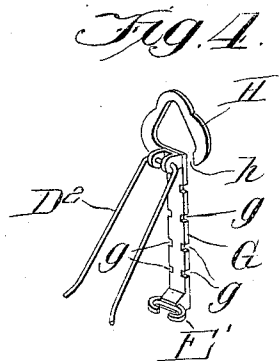
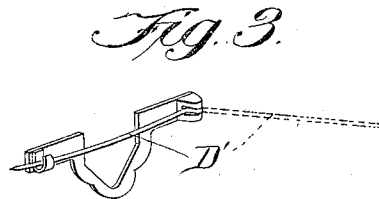
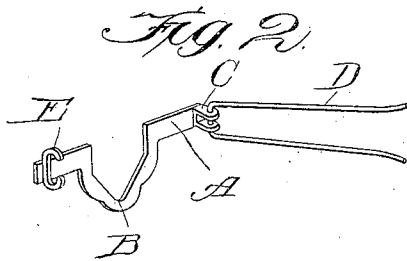
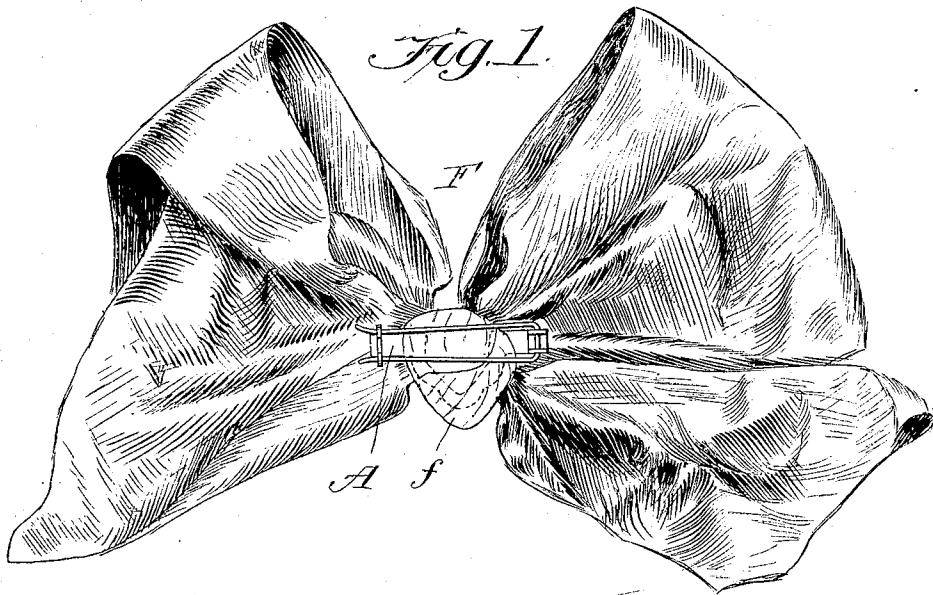
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. TARNOW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Holders and Fastening Devices for Ribbon Bows and the Like, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

It is an almost universal custom for women and children to adorn themselves with ribbon bows or the like, usually placing them in the hair or at the throat. Bows for the hair are usually formed from a single piece of ribbon tied upon a hair pin which is then inserted into the hair in the usual way. Where the bow is large, its weight is such that great difficulty is experienced in keeping it in place, since the pin is apt to drop out of the hair at any moment. Furthermore, a bow knotted upon an ordinary hair pin is apt to slide about upon the pin, and the wearer can never be certain whether or not it is adjusted so as to present an artistic appearance.

The principal object of the present invention is to provide a simple and novel device to which a bow or the like may be attached quickly and conveniently, and whereby the bow may be securely fastened to the hair or at any other point upon the wearer without danger of detachment or even of disarrangement.

Further objects of the present invention will be apparent from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, while the various novel features which characterize the invention will be best understood from the appended claims, wherein such features are pointed out with particularity.

In the drawing: Figure 1 shows a ribbon bow secured upon a device embodying a preferred form of my invention; Fig. 2 is a perspective of the device shown in Fig. 1, the bow being removed; Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 showing a slightly modified device; and Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing a still further modification.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawing,

A represents the body portion of one of my improved devices, which conveniently takes the form of a flat bar bent laterally intermediate its ends as at B so as to form an open jaw projecting wholly on one side of the body proper. Instead of making this member of a flat bar it may, of course, be constructed in any other suitable way, as for example by cutting or punching it out of a plate of the desired thickness. At one end of the body member is a post or posts C within which a U-shaped pin D is journaled. The arms of the pin are of such length that, when the pin is folded against the body member, the arms of the pin extend substantially throughout the length of the device. At the end of the body member opposite to that upon which the pin is journaled are a pair of hooks E which are adapted to engage over the free ends of the arms of the pin and lock the pin in fixed relation to the body member. In using the device, the ribbon is knotted in and about the jaw member B and, after the bow has been properly formed, the pin D is inserted in the hair and the body member is swung relatively thereto until the hooks engage with the ends of the pin so as to securely lock the device and the bow carried thereby in the desired position.

