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Fig. 1.

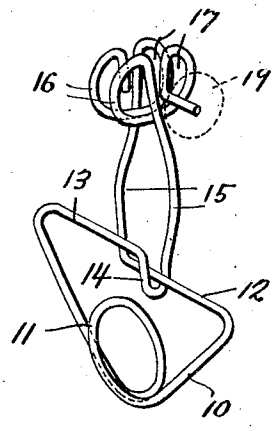


Fig. 2.

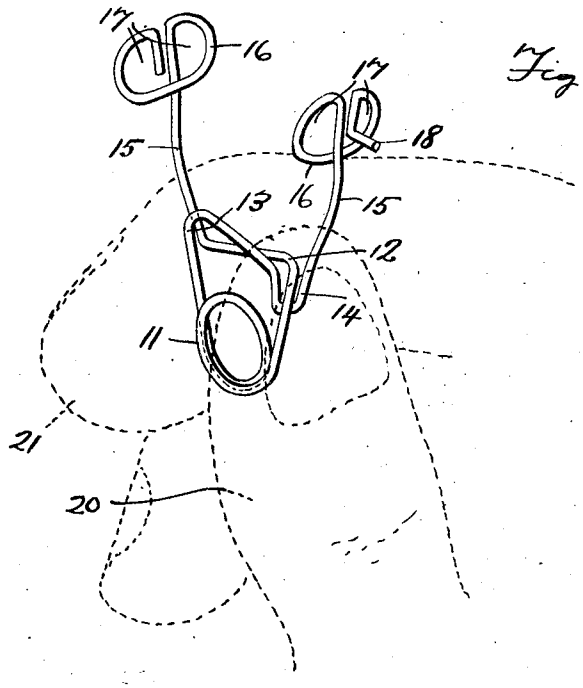
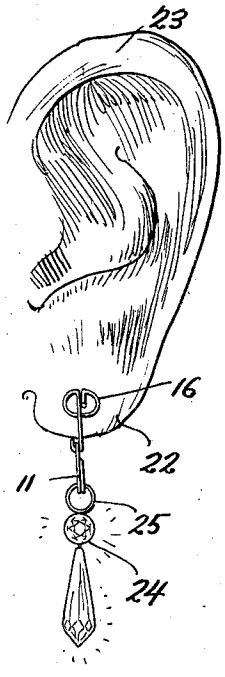


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to articles of ornamental design adapted to be suspended from the ears. The general object contemplates lengths of ornamental spring wire bent upon itself in such a manner as to form a spring tension against the opposite sides of the car lobe to support the wire as a whole.

Another object of my invention resides in the construction, arrangement and contortioning of the respective portions of the wire wherein the engaging end portion of the wire fitted upon the opposite sides of the ear lobe are prevented from canting or sliding sideways with respect to their spaced parallel relation whereby the gripping portions of the clasp will engage the ear lobe at diametrically opposite sides thereof.

A further object of my invention resides in the provision of a spring coil formed at an appropriate point in the length of the wire to give the desired spring tension to the gripping portion of the wire.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective of my invention as assembled and ready for use.

Figure 2 is a similar view illustrating the manner in which my invention may be separated for insertion upon an ear lobe when grasped between the index finger and thumb of a user.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of an ear and lobe and showing my present invention applied thereto.

Referring to the drawing in detail, wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the reference character 10 indicates a single length of wire, adapted to provide a spring loop 11 at an appropriate point in the length thereof while the remaining portion of the wire 10 extending from the opposite sides of the loop 11 thus formed extend outwardly in opposite directions thereto and are then bent upon themselves and extend inwardly one toward the other in forming hilts or shoulders 12 and 13 respectively; the hilt or shoulder 13 forming a U-shaped kink 14 within which the innermost portion of the hilt 12 is adapted for longitudinal sliding movement therein after which both of the ends thereof terminate in upwardly and outwardly curved arms 15 providing looped portions 16 upon free ends thereof and defining eyes 17 therebetween. One of the ends being offset at right angles in forming a projection 18 upon which a jewel 19 is fitted or mounted.

In the mode of operation of the present invention, it is clearly apparent and manifest that when the clasp, is so grasped between the thumb 20 and index finger 21 of the user's hand, not shown, that the looped portion 16 will be caused to be spaced apart, as clearly illustrated in Figure 2 of the drawing, and such pressure being limited by the hilt or shoulder 12 engaging the U-shaped kinks 14 formed in the shoulder or hilt 13 after which the looped portions 16 when so separated are arranged upon the opposite sides of the lobe 22 of an ear 23 and released whereby the fleshy portion of the lobe 22 will bulge out and through the eyes 17 thus formed in the looped portions 16 and creating a grasp upon the lobe 22 incapable of dislodging the clasp therefrom, even if the lobe 22 is wet with perspiration. A pendant or ornament as indicated at 24 may be suspended from the clasp by a link 25 inserted within the looped portion 11.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction, and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention what is claimed is:—

An ear ornament comprising a length of wire bent upon itself to provide a spring loop having the ends thereof obliquely disposed therefrom, shoulders inwardly offset from said ends above the loop, a U-shaped kink provided upon one of the shoulders adapted to receive the companion shoulder therein, arms projected from the extremities of the shoulders being oppositely converged to dispose the extremities thereof in juxtaposition, and the extremities of the arms being bent upon themselves to provide loop portions upon the opposite sides thereof and within which portions of ear lobes may be held incident to the resiliency afforded by the spring loop.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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