In Fig. 1, F represents the bow, and *f* the knot. It will be seen that the center of the knot lies far to one side of the axis of the end portions of the body member, namely: the thick or hard portion of the knot is seated within the jaw. The knot is therefore held entirely out of the way of the pin, so that the pin may be easily and quickly closed without imposing upon it the strain which would be caused by a knot lying directly beneath the pin. Furthermore, this displacing of the knot to one side permits the device to be made flatter and allows the bow to lie closely to the head in a natural position. The portions of the body member forming the jaw are preferably of irregular cross section, as shown, so that there is no possibility of slipping of the knot upon the device.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a modification in which only a single pin D' is employed. This pin is preferably pointed so that the device may be used to fasten a bow or the like to a part of the dress of the wearer.

In Fig. 4 there is illustrated a modification

which is particularly adapted for children's use. The body member consists of a shank G having pivoted thereon a pin D² similar to the pin D in Figs. 1 and 2. Instead of placing the jaw between the ends of the shank as in the other modifications, a jaw is placed at one end of the shank as at H. The jaw in this case may take the form of an almost complete ring, there being provided, however, an opening *h* through which the ribbon may be passed without necessitating the crumpling of the ribbon by threading it through the jaw. The shank is preferably provided with notches or other irregularities *g*. In using this form of my invention the ribbon is tied about the member H and a wisp of hair is wrapped about the shank. Then the pin is closed down against the shank and the ends carried into engagement with the hooks E'.

It will now be seen that in each of the illustrated modifications of my device there is provided an off-set jaw which is arranged at one side of the area beneath the pin by which the device is secured in place, so that the device may be made quite flat and unobtrusive without making it necessary to tie the ribbon tightly in order to make the knot small enough to prevent interference with the proper manipulation of the pin. Furthermore, by providing an open jaw, the ribbon may be placed in position by simply wrapping it about an open jaw member and then knotting it, thereby avoiding crumpling of the main portions of the ribbon and at the same time making the adjustment easy and convenient. Furthermore, it is impossible for the bow to alter its position upon the device, and the device itself may be securely attached upon the person; so that the wearer can always feel confident that the bow is occupying the position intended for it and is, in fact, an ornament.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a thin narrow body member, a pin connected at one end to the body member, and a hook on the body member for engaging the free end of the pin to hold the pin fixed with respect to the body member, the arrangement being such that when the free end of the pin is engaged by the hook the pin is held parallel with the body member, said body member having formed thereon an open jaw arranged beyond the area covered by said pin, the jaw being adapted to hold in fixed position a ribbon or the like knotted about it.

2. A device of the character described comprising a thin flat body member, a pin connected at one end to the body member,

and a hook on the body member for engaging the free end of the pin to hold the pin in fixed relation to the body member, said body member having a portion thereof formed into an open jaw arranged wholly beyond the area covered by the pin, said jaw being adapted to hold in fixed position a ribbon or the like knotted about it.

3. A device of the character described comprising a thin flat body member, a pin connected at one end to the body member, and a hook on said body member for engaging the free end of the pin to hold the pin in fixed relation to the body member, said body member having formed thereon an open jaw arranged beyond the area covered by said pin, the portion of the body member constituting the jaw having an irregular cross-section, whereby a ribbon or the like may be knotted about and securely held by the jaw without interfering with the pin.

4. A device of the character described comprising a U-shaped member having a pair of thin narrow shank members projecting from the ends of the arms thereof, said shank members being in alinement with each other and lying in the plane of the U-shaped member, a pin connected to the outer end of one of the shank members so as to have capacity for being swung in a plane at right angles to the aforesaid plane, and a guard on the other shank member for engaging with the free end of the pin.

5. A device of the character described comprising a U-shaped member having a pair of thin narrow shank members projecting from the ends of the arms thereof, said shank members being in alinement with each other and lying in the plane of said U-shaped member, a pin lying directly above said shank members and connected at one end to one of the shank members, and a guard on the other shank member for engaging with the free end of the pin to hold the pin parallel with and close to the shank members.

6. A device of the character described comprising a thin flat body member, a pin connected at one end to said body member so as to be capable of swinging in a plane at right angles to the plane of the body member, said body member having a portion thereof formed into an open jaw arranged wholly at one side of the pin, and a guard on said body member for engaging with the free end of the pin so as to hold it close to the body member.

7. A device of the character described comprising a thin narrow body member having a hook at one end, a pin connected to the other end of said member in position to be swung in a plane at right angles to said member in order to engage the free end thereof under said hook, the arrangement being such that the pin lies close to and parallel with the

body member when the free end thereof is engaged by the hook, the said member having a portion thereof formed into an open jaw lying in the plane of said member and at
5 one side of a plane passing through said pin and extending at right angles to the plane of said member.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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